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1. HDP Data Governance

Apache Atlas provides governance capabilities for Hadoop that use both prescriptive and forensic models enriched by business taxonomical metadata. Atlas is designed to exchange metadata with other tools and processes within and outside of the Hadoop stack, thereby enabling platform-agnostic governance controls that effectively address compliance requirements.

Apache Atlas enables enterprises to effectively and efficiently address their compliance requirements through a scalable set of core governance services. These services include:

- Search and Proscriptive Lineage facilitates pre-defined and ad hoc exploration of data and metadata, while maintaining a history of data sources and how specific data was generated.
- Metadata-driven data access control.
- Flexible modeling of both business and operational data.
- Data Classification helps you to understand the nature of the data within Hadoop and classify it based on external and internal sources.
- Metadata interchange with other metadata tools.

1.1. Apache Atlas Features

Apache Atlas is a low-level service in the Hadoop stack that provides core metadata services. Atlas currently provides metadata services for the following components:

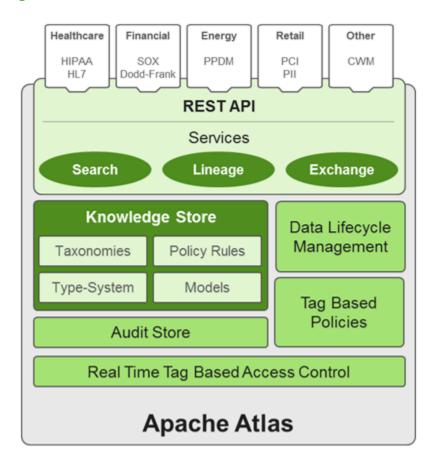
- Hive
- Ranger
- Sqoop
- Storm/Kafka (limited support)
- Falcon (limited support)

Apache Atlas provides the following features:

- Knowledge store that leverages existing Hadoop metastores: Categorized into
 a business-oriented taxonomy of data sets, objects, tables, and columns. Supports
 the exchange of metadata between HDP foundation components and third-party
 applications or governance tools.
- **Data lifecycle management:** Leverages existing investment in Apache Falcon with a focus on provenance, multi-cluster replication, data set retention and eviction, late data handling, and automation.
- Audit store: Historical repository for all governance events, including security events (access, grant, deny), operational events related to data provenance and metrics. The Atlas audit store is indexed and searchable for access to governance events.

- **Security:** Integration with HDP security that enables you to establish global security policies based on data classifications and that leverages Apache Ranger plug-in architecture for security policy enforcement.
- **Policy engine:** Fully extensible policy engine that supports metadata-based, geo-based, and time-based rules that rationalize at runtime.
- RESTful interface: Supports extensibility by way of REST APIs to third-party applications so you can use your existing tools to view and manipulate metadata in the HDP foundation components.

Figure 1.1. Atlas Overview



1.2. Atlas-Ranger Integration

Atlas provides data governance capabilities and serves as a common metadata store that is designed to exchange metadata both within and outside of the Hadoop stack. Ranger provides a centralized user interface that can be used to define, administer and manage security policies consistently across all the components of the Hadoop stack. The Atlas-Ranger unites the data classification and metadata store capabilities of Atlas with security enforcement in Ranger.

You can use Atlas and Ranger to implement dynamic classification-based security policies, in addition to role-based security policies. Ranger's centralized platform empowers data

administrators to define security policy based on Atlas metadata tags or attributes and apply this policy in real-time to the entire hierarchy of entities including databases, tables, and columns, thereby preventing security violations.

Ranger-Atlas Access Policies

- Classification-based access controls: A data entity such as a table or column can be marked with the metadata tag related to compliance or business taxonomy (such as "PCI"). This tag is then used to assign permissions to a user or group. This represents an evolution from role-based entitlements, which require discrete and static one-to-one mapping between user/group and resources such as tables or files. As an example, a data steward can create a classification tag "PII" (Personally Identifiable Information) and assign certain Hive table or columns to the tag "PII". By doing this, the data steward is denoting that any data stored in the column or the table has to be treated as "PII". The data steward now has the ability to build a security policy in Ranger for this classification and allow certain groups or users to access the data associated with this classification, while denying access to other groups or users. Users accessing any data classified as "PII" by Atlas would be automatically enforced by the Ranger policy already defined.
- Data Expiry-based access policy: For certain business use cases, data can be toxic and have an expiration date for business usage. This use case can be achieved with Atlas and Ranger. Apache Atlas can assign expiration dates to a data tag. Ranger inherits the expiration date and automatically denies access to the tagged data after the expiration date.
- Location-specific access policies: Similar to time-based access policies, administrators can now customize entitlements based on geography. For example, a US-based user might be granted access to data while she is in a domestic office, but not while she is in Europe. Although the same user may be trying to access the same data, the different geographical context would apply, triggering a different set of privacy rules to be evaluated.
- Prohibition against dataset combinations: With Atlas-Ranger integration, it is now
 possible to define a security policy that restricts combining two data sets. For example,
 consider a scenario in which one column consists of customer account numbers, and
 another column contains customer names. These columns may be in compliance
 individually, but pose a violation if combined as part of a query. Administrators can now
 apply a metadata tag to both data sets to prevent them from being combined.

Cross Component Lineage

Apache Atlas now provides the ability to visualize cross-component lineage, delivering a complete view of data movement across a number of analytic engines such as Apache Storm, Kafka, Falcon, and Hive.

This functionality offers important benefits to data stewards and auditors. For example, data that starts as event data through a Kafka bolt or Storm Topology is also analyzed as an aggregated dataset through Hive, and then combined with reference data from a RDBMS via Sqoop, can be governed by Atlas at every stage of its lifecycle. Data stewards, Operations, and Compliance now have the ability to visualize a data set's lineage, and then drill down into operational, security, and provenance-related details. As this tracking is done at the platform level, any application that uses these engines will be natively tracked. This allows for extended visibility beyond a single application view.

2. Installing and Configuring Apache Atlas Using Ambari

2.1. Apache Atlas Prerequisites

Apache Atlas requires the following components:

- Ambari Infra (which includes an internal HDP Solr Cloud instance) or an externally managed Solr Cloud instance.
- HBase (used as the Atlas Metastore).
- Kafka (provides a durable messaging bus).

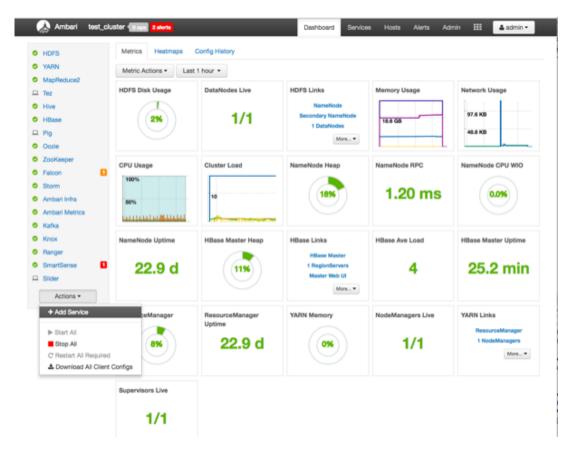
2.2. Atlas Installation

To install Atlas using Ambari:

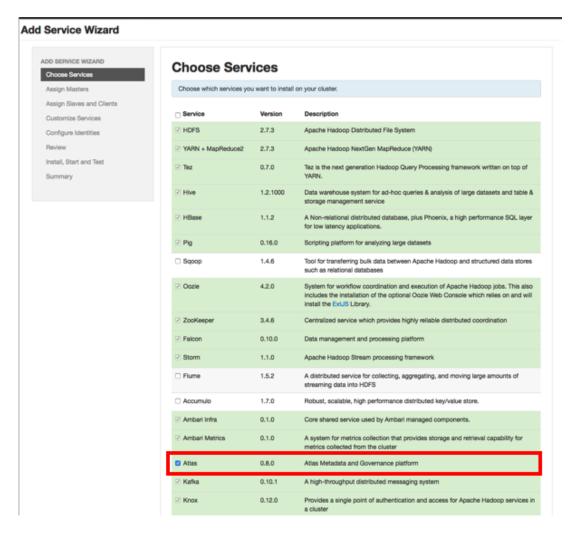
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- 2. Customize Services
- 3. Complete the Installation

2.2.1. Start the Installation

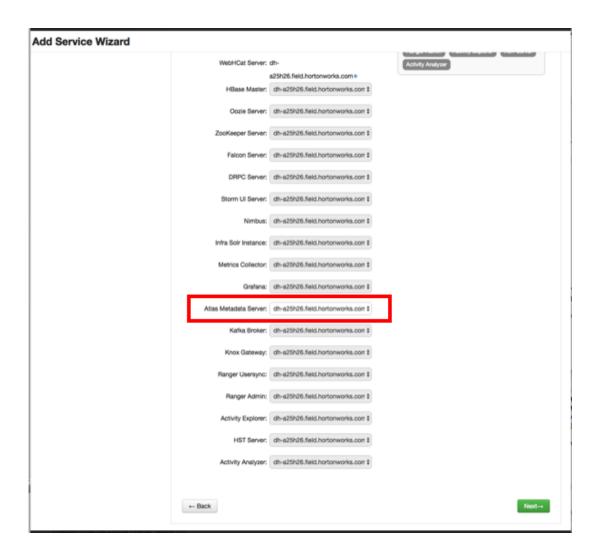
1. On the Ambari Dashboard, click Actions, then select Add Service.



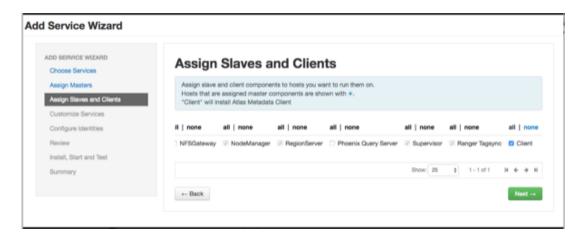
2. On the Choose Services page, select Atlas, then click Next.



3. The Assign Master page appears. Specify a host for the Atlas Metadata Server, then click **Next**.



4. The Assign Slaves and Clients page appears with Client (the Atlas Metadata Client) selected. Click **Next** to continue.



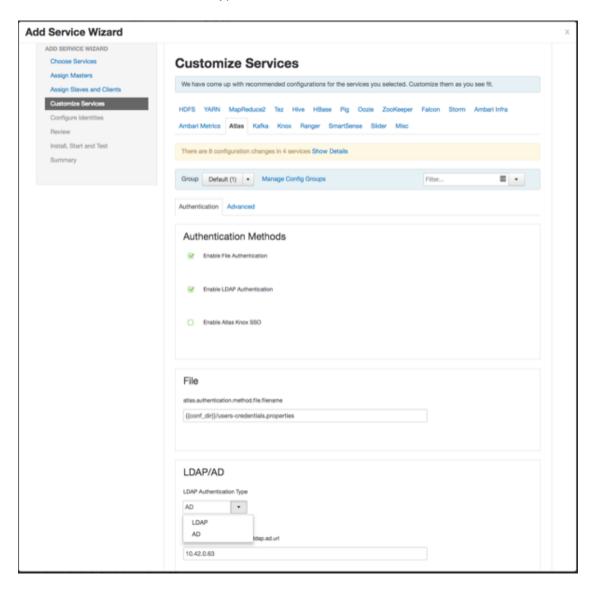
5. The Customize Services page appears. These settings are described in the next section.

2.2.2. Customize Services

The next step in the installation process is to specify Atlas settings on the Customize Services page.

2.2.2.1. Authentication Settings

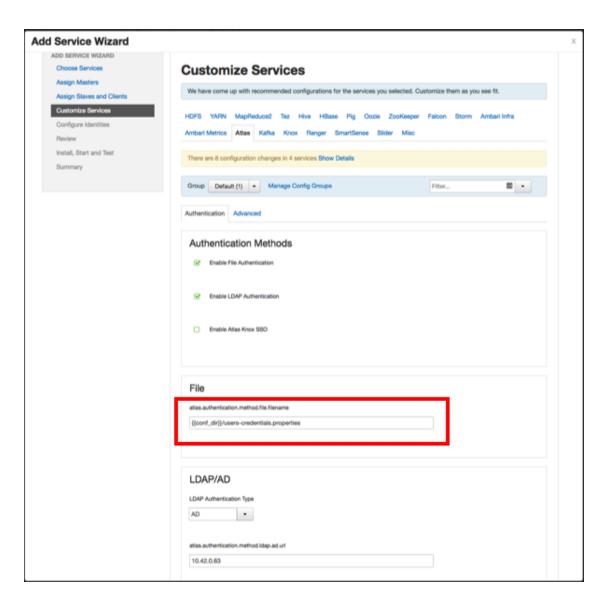
You can set the Authentication Type to File, LDAP, or AD.



2.2.2.1.1. File-based Authentication

When file-based authentication is selected, the

atlas.authentication.method.file.filename property is automtically set to $\{\{conf_dir\}\}\$ /users-credentials.properties.



The users-credentials.properties file should have the following format:

```
username=group::sha256password
admin=ADMIN::e7cf3ef4f17c3999a94f2c6f612e8a888e5b1026878e4e19398b23bd38ec221a
```

The user group can be ADMIN, DATA_STEWARD, or DATA_SCIENTIST.

The password is encoded with the sha256 encoding method and can be generated using the UNIX tool:

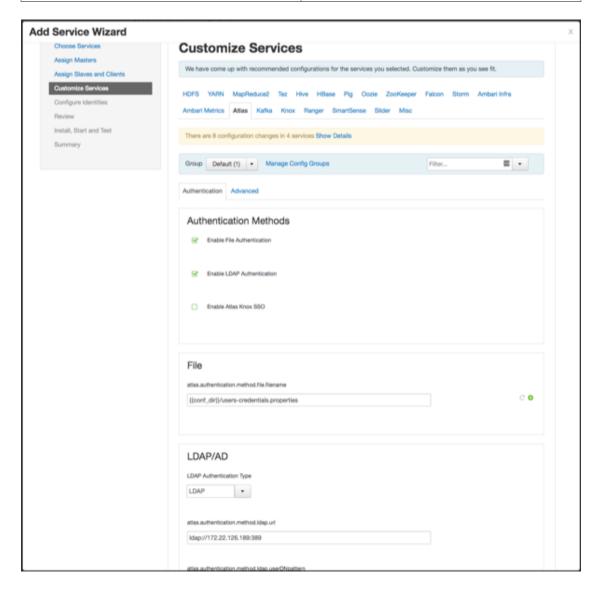
```
echo -n "Password" | sha256sum
e7cf3ef4f17c3999a94f2c6f612e8a888e5b1026878e4e19398b23bd38ec221a -
```

2.2.2.1.2. LDAP Authentication

To enable LDAP authentication, select **LDAP**, then set the following configuration properties.

Table 2.1. Apache Atlas LDAP Configuration Settings

Property	Sample Values
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.url	ldap://127.0.0.1:389
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.user DN pattern	uid={0],ou=users,dc=example,dc=com
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.groupSearchBase	dc=example,dc=com
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.groupSearchFilter	(member=cn={0},ou=users,dc=example,dc=com
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.groupRoleAttribute	cn
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.base.dn	dc=example,dc=com
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.bind.dn	cn=Manager,dc=example,dc=com
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.bind.password	PassW0rd
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.referral	ignore
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.user.searchfilter	(uid={0})
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.default.role	ROLE_USER

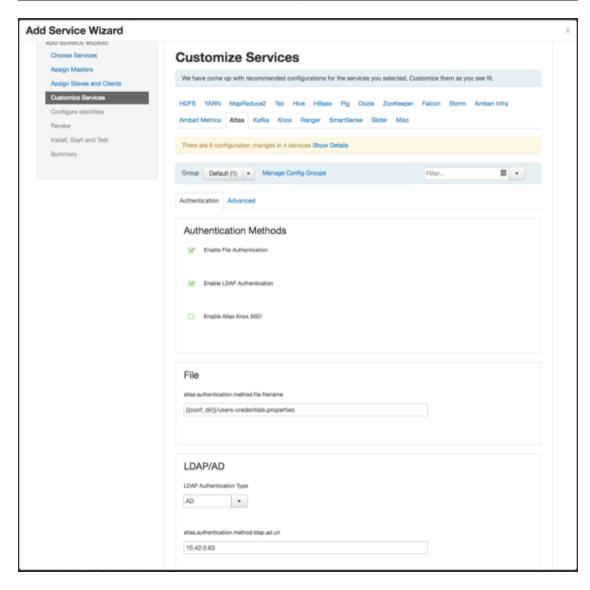


2.2.2.1.3. AD Authentication

To enable AD authentication, select AD, then set the following configuration properties.

Table 2.2. Apache Atlas AD Configuration Settings

Property	Sample Values
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.ad.url	ldap://127.0.0.1:389
Domain Name (Only for AD)	example.com
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.ad.base.dn	DC=example,DC=com
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.ad.bind.dn	CN=Administrator, CN=Users, DC=example, DC=com
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.ad.bind.password	PassW0rd
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.ad.referral	ignore
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.ad.user.searchfilter	(sAMAccountName={0})
atlas.authentication.method.ldap.ad.default.role	ROLE_USER



2.2.2.2. Authorization Settings

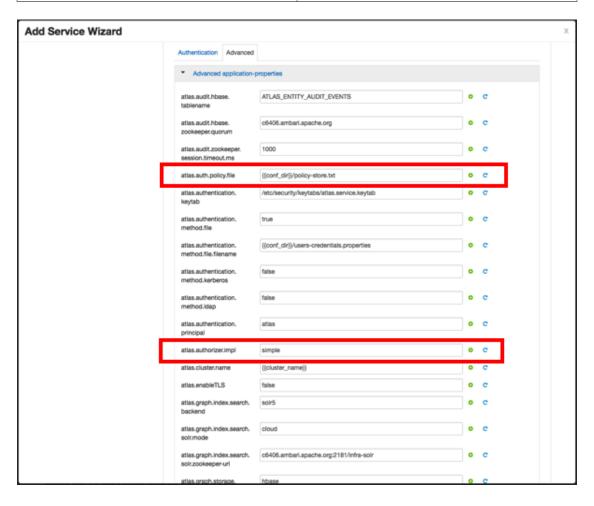
Two authorization methods are available for Atlas: Simple and Ranger.

2.2.2.1. Simple Authorization

The default setting is Simple, and the following properties are automatically set under **Advanced application-properties** on the Advanced tab.

Table 2.3. Apache Atlas Simple Authorization

Property	Value
atlas.authorizer.impl	simple
atlas.auth.policy.file	{{conf_dir}}/policy-store.txt



The policy-store.txt file has the following format:

Policy_Name;;User_Name:Operations_Allowed;;Group_Name:Operations_Allowed;;Resource_Type:Reso For example:

```
adminPolicy;;admin:rwud;;ROLE_ADMIN:rwud;;type:*,entity:*,operation:*,
taxonomy:*,term:*
userReadPolicy;;readUser1:r,readUser2:r;;DATA_SCIENTIST:r;;type:*,entity:*,
operation:*,taxonomy:*,term:*
userWritePolicy;;writeUser1:rwu,writeUser2:rwu;;BUSINESS_GROUP:rwu,
DATA_STEWARD:rwud;;type:*,entity:*,operation:*,taxonomy:*,term:*
```

In this example readUser1, readUser2, writeUser1 and writeUser2 are the user IDs, each with its corresponding access rights. The User_Name, Group_Name and Operations_Allowed are comma-separated lists.

Authorizer Resource Types:

- Operation
- Type
- Entity
- Taxonomy
- Term
- Unknown

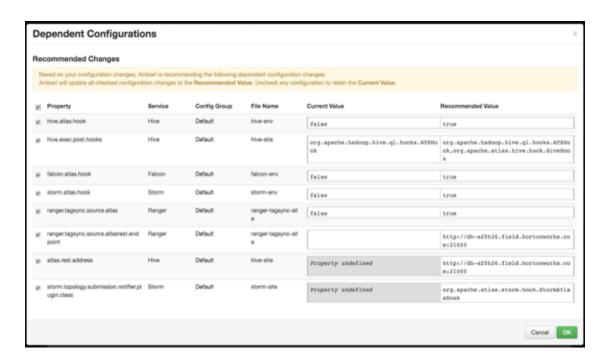
Operations_Allowed are r = read, w = write, u = update, d = delete

2.2.2.2. Ranger Authorization

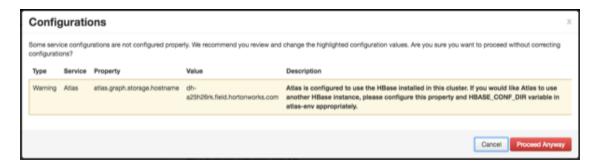
Ranger Authorization is activated by enabling the Ranger Atlas plug-in in Ambari.

2.2.3. Dependent Configurations

After you customize Atlas services and click **Next**, the Dependent Configurations page displayes recommended settings for dependent configurations. Clear the checkbox next to a property to retain the current value. Click **OK** to set the selected recommended property values.

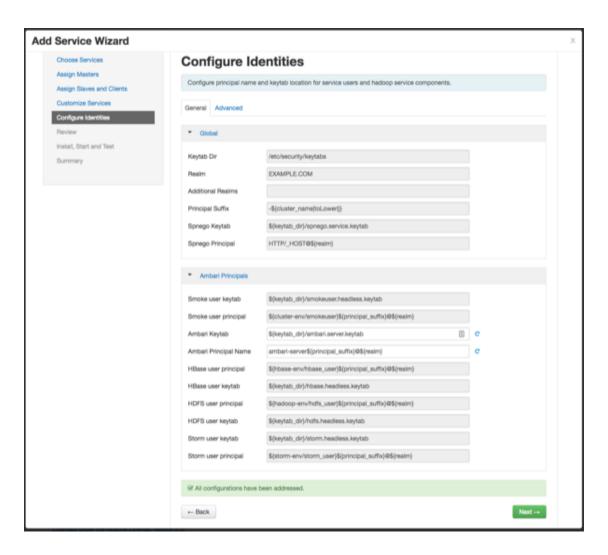


If Ambari detects other configuration issues, they will be displayed on a Configurations pop-up. Click **Cancel** to go back and change these settings, or click **Proceed Anyway** to continue the installation without changing the configurations.



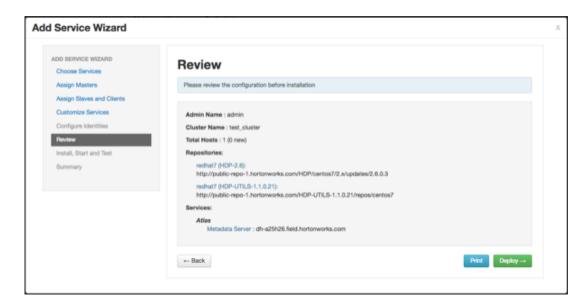
2.2.4. Configure Identities

If Kerberos is enabled, the Configure Identities page appears. Click **Next** to continue with the installation.

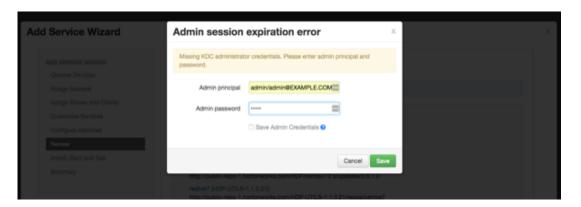


2.2.5. Complete the Atlas Installation

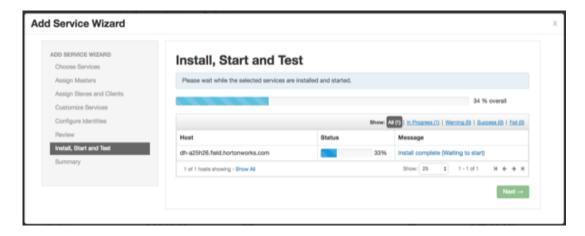
1. On the Review page, carefully review all of your settings and configurations. If everything looks good, click **Deploy** to install Atlas on the Ambari server.



If Kerberos is enabled, you are prompted to enter your KDC administrator credentials. Type in your KDC Admin principal and password, then click **Save**.



2. When you click **Deploy**, Atlas is installed on the specified host on your Ambari server. A progress bar displays the installation progress.



3. When the installation is complete, a Summary page displays the installation details. Click **Complete** to finish the installation.

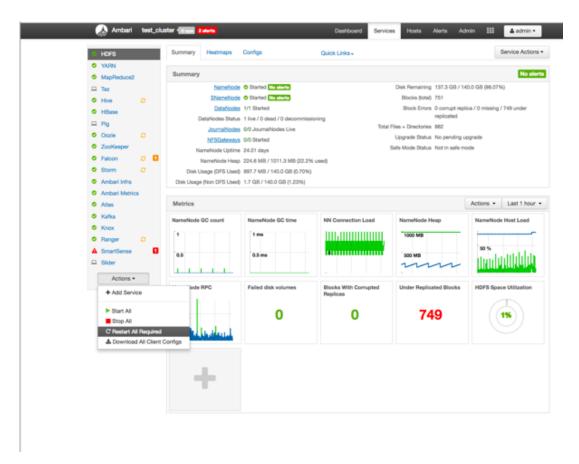


Note

The Atlas user name and password are set to admin/admin by default.



4. Select **Actions > Restart All Required** to restart all cluster components that require a restart.



2.3. Enable the Ranger Plugin

The Ranger Atlas plugin enables you to establish and enforce global security policies based on data classifications. For more information, see enabling the Ranger Atlas plugin in Ambari.

2.4. Configure Atlas Tagsync in Ranger



Note

Before configuring Atlas Tagsync in Ranger, you must enable Ranger Authorization in Atlas by enabling the Ranger Atlas plug-in in Ambari.

For information about configuring Atlas Tagsync in Ranger, see Configure Ranger Tagsync.

2.5. Configure Atlas High Availability

For information about configuring High Availability (HA) for Apache Atlas, see Apache Atlas High Availability.

2.6. Configuring Atlas Security

2.6.1. Additional Requirements for Atlas with Ranger and Kerberos

Currently additional configuration steps are required for Atlas with Ranger and in Kerberized environments.

2.6.1.1. Additional Requirements for Atlas with Ranger

When Atlas is used with Ranger, perform the following additional configuration steps:



Important

These steps are not required for Ambari-2.4.x and higher versions. For Ambari-2.4.x and higher, these steps will be performed automatically when Atlas is restarted.

- Create the following HBase policy:
 - table: atlas_titan, ATLAS_ENTITY_AUDIT_EVENTS

user: atlas

permission: Read, Write, Create, Admin

Create following Kafka policies:

• topic=ATLAS_HOOK

permission=publish, create; group=public

permission=consume, create; user=atlas (for non-kerberized environments, set group=public)

• topic=ATLAS_ENTITIES

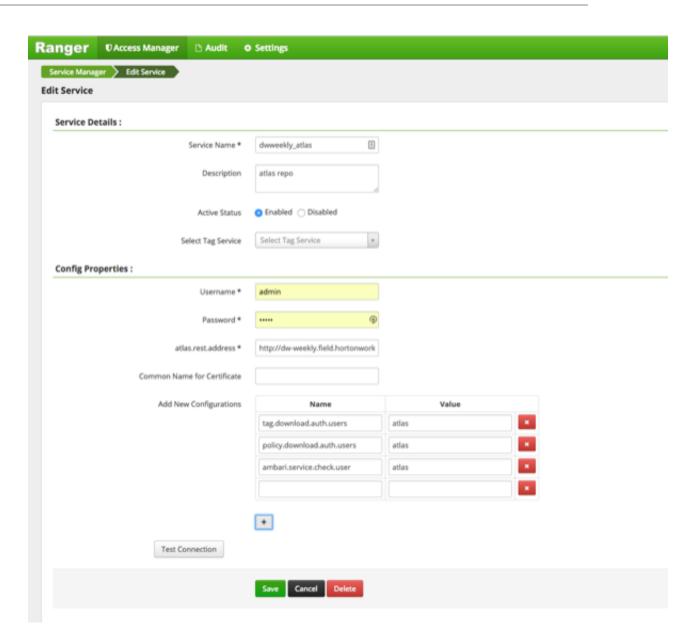
permission=publish, create; user=atlas (for non-kerberized environments, set group=public)

permission=consume, create; group=public

You should also ensure that an Atlas service is created in Ranger, and that the Atlas service includes the following configuration properties:

Table 2.4. Ranger Atlas Service Kerberos Properties

Property	Value
tag.download.auth.users	atlas
policy.download.auth.users	atlas
ambari.service.check.user	atlas





Note

If the Ranger Atlas service is not created after enabling the plugin and restarting Atlas, that indicates that either there is already a policy JSON on the Atlas host (in the /etc/ranger/<service_name>/policycache/directory), or Ambari was unable to connect to Ranger Admin during the Atlas restart. The solution for the first issue is to delete or move the policycache file, then restart Atlas.

- You can click the **Test Connection** button on the Ranger Atlas Service Details page to verify the configuration settings.
- You can also select **Audit > Plugins** in the Ranger Admin UI to check for the latest Atlas service entry.



2.6.1.2. Additional Requirements for Atlas with Kerberos without Ranger

When Atlas is used in a Kerberized environment without Ranger, perform the following additional configuration steps:

- Start the HBase shell with the user identity of the HBase admin user ('hbase')
- Execute the following command in HBase shell, to enable Atlas to create necessary HBase tables:
 - grant 'atlas', 'RWXCA'
- Start (or restart) Atlas, so that Atlas would create above HBase tables
- Execute the following commands in HBase shell, to enable Atlas to access necessary HBase tables:
 - grant 'atlas', 'RWXCA', 'atlas_titan'
 - grant 'atlas', 'RWXCA', 'ATLAS_ENTITY_AUDIT_EVENTS'
- Kafka To grant permissions to a Kafka topic, run the following commands as the Kafka user:

```
/usr/hdp/current/kafka-broker/bin/kafka-acls.sh --topic ATLAS_HOOK --allow-principals * --operations All --authorizer-properties "zookeeper.connect=hostname:2181"
/usr/hdp/current/kafka-broker/bin/kafka-acls.sh --topic ATLAS_ENTITIES --allow-principals * --operations All --authorizer-properties "zookeeper.connect=hostname:2181"
```

2.6.2. Enable Atlas HTTPS

For information about enabling HTTPS for Apache Atlas, see Enable SSL for Apache Atlas.

2.6.3. Hive CLI Security

If you have Oozie, Storm, or Sqoop Atlas hooks enabled, the Hive CLI can be used with these components. You should be aware that the Hive CLI may not be secure without taking additional measures.

2.7. Installing Sample Atlas Metadata

You can use the quick_start.py Python script to install sample metadata to view in the Atlas web UI. Use the following steps to install the sample metadata:

- 1. Log in to the Atlas host server using a command prompt.
- 2. Run the following command as the Atlas user:

su atlas -c '/usr/hdp/current/atlas-server/bin/quick_start.py'



Note

In an SSL-enabled environment, run this command as:

su atlas -c '/usr/hdp/current/atlas-server/bin/quick_start.py
https://<fqdn_atlas_host>:21443'

When prompted, type in the Atlas user name and password. When the script finishes running, the following confirmation message appears:

Example data added to Apache Atlas Server!!!

If Kerberos is enabled, kinit is required to execute the quick_start.py script.

After you have installed the sample metadata, you can explore the Atlas web UI.



Note

If you are using the HDP Sandbox, you do not need to run the Python script to populate Atlas with sample metadata.

2.8. Updating the Atlas Ambari Configuration

When you update the Atlas configuration settings in Ambari, Ambari marks the services that require restart, and you can select **Actions > Restart All Required** to restart all services that require a restart.



Important

Apache Oozie requires a restart after an Atlas configuration update, but may not be included in the services marked as requiring restart in Ambari. Select **Oozie > Service Actions > Restart All** to restart Oozie along with the other services.

3. Searching and Viewing Entities

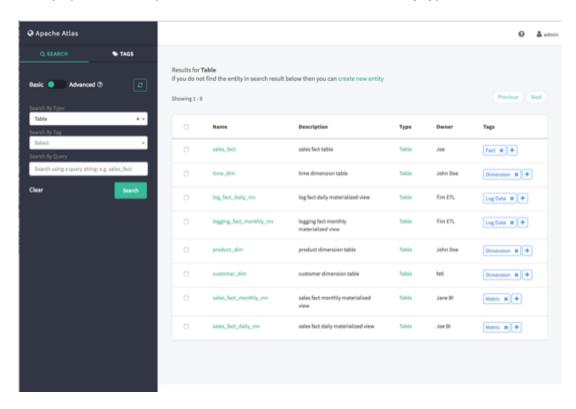
3.1. Using Basic and Advanced Search

3.1.1. Using Basic Search

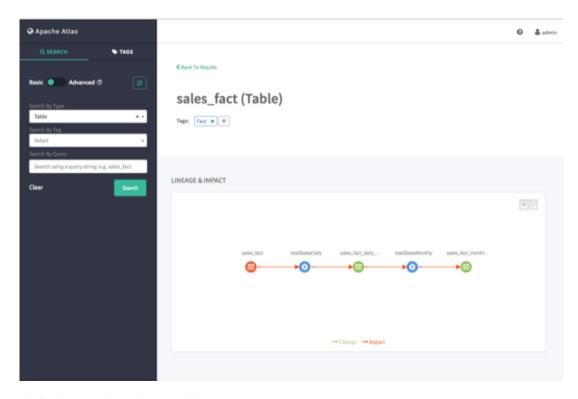
You can search for entities using three basic search modes:

- Search by Type search based on a selected Entity type.
- Search by Tag search based on a selected Atlas tag.
- Search by Query full-text search.
- 1. To search for entities, click **SEARCH** on the Atlas web UI. Select an entity type, an Atlas tag, or enter a text string, then click **Search** to display a list of the entities associated with the specified search criteria.

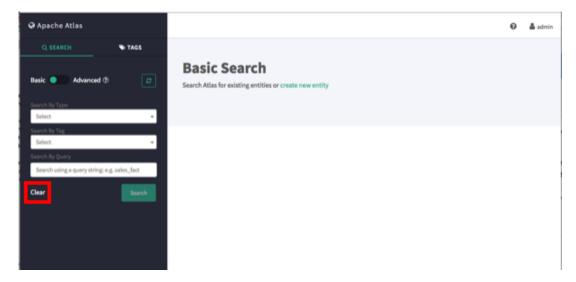
You can also combine search criteria (search for a type with a specific name, for example). In the example below, we searched for the Table entity type.



2. To view detailed information about an entity, click the entity in the search results list. In the example below, we selected the "sales_fact" table from the list of search results.



3. Click **Clear** to clear the search settings.



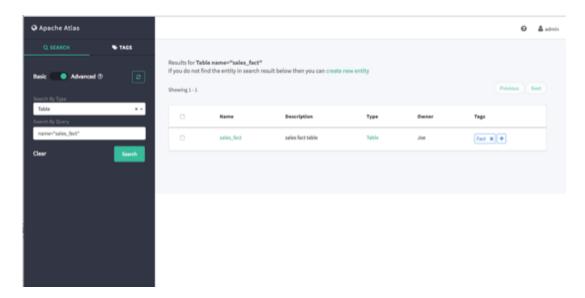
3.1.2. Using Advanced Search

To switch to Advanced search mode, slide the green toggle button from **Basic** to **Advanced**. You can search for entities using two advanced search modes:

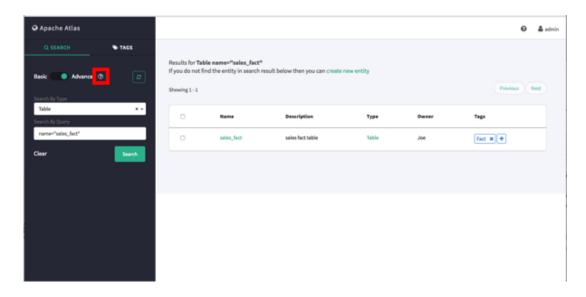
- Search by Type search based on a selected Entity type.
- Search by Query search using an Apache Atlas DSL query. Atlas DSL (Domain-Specific Language) is a SQL-like query language that enables you to search metadata using complex queries.

1. To search for entities, select an entity type or enter an Atlas DSL search query, then click **Search** to display a list of the entities associated with the specified search criteria.

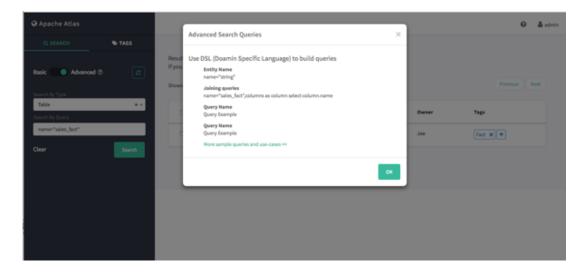
You can also combine search criteria. In the example below, we searched for Table entity types named "sales_fact".



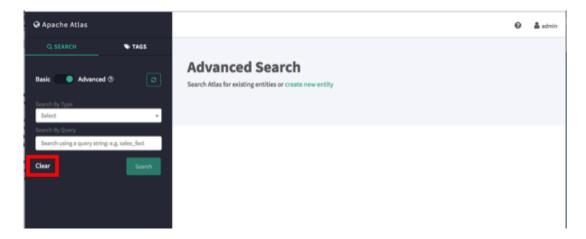
To display more information about Atlas DSL queries, click the question mark symbol next to the **Advanced** label above the search boxes.



The Advanced Search Queries lists example queries, along with a link to the Apache Atlas DSL query documentation:

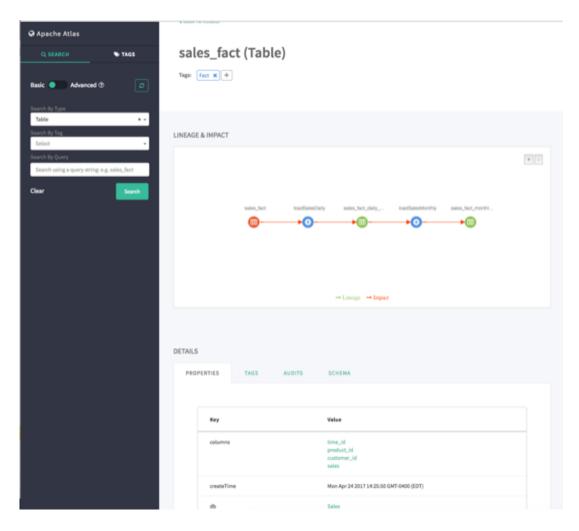


2. Click Clear to clear the search settings.

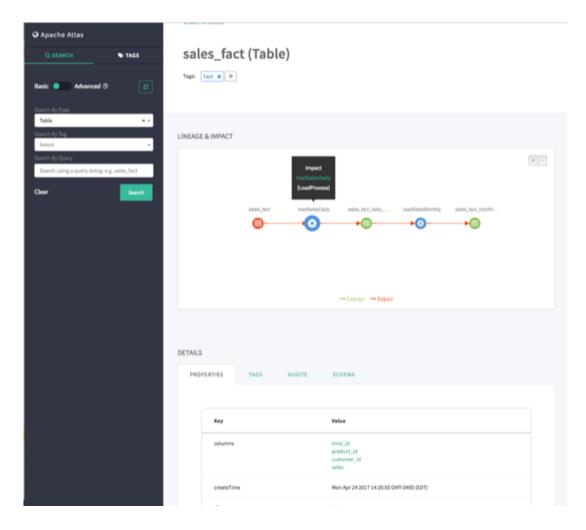


3.2. Viewing Entity Data Lineage & Impact

1. Data lineage and impact is displayed when you select an entity. In the following example, we ran a Type search for Table, and then selected the "sales_fact" entity. Data lineage and impact is displayed graphically, with each icon representing an action. You can use the + and - buttons to zoom in and out, and you can also click and drag to move the image.



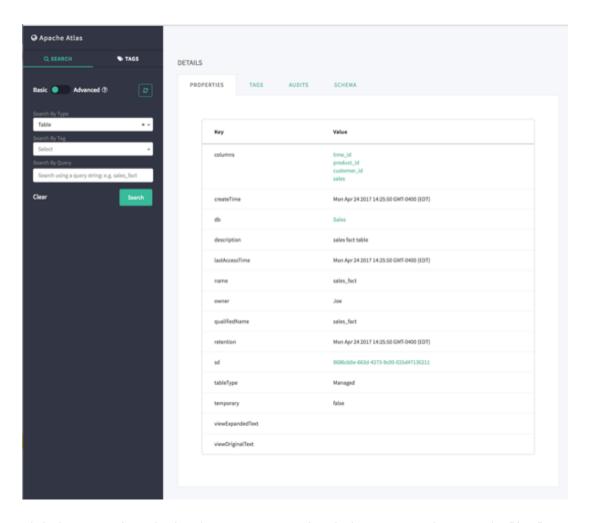
2. Moving the cursor over an icon displays a pop-up with more information about the action that was performed. In the following example, we can see that a query was used to create the "loadSalesDaily" table from the "sales_fact" table.



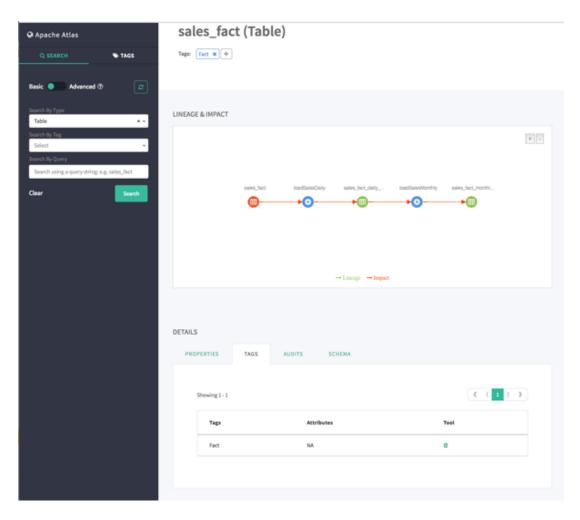
3.3. Viewing Entity Details

When you select an entity, detailed information about the entity is displayed under DETAILS.

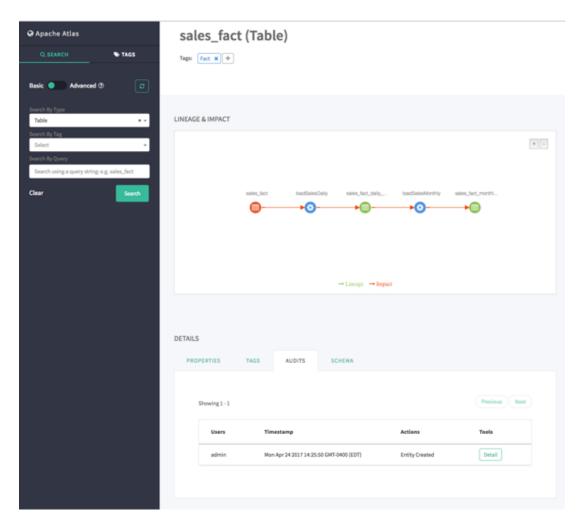
• The Properties tab displays all of the entity properties.



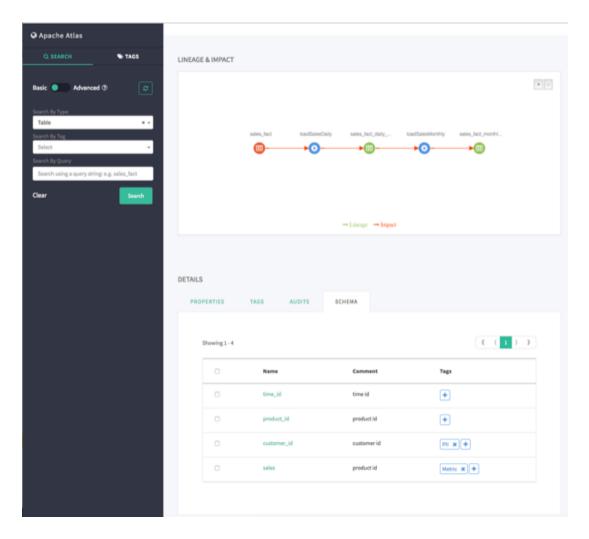
• Click the Tags tab to display the tags associated with the entity. In this case, the "fact" tag has been associated with the "sales_fact" table.



- If the Atlas Taxonomy has been enabled, the Terms tab lists the taxonomy terms that have been associated with the entity. The Terms tab is not displayed if the Taxonomy has not been enabled.
- The Audits tab provides a complete audit trail of all events in the entity history. You can use the Detail button next to each action to view more details about the event.



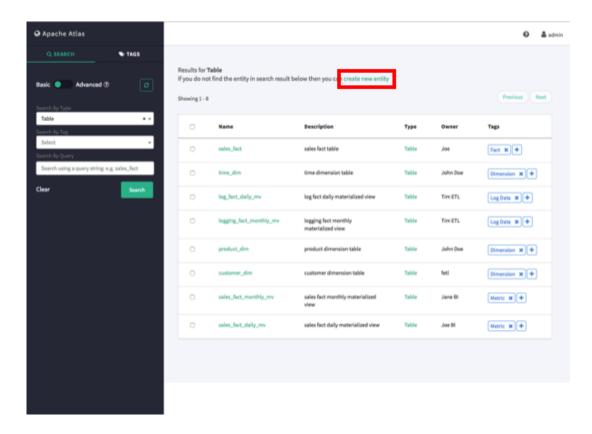
• The Schema tab shows schema information, in this case the columns for the table. We can also see that a PII tag has been associated with the "customer_id" column.



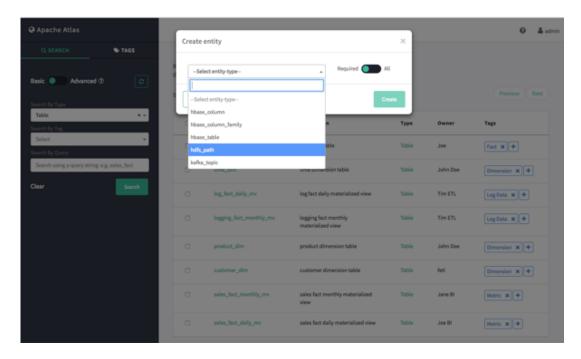
3.4. Manually Creating Entities

Currently there is no Atlas hook for HBase, HDFS, or Kafka. For these components, you must manually create entities in Atlas. You can then associate tags with these entities and control access using Ranger tag-based policies.

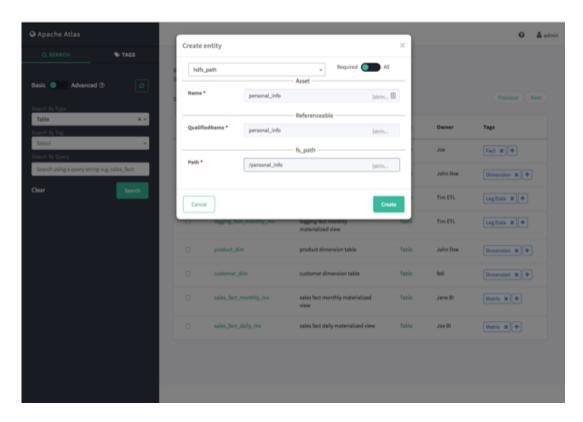
1. On the Atlas web UI Search page, click the create new entity link at the top of the page.



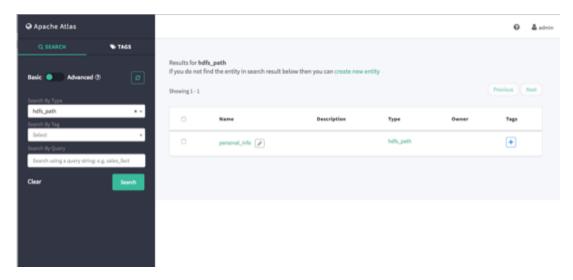
2. On the Create Entity pop-up, select an entity type.



3. Enter the required information for the new entity. Click **All** to display both required and non-required information. Click **Create** to create the new entity.



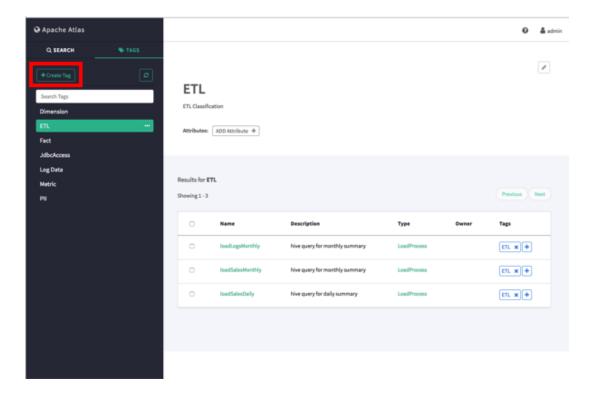
4. The entity is created and returned in search results for the applicable entity type. You can now associate tags with the new entity and control access to the entity with Ranger tag-based policies.



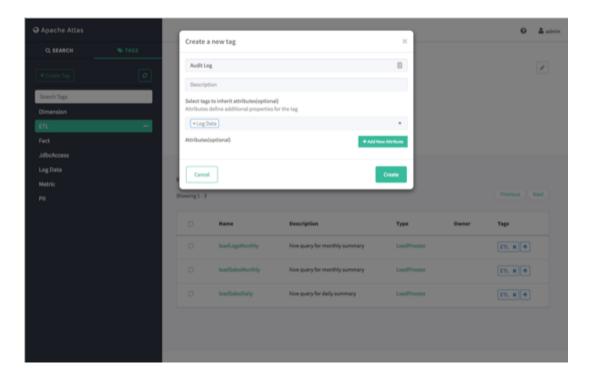
4. Working with Atlas Tags

4.1. Creating Atlas Tags

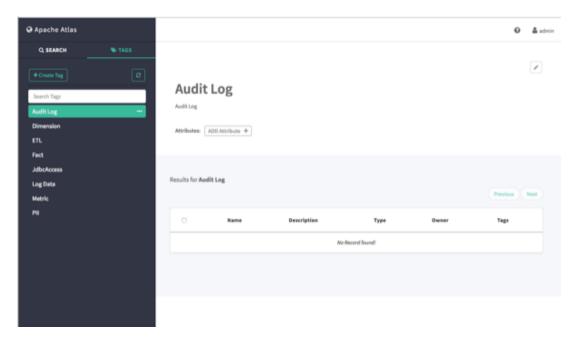
1. On the Atlas web UI, click TAGS, then click Create Tag.



2. On the Create a New Tag pop-up, type in a name and an optional description for the tag. You can use the Select tags to inherit attributes box to inherit attributes from other tags. Click Add New Attribute to add one or more new attributes to the tag. Click Create to create the new Tag.

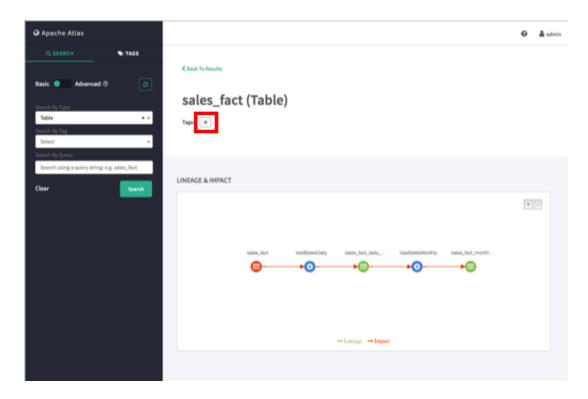


3. The new tag appears in the Tags list.

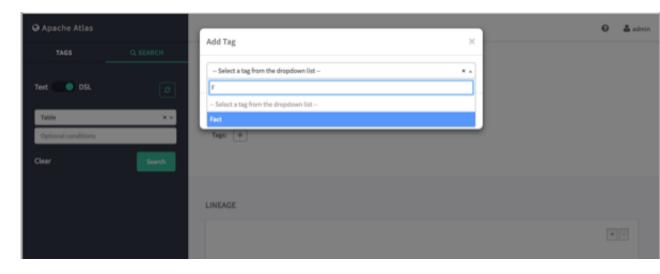


4.2. Associating Tags with Entities

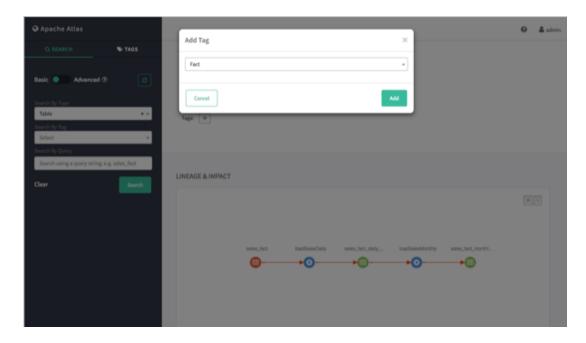
1. Select an asset. In the example below, we searched for all Table entities, and then selected the "sales_fact" table from the list of search results. To associate a tag with an asset, click the + icon next to the **Tags**: label.



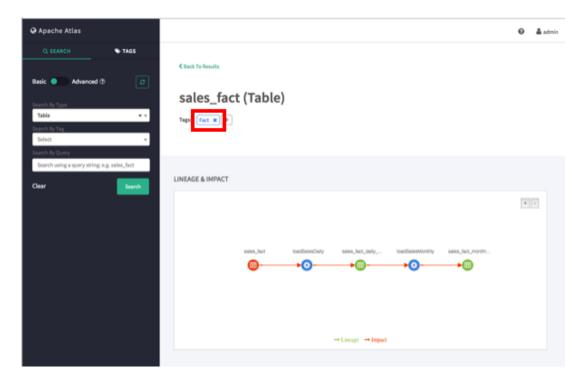
2. On the Add Tag pop-up, click **Select Tag**, then select the tag you would like to associate with the asset. You can filter the list of tags by typing text in the Select Tag box.



3. After you select a tag, the Add Tag pop-up is redisplayed with the selected tag. Click **Add** to associate the tag with the asset.

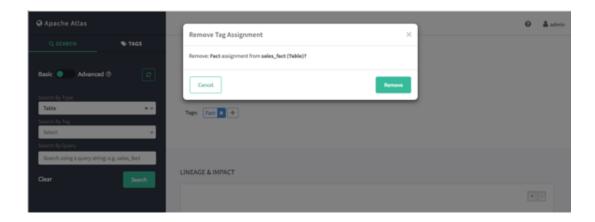


4. The new tag is displayed next to the **Tags**: label on the asset page.



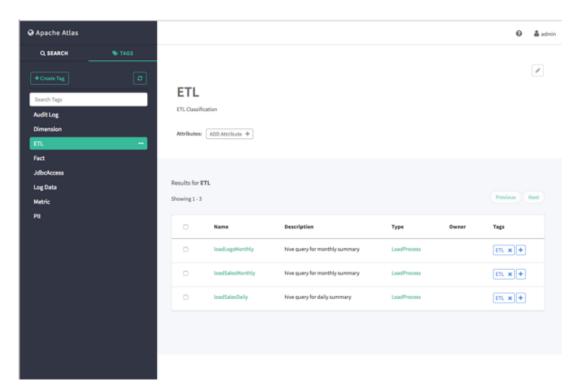
5. You can view details about a tag by clicking the tag name on the tag label.

To remove a tag from an asset, click the **x** symbol on the tag label, then click **Remove** on the confirmation pop-up. This removes the tag association with the asset, but does not delete the tag itself.

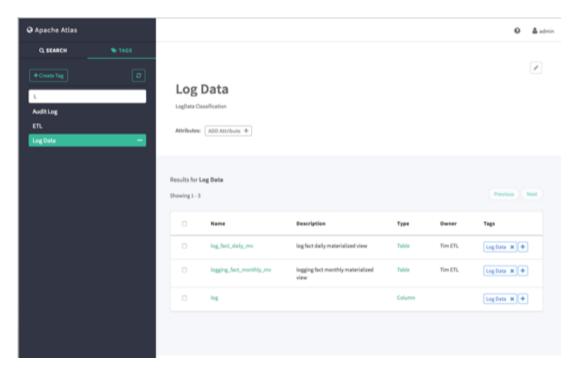


4.3. Searching for Entities Associated with Tags

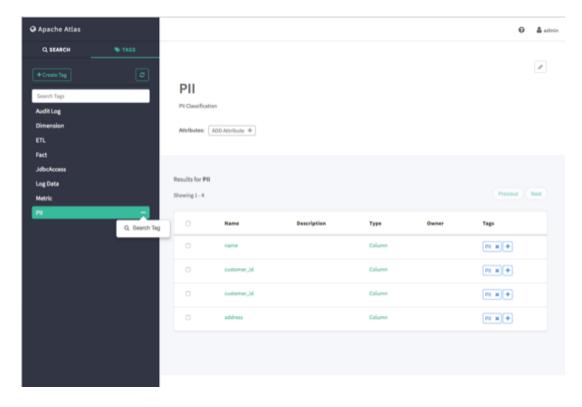
1. To display a list of all of the entities associated with a tag, click the tag name in the Atlas Tags list.



2. To filter the Tags list based on a text string, type the text in the Search Tags box. The list is filtered dynamically as you type to display the tags that contain that text string. You can then click a tag in the filtered list to display the entities associated with that tag.



3. You can also search for entities associated with a tag by clicking the ellipsis symbol for the tag and selecting **Search Tag**. This launches a DSL search query that returns a list of all entities associated with the tag.



5. Managing the Atlas Business Taxonomy (Technical Preview)

The taxonomy feature in Apache Atlas enables you to define a hierarchical set of business terms that represents your business domain. You can then associate these taxonomy terms with the metadata entities that Atlas manages. This hierarchical business catalog makes it easier to organize and discover data stored in Hadoop.



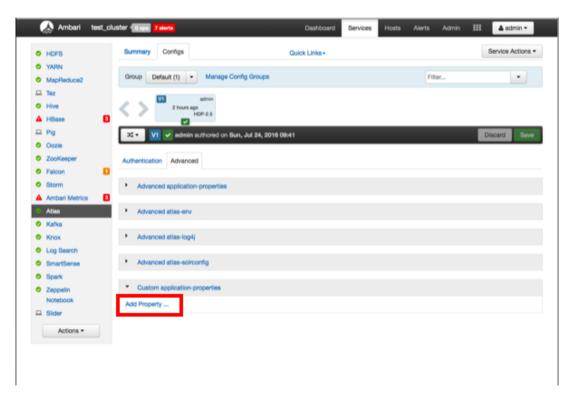
Note

The Apache Atlas Taxonomy feature is a Technical Preview and is considered under development. Do not use this feature in your production systems. If you have questions regarding this feature, contact Support by logging a case on our Hortonworks Support Portal at https://support.hortonworks.com.

5.1. Enabling the Atlas Taxonomy Technical Preview

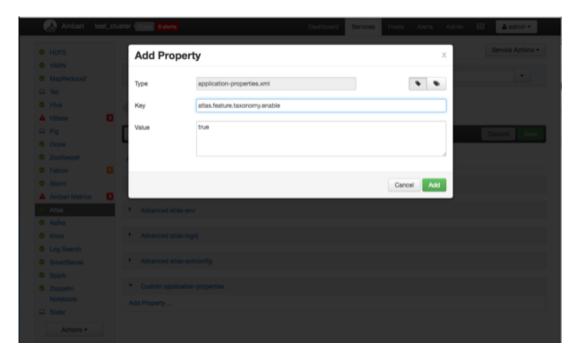
Because the Atlas Taxonomy feature is a Technical Preview, it is not enabled by default and does not appear on the Atlas web UI. Use the following steps to enable the Atlas Taxonomy feature.

 Select Atlas > Configs > Advanced > Custom application-properties, then click Add Property.

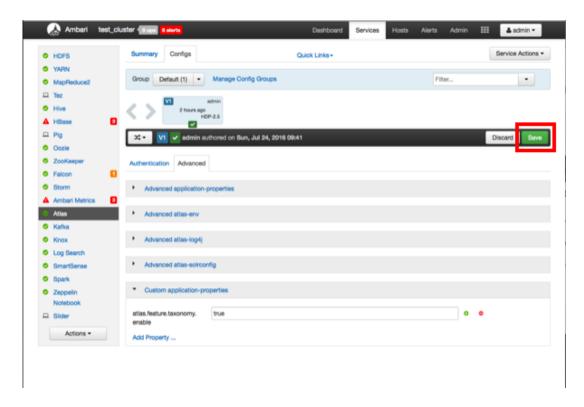


- 2. On the Add Property pop-up, add the following properties:
 - **Key** atlas.feature.taxonomy.enable
 - Value true

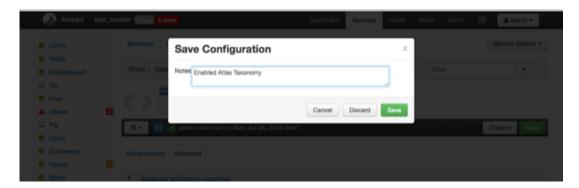
Click **Add** to add the new property.



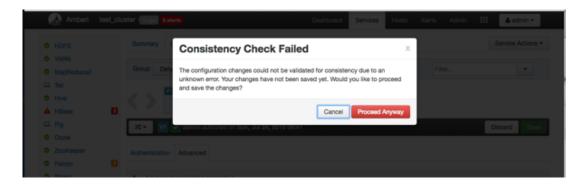
3. The Advanced tab is redisplayed with the new property. Click **Save** to save the new configuration.



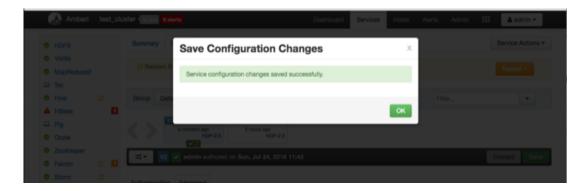
4. A Save Configuration pop-up appears. Type in a note describing the changes you just made, then click **Save**.



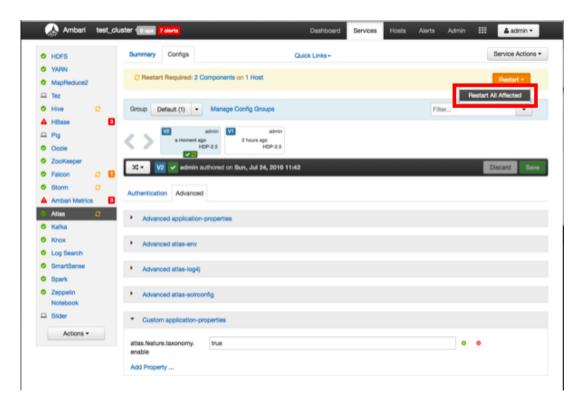
5. If a Consistency Check Failed pop-up appears, click **Proceed Anyway**.



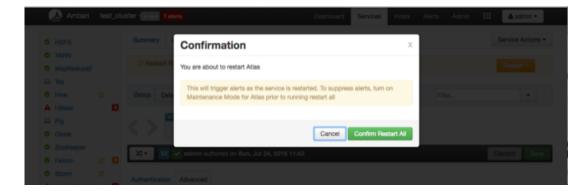
6. Click **OK** on the Save Configuration Changes pop-up.



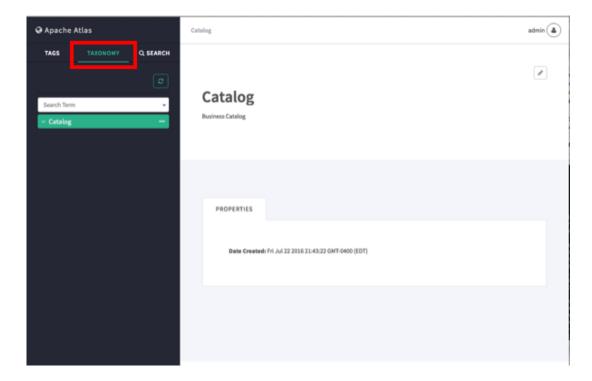
7. Select **Restart > Restart All Affected** to restart the Atlas service and load the new configuration.



8. Click Confirm Restart All on the confirmation pop-up to confirm the Atlas restart.

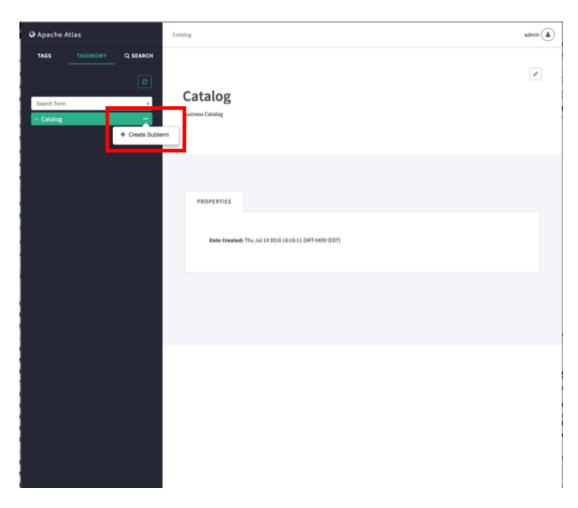


 After Atlas restarts, the Taxonomy feature is enabled. Other components may also require a restart. To access the Atlas web UI, select Atlas > Quick Links > Atlas Dashboard.

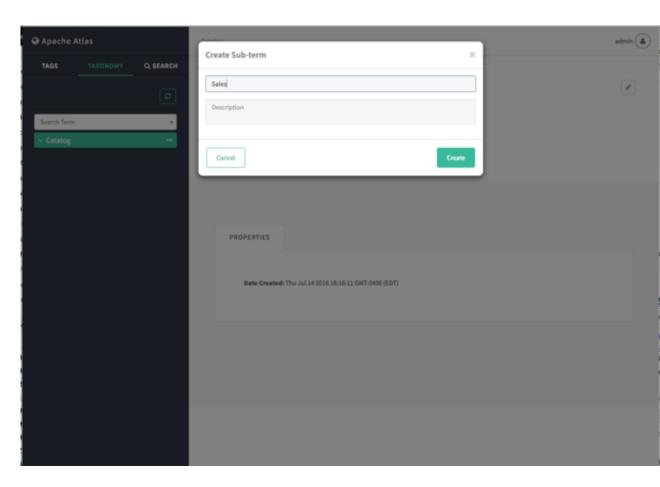


5.2. Creating Taxonomy Terms

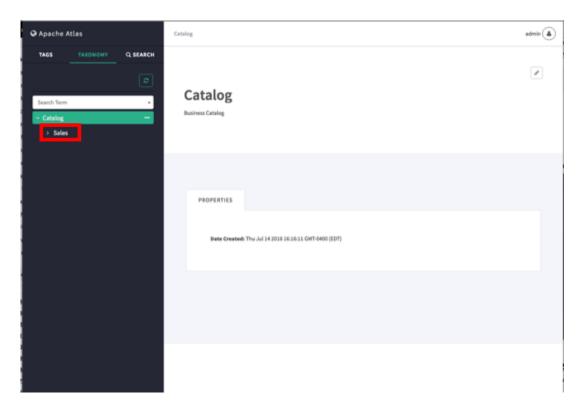
1. On the Atlas web UI, click **Taxonomy**. To create a new sub-term, click the ellipsis symbol at the top level of the Taxonomy, then click **Create Subterm**.



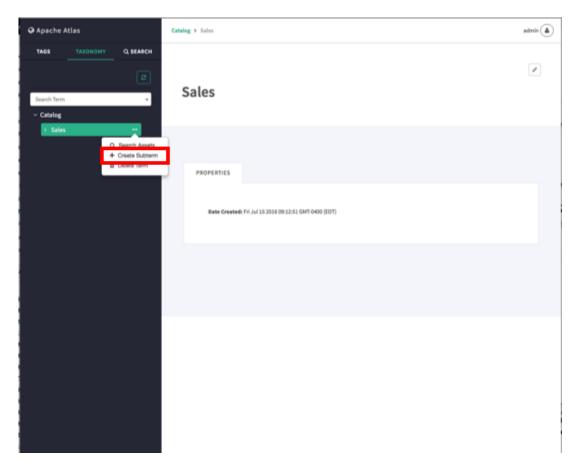
2. On the Create Sub-term pop-up, type in a name and an optional description for the sub-term, then click **Create**.



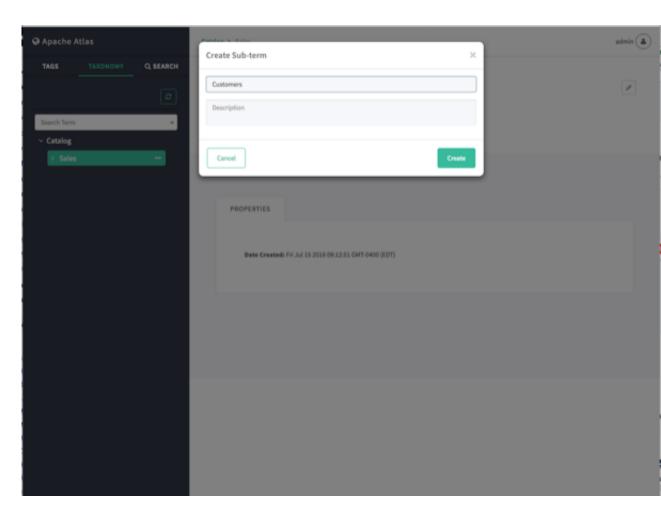
3. The new sub-term appears in the Taxonomy below the top level.



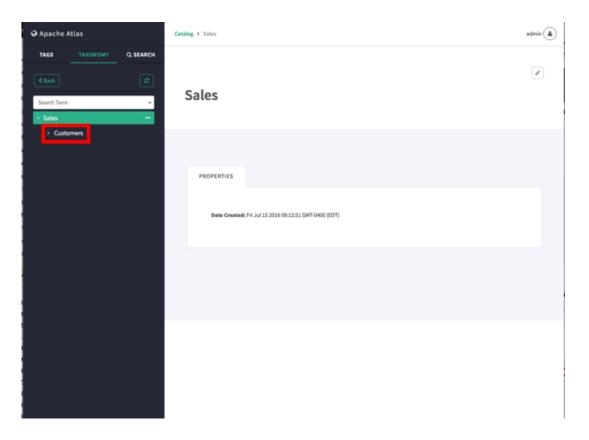
4. To create a new sub-term another level down in the taxonomy hierarchy, select the sub-term, click the ellipsis symbol, then click **Create Subterm**.



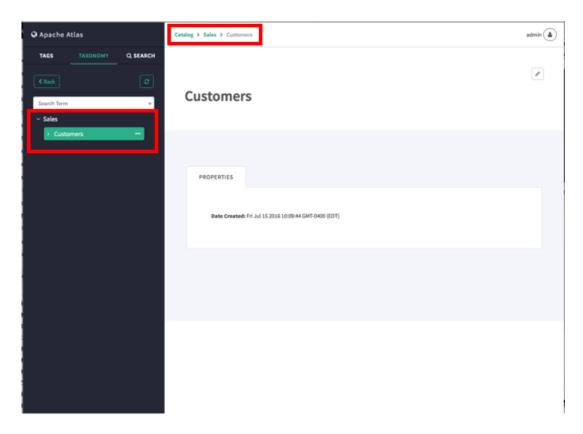
5. On the Create Sub-term pop-up, type in a name and an optional description for the new second-level sub-term, then click **Create**.



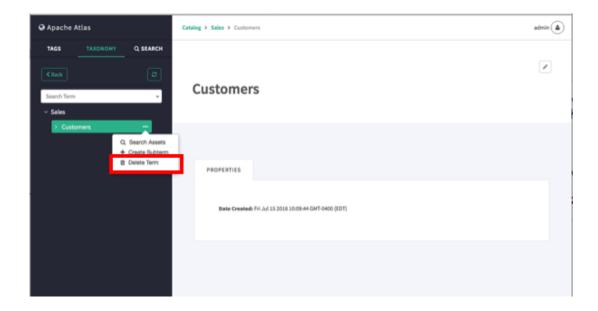
6. The new second-level sub-term appears in the Taxonomy.



7. You can repeat this process to create multiple taxonomy levels. Only two levels at a time are displayed in the navigation bar, but you can use the breadcrumb trail at the top of the page to navigate the taxonomy hierarchy, and you can use the Back button to return to the previously selected level. You can also use the Search Term box to search for taxonomy terms.

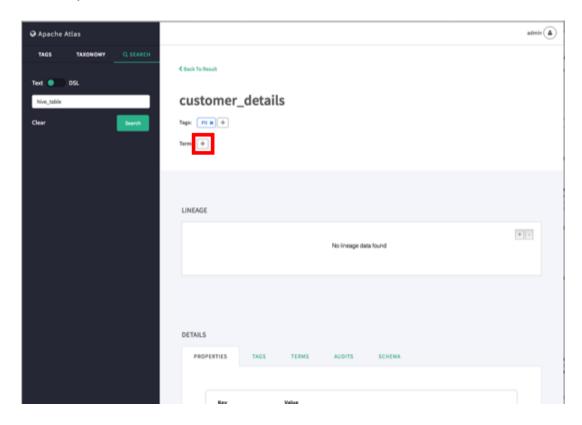


8. To delete a taxonomy term, click the ellipsis symbol for the term, then select **Delete Term**. When you delete a term it is also removed from all entities that are currently associated with the term.

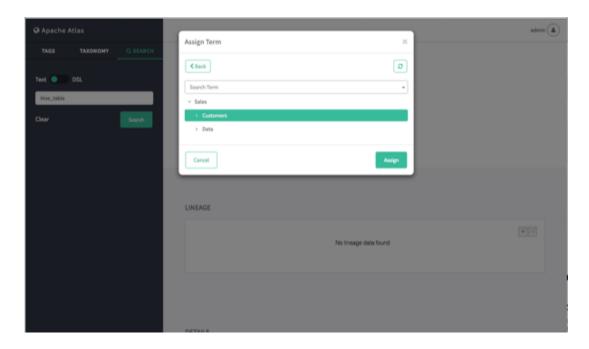


5.3. Associating Taxonomy Terms with Entities

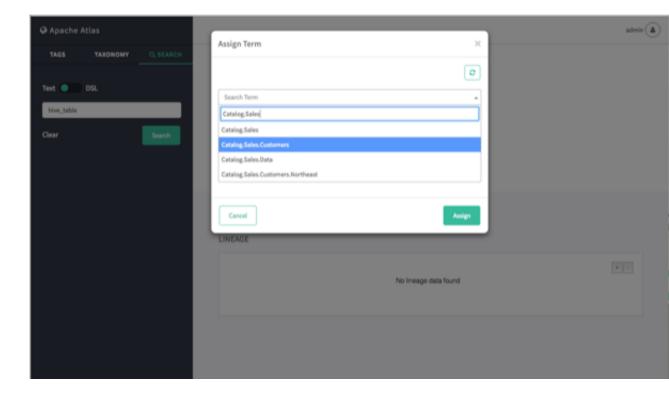
1. Select an entity. In the example below, we searched for all hive_table entities, and then selected the "customer_details" table from the list of search results. To associate a taxonomy term with an asset, click the + icon next to the **Terms**: label.



2. On the Assign Term pop-up, browse to select a taxonomy term. Here we have selected the term "Customers".



You can also filter the list of tags by typing text in the Search Term box, and then click to select a term.



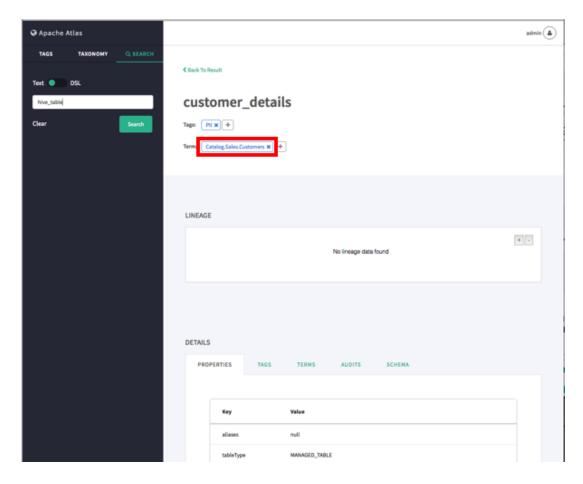


Note

In the Search Term list (and elsewhere in the UI), a period symbol is used as a separator to indicate taxonomy hierarchy levels. For example,

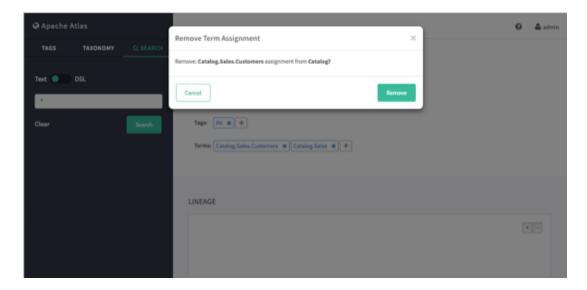
Catalog.Sales.Customers represents the Catalog > Sales > Customers taxonomy level.

3. After you select a term, click **Assign**. The new term is displayed next to the **Terms**: label on the asset page.



4. You can view details about a taxonomy term by clicking the term name on the term label.

To remove a term from an asset, click the **x** symbol on the term label, then click **Remove** on the confirmation pop-up. This removes the term association with the asset, but does not delete the term itself.

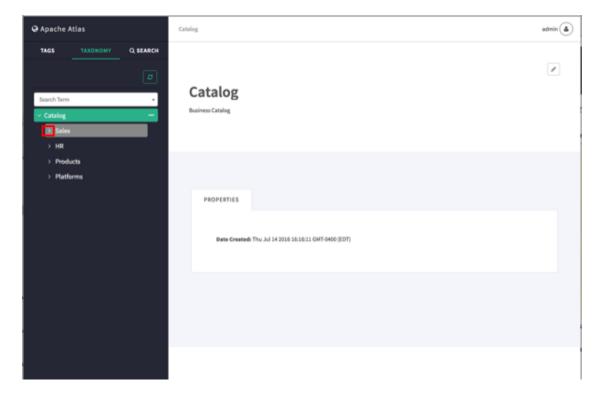


5.4. Navigating the Atlas Taxonomy

Only two levels at a time are displayed in the Taxonomy list, but you can use the following methods to navigate the Atlas Taxonomy.

5.4.1. Navigation Arrows

To display the child terms that belong to a taxonomy term, click the right-arrow symbol next to the term. For example, if we click the arrow for the Sales term in the following Taxonomy list:



PROPERTIES

Catalog > Sales

TAKONOMY Q SEARCH

Sales

Sales

PROPERTIES

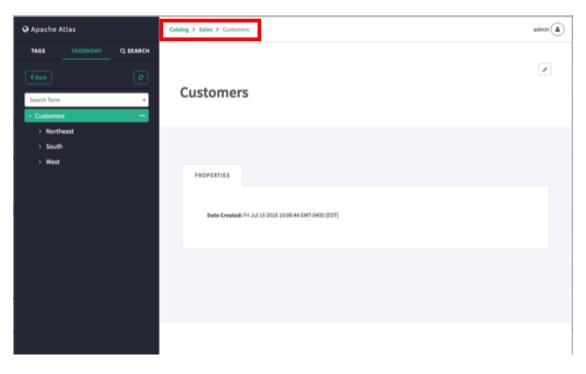
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The child terms for Sales (Customers and Data) are displayed:

To hide the child terms, click the down-arrow next to the Sales term.

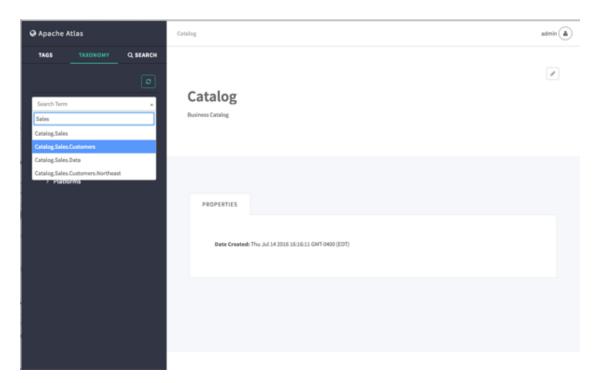
5.4.2. Breadcrumb Trail

As you navigate through the taxonomy, a breadcrumb trail at the top of the page tracks your position in the taxonomy hierarchy. You can use the links in the breadcrumb trail to navigate back to a higher level.



5.4.3. Search Terms

To filter the Taxonomy terms list based on a text string, type the text in the Search Term box. The list is filtered dynamically as you type to display the terms that contain that text string. You can then select a term from the filtered list.



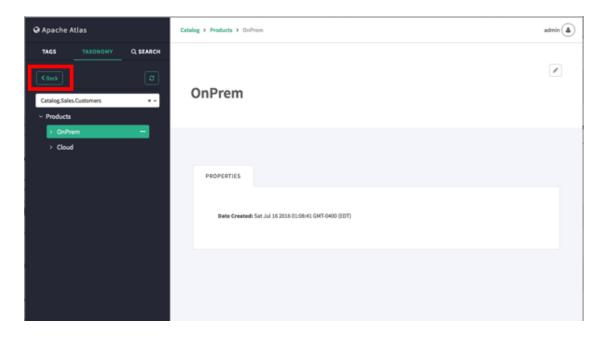


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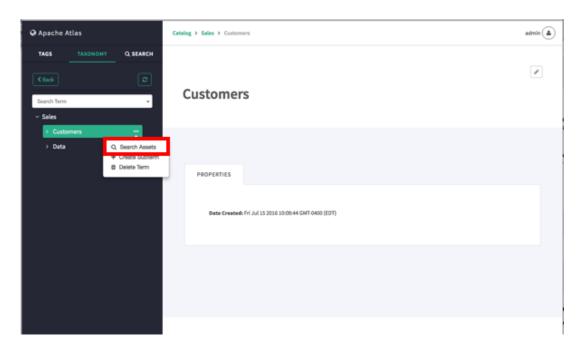
5.4.4. Back Button

You can also use the **Back** button on the Atlas web UI (or your browser's Back button) to return to the previous taxonomy page.

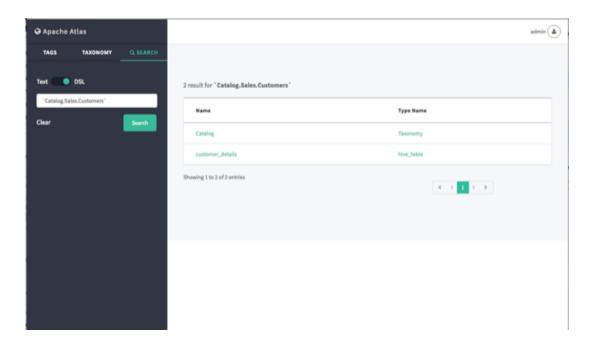


5.5. Searching for Entities Associated with Taxonomy Terms

1. To search for entities associated with a taxonomy term, select the term, click the ellipsis symbol, and then select **Search Assets**.



2. This launches a DSL search query that returns a list of all entities associated with the term.

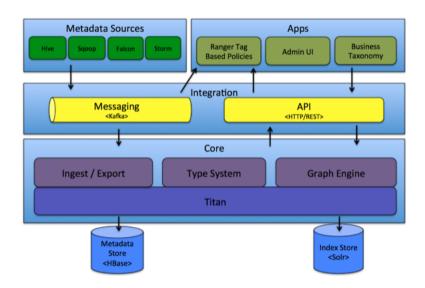


6. Apache Atlas Technical Reference

Apache Atlas provides scalable and extensible governance capabilities for Hadoop. Atlas enables enterprises to effectively and efficiently meet their compliance requirements within Hadoop, and allows integration with the entire enterprise data ecosystem.

6.1. Apache Atlas Architecture

The following image shows the Atlas components.



Atlas components can be grouped under the following categories:

- Core
- Integration
- Metadata Sources
- Applications

6.1.1. Core

This category contains the components that implement the core of Atlas functionality, including:

Type System: Atlas allows you to define a model for metadata objects. This model is composed of "types" definitions. "Entities" are instances of types that represent the actual metadata objects. All metadata objects managed by Atlas (such as Hive tables) are modeled using types, and represented as entities.

One key point to note is that the generic nature of the modeling in Atlas allows data stewards and integrators to define both technical metadata and business metadata. It

is also possible to use Atlas to define rich relationships between technical and business metadata.

Ingest / Export: The Ingest component allows metadata to be added to Atlas. Similarly, the Export component exposes metadata changes detected by Atlas to be raised as events. Consumers can use these change events to react to metadata changes in real time.

Graph Engine: Internally, Atlas represents metadata objects using a Graph model. This facilitates flexibility and rich relationships between metadata objects. The Graph Engine is a component that is responsible for translating between types and entities of the Type System, as well as the underlying Graph model. In addition to managing the Graph objects, The Graph Engine also creates the appropriate indices for the metadata objects to facilitate efficient searches.

Titan: Currently, Atlas uses the Titan Graph Database to store the metadata objects. Titan is used as a library within Atlas. Titan uses two stores. The Metadata store is configured to use HBase by default, and the Index store is configured to use Solr. It is also possible to use BerkeleyDB as the Metadata store, and ElasticSearch as the Index store, by building with those corresponding profiles. The Metadata store is used for storing the metadata objects, and the Index store is used for storing indices of the Metadata properties to enable efficient search.

6.1.2. Integration

You can manage metadata in Atlas using the following methods:

API: All functionality of Atlas is exposed to end users via a REST API that allows types and entities to be created, updated, and deleted. It is also the primary mechanism to query and discover the types and entities managed by Atlas.

Messaging: In addition to the API, you can integrate with Atlas using a messaging interface that is based on Kafka. This is useful both for communicating metadata objects to Atlas, and also to transmit metadata change events from Atlas to applications. The messaging interface is particularly useful if you would like to use a more loosely coupled integration with Atlas that could allow for better scalability and reliability. Atlas uses Apache Kafka as a notification server for communication between hooks and downstream consumers of metadata notification events. Events are written by the hooks and Atlas to different Kafka topics.

6.1.3. Metadata Sources

Currently, Atlas supports ingesting and managing metadata from the following sources:

- Hive
- Sqoop
- Storm/Kafka (limited support)
- Falcon (limited support)

As a result of this integration:

- There are metadata models that Atlas defines natively to represent objects of these components.
- Atlas provides mechanisms to ingest metadata objects from these components (in real time, or in batch mode in some cases).

6.1.4. Applications

Atlas Admin UI: This component is a web-based application that allows data stewards and scientists to discover and annotate metadata. Of primary importance here is a search interface and SQL-like query language that can be used to query the metadata types and objects managed by Atlas. The Admin UI is built using the Atlas REST API.

Ranger Tag-based Policies: Atlas provides data governance capabilities and serves as a common metadata store that is designed to exchange metadata both within and outside of the Hadoop stack. Ranger provides a centralized user interface that can be used to define, administer and manage security policies consistently across all the components of the Hadoop stack. The Atlas-Ranger unites the data classification and metadata store capabilities of Atlas with security enforcement in Ranger.

Business Taxonomy: The metadata objects ingested into Atlas from metadata sources are primarily a form of technical metadata. To enhance the discoverability and governance capabilities, Atlas includes a Business Taxonomy interface that allows users to define a hierarchical set of business terms that represent their business domain, and then associate these terms with Atlas metadata entities Atlas. The Business Taxonomy is included in the Atlas Admin UI, and integrates with Atlas using the REST API.

6.2. Creating Metadata: The Atlas Type System

Atlas allows you to define a model for metadata objects. This model is composed of "types" definitions. "Entities" are instances of types that represent the actual metadata objects. All metadata objects managed by Atlas (such as Hive tables) are modelled using types, and represented as entities.

6.2.1. Atlas Types

In Atlas, a "type" is a definition of how a particular type of metadata object is stored and accessed. A type represents one or more attributes that define the properties for the metadata object. Users with a development background will recognize the similarity of a type to Entities used in object-oriented programming languages, or a table schema in a relational database.

An example of a type that is natively defined within Atlas is a Hive table. A Hive table is defined with the following attributes:

Name: hive_table MetaType: Entity SuperTypes: DataSet

Attributes:

name: String (name of the table)
db: Database object of type hive_db

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owner: String
createTime: Date
lastAccessTime: Date
comment: String
retention: int
sd: Storage Description object of type hive_storagedesc
partitionKeys: Array of objects of type hive_column
aliases: Array of strings
columns: Array of objects of type hive_column
parameters: Map of String keys to String values
viewOriginalText: String
viewExpandedText: String
tableType: String
temporary: Boolean
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This example helps illustrate the following points:

- An Atlas type is identified uniquely by a name.
- A type has a metatype. A metatype represents the type of a model in Atlas. Atlas contains the following metatypes:
 - Primitive types Int, String, Boolean, etc.
 - Enum types
 - Collection types Array, Map
 - Composite types Entity, Struct, Tag/Classification
- A type can "extend" from a parent "superType", and therefore inherits the super type attributes. This allows modellers to define common attributes across a set of related types. This is similar to Entities inheriting properties of super Entities in object-oriented programming.

In this example, every hive table extends from a pre-defined "DataSet" super type. More details about pre-defined types will be provided in subsequent sections.

It is also possible for an Atlas type to extend from multiple super types.

• Entity, Struct, or Tag/Classification types can have a collection of attributes. Each attribute has a name along with other associated properties. A property can be referred to using the format type_name.attribute_name. You should also note that attributes themselves are defined using Atlas metatypes. The difference between Entities and Structs is explained in the context of Entities in the next section. Classifications will be discussed in the "Cataloging Metadata in Atlas" section.

In this example, hive_table.name is a String, hive_table.aliases is an array of Strings, hive_table.db refers to an instance of a type named hive_db, and so on.

• You can use type references in attributes (such as hive_table.db) to define arbitrary relationships between two types defined in Atlas, which enables you to build rich models. You can also collect a list of references as an attribute type (for example, hive_table.cols, which represents a list of references from hive_table to the hive column type).

6.2.2. Atlas Entities

In Atlas, an "entity" is a specific value or instance of a type, and thus represents a specific metadata object. Using the object-oriented programming language analogy, an instance (entity) is an object of a particular class (type).



Note

In the Atlas UI, entities are sometimes referred to as "assets".

An example of an entity is a specific Hive table. Consider a Hive "customers" table in the "default" Hive database. In Atlas this table is an entity of the type hive_table. As an instance of a class type, it has values for all of the hive_table type attributes. For example:

```
quid: "9ba387dd-fa76-429c-b791-ffc338d3c91f"
typeName: "hive_table"
values:
name: "customers"
db: "b42c6cfc-c1e7-42fd-a9e6-890e0adf33bc"
owner: "admin"
createTime: "2016-06-20T06:13:28.000Z"
lastAccessTime: "2016-06-20T06:13:28.000Z"
comment: null
retention: 0
sd: "ff58025f-6854-4195-9f75-3a3058dd8dcf"
partitionKeys: null
aliases: null
columns: ["65e2204f-6a23-4130-934a-9679af6a211f", "d726de70-faca-46fb-9c99-
cf04f6b579a6", ...]
parameters: {"transient_lastDdlTime": "1466403208"}
viewOriginalText: null
viewExpandedText: null
tableType: "MANAGED_TABLE"
temporary: false
```

This example helps illustrate the following points:

• Every entity that is an instance of a class type is identified by a unique identifier, referred to as a GUID. This GUID is generated by the Atlas server when the object is defined, and remains constant for the entire lifetime of the entity. Each entity can be accessed by referencing its GUID.

In this example, the "customers" table in the default database is uniquely identified by the GUID "9ba387dd-fa76-429c-b791-ffc338d3c91f".

• An entity is of a given type, and the name of the type is provided with the entity definition.

In this example, the "customers" table is a hive_table.

- The values of this entity are a map of all of the attribute names and values for attributes that are defined in the hive_table type definition.
- Attribute values follow the metatype of the attribute.

• Primitive types – Integer, string, or boolean values. For example:

```
name: "customers"temporary: false
```

• Collection metatypes – An array or map of values of the contained metatype. For example:

```
parameters: {"transient_lastDdlTime": "1466403208"}
```

• Composite metatypes – For Entities, the value is an entity with which this particular entity will have a relationship.

For example, the Hive "customers" table is present in the "default" database. The relationship between the table and database are captured via the db attribute. Therefore, the value of the db attribute is a GUID that uniquely identifies the hive_db "default" entity.

We can now see the difference between Entity and Struct metatypes. Entities and Structs both compose attributes of other types. However, entities of Class types have the <code>guid</code> attribute, and can be referenced from other entities (such as a <code>hive_db</code> entity that is referenced from a <code>hive_table</code> entity). Instances of Struct types do not have an identity of their own. The value of a Struct type is a collection of attributes that are "embedded" inside the entity itself.

6.2.3. Atlas Attributes

We have noted that attributes are defined inside composite metatypes such as Class and Struct, and that attributes have a name and a metatype value. However, attributes in Atlas have additional properties that define more concepts related to the type system.

An attribute has the following properties:

```
name: string,
typeName: string,
constraintDefs: list<AtlasContraintDef>,
isIndexable: boolean,
isUnique: boolean,
isOptional : boolean,
cardinality: enum
```

- name The attribute name.
- typeName The metatype name of the attribute (native, collection, or composite).
- constraintDefs This list indicates an aspect of modeling. If we want to impose custom constraints on the attributes of a type, we can specify those constraints using this field. Let's take the example of type hive_table. Hive column is a dependent attribute of a Hive table, and does not have a lifecycle of its own. Therefore we can impose a constraint on a hive_column entity that whenever an entity of type hive_table is deleted, all entities of type hive_column contained in hive_table entities should be deleted.

Let's examine the attribute definitions in types hive_table and hive_column.

The columns attribute in type hive_table:

```
{
  "name": "columns",
  "typeName": "array<hive_column>",
  "cardinality": "SINGLE",
  "constraintDefs": [
    {
      "type": "mappedFromRef",
      "params": {
      "refAttribute": "table"
      }
    }
    ,
    "isIndexable": false,
    "isOptional": true,
    "isUnique": false
}
```

And the corresponding table attribute in type hive_column:

```
{
  "name": "table",
  "typeName": "hive_table",
  "cardinality": "SINGLE",
  "constraintDefs": [
  {
    "type": "foreignKey",
    "params": {
      "onDelete": "cascade"
    }
  }
  ],
  "isIndexable": false,
  "isOptional": true,
  "isUnique": false
}
```

"type": "foreignKey" indicates that column entities are tied to a particular hive_table entity. We have defined an action "onDelete": "cascade" which indicates that if the hive_table entity is deleted, all of the hive_column entities should be deleted.

- isIndexable This flag indicates whether this property should be indexed, so that look-ups can be performed using the attribute value as a predicate, which improves efficiency.
- isUnique
 - This flag is also related to indexing. If an attribute is specified as unique, a special index is created for the attribute in Titan that allows for equality-based look ups.
 - Any attribute with a true value for this flag is treated as a primary key to distinguish the entity from other entities. Therefore, care should be taken ensure that this attribute does model a unique property in the real world.

For example, consider the name attribute of a hive_table. In isolation, a name is not a unique attribute for a hive_table, because tables with the same name can exist in multiple databases. Even a pair of (database name, table name) is not unique if Atlas is storing metadata of Hive tables among multiple clusters. Only a cluster location, database name, and table name can be deemed unique in the physical world.

- isOptional Indicates whether a value is optional or required.
- cardinality Indicates whether this attribute is a singleton or could be multi-valued. Possible values are SINGLE, LIST and SET.

With this information, let us expand on the attribute definition of one of the attributes of the Hive table below. Let us look at the "db" attribute, which represents the database to which the Hive table belongs:

```
db:
    "dataTypeName": "hive_db",
    "isIndexable": true,
    "isOptional": false,
    "isUnique": false,
    "Cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "name": "db",
```

Note the false value for isOptional. A table entity cannot be sent without a db reference.

From this description and examples, you can see that attribute definitions can be used to influence specific modeling behavior (constraints, indexing, etc.) to be enforced by the Atlas system.

6.2.4. Atlas System Types

This section describes the available pre-defined Atlas system types (super types).

- Referenceable This type represents all entities that can be searched for using a unique qualifiedName attribute.
- Asset This type contains attributes such as name, description, and owner. The name attribute is required (multiplicity = required), but the others are optional.

The purpose of Referenceable and Asset is to provide modelers with a way to enforce consistency when defining and querying entities of their own types. Having these fixed set of attributes allows applications and User Interfaces to make convention-based assumptions about what default attributes they can expect from types.

- Infrastructure This type extends Referenceable and Asset, and typically can be used as a common super type for infrastructure metadata objects such as clusters, hosts, etc.
- DataSet This type extends Referenceable and Asset. Conceptually, it can be used to represent a type that stores data. In Atlas, Hive tables, Sqoop RDBMS tables, etc., are all types that extend from DataSet. Types that extend DataSet can be expected to

have a Schema, in the sense that they would have an attribute that defines attributes of that dataset – for example, the columns attribute in a hive_table. Entities types that extend DataSet also participate in data transformation, and this transformation can be captured by Atlas via lineage (or provenance) graphs.

• Process – This type extends Referenceable and Asset. Conceptually, it can be used to represent any data transformation operation. For example, an ETL process that transforms a Hive table with raw data to another Hive table that stores some aggregate can be a specific type that extends the Process type. A Process type has two specific attributes: inputs and outputs. Both inputs and outputs are arrays of DataSet entities. Thus an instance of a Process type can use these inputs and outputs to capture how the lineage of a DataSet evolves.

6.2.5. Atlas Types API

Summary:

- Base resource name: v2/types
- Full URL: http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v2/types

6.2.5.1. Enum Type API

- Base resource name: v2/types/enumdef
- Full URL: http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v2/types/enumdef

6.2.5.1.1. Register Enum Type

Request:

POST /v2/types/enumdef

Description:

This request is used to register one particular Enum type with the Atlas type system.

Method Signature:

```
@POST
@Path("/enumdef")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasEnumDef createEnumDef(AtlasEnumDef enumDef) throws
AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

POST /v2/types/enumdef

Example Request Body:

```
{
  "name" : "creation_order",
  "typeVersion" : "1.1",
  "elementDefs" : [
    {
       "ordinal" : 1,
       "value" : "PRE"
    },
    {
       "ordinal" : 2,
       "value" : "POST"
    }
  ]
}
```

Example Response:

```
{
    "category": "ENUM",
    "guid": "48bb2f42-745c-4b1b-9491-248326dbe997",
    "createTime": 1481872144316,
    "updateTime": 1481872144316,
    "version": 1,
    "name": "creation_order",
    "description": "creation_order",
    "typeVersion": "1.1",
    "elementDefs": [
        {
             "value": "PRE",
             "ordinal": 1
        },
        {
             "value": "POST",
             "ordinal": 2
        }
     }
}
```

6.2.5.1.2. Update Enum Type Using Name

Request:

```
PUT /v2/types/enumdef/name/{name}
```

Description:

This request is used to update an Enum type that is already registered with the Atlas type system. {name} refers to the original name of the Enum type with which it was registered.

Method Signature:

```
@PUT
@Path("/enumdef/name/{name}")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasEnumDef updateEnumDefByName(@PathParam("name") String name,
   AtlasEnumDef enumDef) throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

PUT /v2/types/enumdef/name

Example Request Body:

```
{
  "name" : "creation_order",
  "typeVersion" : "1.1",
  "elementDefs" : [
  {
     "ordinal" : 1,
     "value" : "PRE"
  },
  {
     "ordinal" : 2,
     "value" : "POST"
  },
  {
     "ordinal" : 3,
     "value" : "UNKNOWN"
  }
  ]
}
```

Example Response:

```
"category": "ENUM",
"guid": "48bb2f42-745c-4b1b-9491-248326dbe997",
"createTime": 1481872144316,
"updateTime": 1481872144316,
"version": 1,
"name": "creation_order",
"description": "creation_order",
"typeVersion": "1.1",
"elementDefs": [
  {
    "value": "PRE",
    "ordinal": 1
    "value": "POST",
    "ordinal": 2
    "value": "UNKNOWN",
    "ordinal": 3
```

6.2.5.1.3. Update Enum Type Using GUID

Request:

```
PUT v2/types/enumdef/guid/{guid}
```

Description:

This request is used to update an Enum type that is already registered with the Atlas type system by referencing its GUID.

Method Signature:

Example Request:

PUT v2/types/enumdef/guid/48bb2f42-745c-4b1b-9491-248326dbe997

Example Request Body:

```
{
  "name" : "creation_order",
  "typeVersion" : "1.1",
  "elementDefs" : [
  {
     "ordinal" : 1,
     "value" : "PRE"
  },
  {
     "ordinal" : 2,
     "value" : "POST"
  },
  {
     "ordinal" : 3,
     "value" : "UNKNOWN"
  }
  ]
}
```

```
"category": "ENUM",
"quid": "48bb2f42-745c-4b1b-9491-248326dbe997",
"createTime": 1481872144316,
"updateTime": 1481872144316,
"version": 1,
"name": "creation_order",
"description": "creation_order",
"typeVersion": "1.1",
"elementDefs": [
    "value": "PRE",
    "ordinal": 1
    "value": "POST",
    "ordinal": 2
    "value": "UNKNOWN",
    "ordinal": 3
]
```

6.2.5.1.4. Get Enum Type Definition Using Name

Request:

GET /v2/types/enumdef/name/{name}

Description:

Returns the definition of the Enum type associated with the given name.

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/enumdef/name/{name}")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasEnumDef getEnumDefByName(@PathParam("name") String name) throws
   AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

GET v2/types/enumdef/name/creation_order

Example Response:

6.2.5.1.5. Get Enum Type Definition Using GUID

Request:

```
GET v2/types/enumdef/guid/{guid}
```

Description:

Returns the definition of the Enum type by referencing its GUID.

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/enumdef/guid/{guid}")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasEnumDef getEnumDefByGuid(@PathParam("guid") String guid) throws
   AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

GET v2/types/enumdef/guid/d0c902bf-3872-4192-9208-1e9f21e641dc

Example Response:

6.2.5.1.6. Delete Enum Type Definition Using Name

Request:

DELETE /v2/types/enumdef/name/{name}

Description:

Deletes an Enum type from the Atlas repository by referencing its name.

Method Signature:

```
@DELETE
@Path("/enumdef/name/{name}")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public void deleteEnumDefByName(@PathParam("name") String name) throws
   AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

DELETE /v2/types/enumdef/name/creation_order

6.2.5.1.7. Delete Enum Type Definition Using GUID

Request:

DELETE /v2/types/enumdef/guid/{guid}

Description:

Deletes an Enum type from the Atlas repository by referencing its GUID.

Method Signature:

```
@DELETE
@Path("/enumdef/guid/{guid}")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public void deleteEnumDefByGuid(@PathParam("guid") String guid) throws
   AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

DELETE v2/types/enumdef/guid/d0c902bf-3872-4192-9208-1e9f21e641dc

6.2.5.1.8. Get All Enum Type Definitions

Request:

GET /v2/types/enumdef

Description:

Returns all Enum type definitions.

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/enumdef")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasEnumDefs searchEnumDefs() throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

GET /v2/types/enumdef

```
"list": [
   "category": "ENUM",
   "guid": "b3fd4d06-2a10-4722-9419-8210b00fddd0",
    "createTime": 1480496684400,
    "updateTime": 1480496684400,
    "version": 1,
    "name": "hive_principal_type",
    "description": "hive_principal_type",
    "typeVersion": "1.0",
    "elementDefs": [
        "value": "USER",
        "ordinal": 1
        "value": "ROLE",
        "ordinal": 2
        "value": "GROUP",
        "ordinal": 3
    "category": "ENUM",
```

```
"guid": "2ba8a2e0-63e6-4d5c-bc26-140fa95eb241",
"createTime": 1481884990372,
"updateTime": 1481884990372,
"version": 1,
"name": "creation_order",
"description": "creation_order",
"typeVersion": "1.1",
"elementDefs": [
    "value": "PRE",
    "ordinal": 1
    "value": "POST",
    "ordinal": 2
    "value": "UNKNOWN",
    "ordinal": 3
"category": "ENUM",
"guid": "011fe1e9-78a0-41bb-b7cf-6091a3e40424",
"createTime": 1480496681754,
"updateTime": 1480496681754,
"version": 1,
"name": "file_action",
"description": "file_action",
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"elementDefs": [
    "value": "NONE",
    "ordinal": 0
    "value": "EXECUTE",
    "ordinal": 1
    "value": "WRITE",
    "ordinal": 2
    "value": "WRITE_EXECUTE",
    "ordinal": 3
    "value": "READ",
    "ordinal": 4
    "value": "READ_EXECUTE",
    "ordinal": 5
    "value": "READ_WRITE",
    "ordinal": 6
```

6.2.5.2. Struct Type API

- Base resource name: v2/types/structdef
- Full URL: http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v2/types/structdef

6.2.5.2.1. Register Struct Type

Request:

POST /v2/types/structdef

Description:

This request is used to register a single Struct type with the Atlas type system.

Method Signature:

```
@POST
@Path("/structdef")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasStructDef createStructDef(AtlasStructDef structDef) throws
   AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

POST /v2/types/structdef

Example Request Body:

```
"cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "isIndexable": false,
    "isOptional": false,
    "isUnique": false
}
]
```

Example Response:

```
"category": "STRUCT",
"guid": "9527b5c2-49f7-4e25-bab0-a352d58fc2bf",
"createTime": 1481887151201,
"updateTime": 1481887151201,
"version": 1,
"name": "table_creation_order",
"description": "table_creation_order",
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"attributeDefs": [
    "name": "order",
    "typeName": "int",
    "isOptional": false,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
    "name": "tablename",
    "typeName": "string",
    "isOptional": false,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
]
```

6.2.5.2.2. Get Struct Type Definition Using Name

Request:

```
GET /v2/types/structdef/name/{name}
```

Description:

Returns the definition of the Struct type with the given name.

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/structdef/name/{name}")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasStructDef getStructDefByName(@PathParam("name") String name)
    throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

GET v2/types/structdef/name/table_creation_order

Example Response:

```
"category": "STRUCT",
"guid": "9527b5c2-49f7-4e25-bab0-a352d58fc2bf",
"createTime": 1481887151201,
"updateTime": 1481887151201,
"version": 1,
"name": "table_creation_order",
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"attributeDefs": [
    "name": "order",
    "typeName": "int",
    "isOptional": false,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
    "name": "tablename",
    "typeName": "string",
    "isOptional": false,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
]
```

6.2.5.2.3. Get Struct Type Definition Using GUID

Request:

GET v2/types/structdef/guid/{guid}

Description:

Returns the definition of the Struct type by referencing its GUID.

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/structdef/guid/{guid}")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasStructDef getStructDefByGuid(@PathParam("guid") String guid)
  throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

GET v2/types/structdef/guid/9527b5c2-49f7-4e25-bab0-a352d58fc2bf

Example Response:

```
"category": "STRUCT",
"guid": "9527b5c2-49f7-4e25-bab0-a352d58fc2bf",
"createTime": 1481887151201,
"updateTime": 1481887151201,
"version": 1,
"name": "table_creation_order",
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"attributeDefs": [
    "name": "order",
    "typeName": "int",
    "isOptional": false,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
    "name": "tablename",
    "typeName": "string",
    "isOptional": false,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
1
```

6.2.5.2.4. Update Struct Type Using Name

Request:

PUT /v2/types/structdef/name/{name}

Description:

This request is used to update a Struct type definition by referencing its name.

Method Signature:

```
@PUT
@Path("/structdef/name/{name}")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasStructDef updateStructDefByName(@PathParam("name") String name,
   AtlasStructDef structDef) throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

PUT v2/types/structdef/name/table_creation_order

Example Request Body:

{

```
"name": "table_creation_order",
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"attributeDefs": [
    {
        "name": "order",
        "typeName": "int",
        "cardinality": "SINGLE",
        "isIndexable": false,
        "isOptional": false,
        "isUnique": false
        "name": "tablename",
        "typeName": "string",
        "cardinality": "SINGLE",
        "isIndexable": false,
        "isOptional": false,
        "isUnique": false
     "name": "before_tablename_guid",
        "typeName": "string",
        "cardinality": "SINGLE",
        "isIndexable": false,
        "isOptional": true,
        "isUnique": false
    }
]
```

```
"category": "STRUCT",
"guid": "9527b5c2-49f7-4e25-bab0-a352d58fc2bf",
"createTime": 1481887151201,
"updateTime": 1481887614746,
"version": 2,
"name": "table_creation_order",
"description": "table_creation_order",
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"attributeDefs": [
    "name": "order",
    "typeName": "int",
    "isOptional": false,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
    "name": "tablename",
    "typeName": "string",
    "isOptional": false,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
```

```
"isIndexable": false
},
{
    "name": "before_tablename_guid",
    "typeName": "string",
    "isOptional": true,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 0,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
}
```

6.2.5.2.5. Update Struct Type Using GUID

Request:

PUT /v2/types/structdef/guid/{guid}

Description:

This request is used to update a Struct type by referencing its GUID.

Method Signature:

```
@PUT
@Path("/structdef/guid/{guid}")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasStructDef updateStructDefByGuid(@PathParam("guid") String guid,
    AtlasStructDef structDef) throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

PUT v2/types/structdef/guid/9527b5c2-49f7-4e25-bab0-a352d58fc2bf

```
"category": "STRUCT",
"guid": "9527b5c2-49f7-4e25-bab0-a352d58fc2bf",
"createTime": 1481887151201,
"updateTime": 1481887614746,
"version": 2,
"name": "table_creation_order",
"description": "table_creation_order",
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"attributeDefs": [
    "name": "order",
    "typeName": "int",
    "isOptional": false,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
```

```
"name": "tablename",
    "typeName": "string",
    "isOptional": false,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
    "name": "before_tablename_guid",
    "typeName": "string",
    "isOptional": true,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 0,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
]
```

6.2.5.2.6. Delete Struct Type Definition Using Name

Request:

```
DELETE /v2/types/structdef/name/{name}
```

Description:

Deletes a Struct type definition by referencing its name.

Method Signature:

```
@DELETE
@Path("/structdef/name/{name}")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public void deleteStructDefByName(@PathParam("name") String name) throws
   AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

DELETE v2/types/structdef/name/table_creation_order

6.2.5.2.7. Delete Struct Type Definition Using GUID

Request:

```
DELETE /v2/types/structdef/guid/{guid}
```

Description:

Deletes a Struct type definition by referencing its GUID.

Method Signature:

```
@DELETE
@Path("/structdef/guid/{guid}")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public void deleteStructDefByGuid(@PathParam("guid") String guid) throws
   AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

DELETE v2/types/structdef/guid/9527b5c2-49f7-4e25-bab0-a352d58fc2bf

6.2.5.3. Classification Type API

- Base resource name: v2/types/classificationdef
- Full URL: http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v2/types/classificationdef

6.2.5.3.1. Register Classification Type

Request:

POST /v2/types/classificationdef

Description:

This request is used to register a Classification type with the Atlas type system.

Method Signature:

```
@POST
@Path("/classificationdef")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasClassificationDef createClassificationDef(AtlasClassificationDef classificationDef)
```

Example Request:

POST v2/types/classificationdef

Example Request Body:

Example Response:

```
"category": "CLASSIFICATION",
"guid": "c8011ad1-bf60-4e9c-a77c-b1f947435ece",
"createTime": 1481979168876,
"updateTime": 1481979168876,
"version": 1,
"name": "Secured_Data",
"description": "Secured_Data",
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"attributeDefs": [
    "name": "allowed_groups",
    "typeName": "array<string>",
    "isOptional": true,
    "cardinality": "LIST",
    "valuesMinCount": 0,
    "valuesMaxCount": 2147483647,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": true
 }
],
"superTypes": []
```

6.2.5.3.2. Get Classification Type Definition Using Name

Request:

GET /v2/types/classificationdef/name/{name}

Description:

Returns the definition of the Classification type with the given name.

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/classificationdef/name/{name}")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasClassificationDef getClassificationDefByName(@PathParam("name")
    String name) throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

GET v2/types/classificationdef/name/Secured_Data

```
"category": "CLASSIFICATION",
"guid": "c8011ad1-bf60-4e9c-a77c-b1f947435ece",
"createTime": 1481979168876,
"updateTime": 1481979168876,
"version": 1,
"name": "Secured_Data",
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"attributeDefs": [
```

```
{
    "name": "allowed_groups",
    "typeName": "array<string>",
    "isOptional": true,
    "cardinality": "LIST",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": true
    }
],
    "superTypes": []
```

6.2.5.3.3. Get Classification Type Definition Using GUID

Request:

GET /v2/types/classificationdef/guid/{guid}

Description:

Returns the definition of the Classification type by referencing its GUID.

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/classificationdef/guid/{guid}")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasClassificationDef getClassificationDefByGuid(@PathParam("guid")
    String guid) throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

GET_v2/types/classificationdef/guid/c8011ad1-bf60-4e9c-a77c-b1f947435ece

```
"category": "CLASSIFICATION",
"guid": "c8011ad1-bf60-4e9c-a77c-b1f947435ece",
"createTime": 1481979168876,
"updateTime": 1481979168876,
"version": 1,
"name": "Secured_Data",
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"attributeDefs": [
    "name": "allowed_groups",
    "typeName": "array<string>",
    "isOptional": true,
    "cardinality": "LIST",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": true
],
"superTypes": []
```

6.2.5.3.4. Update Classification Type Using Name

Request:

PUT /v2/types/classificationdef/name/{name}

Description:

This request is used to update a Classification type definition by referencing its name.

Method Signature:

```
@PUT
@Path("/classificationdef/name/{name}")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasClassificationDef updateClassificationDefByName(@PathParam("name")
    String name, AtlasClassificationDef classificationDef)throws
    AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

PUT /v2/types/name/Secured_Data

Example Request Body:

```
"name": "Secured_Data",
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"superTypes" : [],
"attributeDefs": [
        "name": "allowed_groups",
        "typeName": "array<string>",
        "cardinality": "LIST",
        "isIndexable": true,
        "isOptional": true,
        "isUnique": false
        "name": "partial_access_group",
        "typeName": "array<string>",
        "cardinality": "LIST",
        "isIndexable": true,
        "isOptional": true,
        "isUnique": false
]
```

```
{
  "category": "CLASSIFICATION",
  "guid": "c801lad1-bf60-4e9c-a77c-b1f947435ece",
  "createTime": 1481979168876,
  "updateTime": 1482124162350,
  "version": 3,
  "name": "Secured_Data",
```

```
"description": "Secured_Data",
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"attributeDefs": [
    "name": "allowed_groups",
    "typeName": "array<string>",
    "isOptional": true,
    "cardinality": "LIST",
    "valuesMinCount": 0,
    "valuesMaxCount": 2147483647,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": true
    "name": "partial_access_group",
    "typeName": "array<string>",
    "isOptional": true,
    "cardinality": "LIST",
    "valuesMinCount": 0,
    "valuesMaxCount": 2147483647,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": true
],
"superTypes": []
```

6.2.5.3.5. Update Classification Type Using GUID

Request:

PUT /v2/types/classificationdef/guid/{guid}

Description:

This request is used to update a Classification type by referencing its GUID.

Method Signature:

```
@PUT
@Path("/classificationdef/guid/{guid}")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasClassificationDef updateClassificationDefByGuid(@PathParam("guid")
   String guid, AtlasClassificationDef classificationDef) throws
   AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

PUT /v2/types/guid/c8011ad1-bf60-4e9c-a77c-b1f947435ece

```
{
   "category": "CLASSIFICATION",
   "guid": "c8011ad1-bf60-4e9c-a77c-b1f947435ece",
   "createTime": 1481979168876,
   "updateTime": 1482124162350,
   "version": 3,
```

```
"name": "Secured_Data",
"description": "Secured_Data",
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"attributeDefs": [
    "name": "allowed_groups",
    "typeName": "array<string>",
    "isOptional": true,
    "cardinality": "LIST",
    "valuesMinCount": 0,
    "valuesMaxCount": 2147483647,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": true
    "name": "partial_access_group",
    "typeName": "array<string>",
    "isOptional": true,
    "cardinality": "LIST",
    "valuesMinCount": 0,
    "valuesMaxCount": 2147483647,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": true
],
"superTypes": []
```

6.2.5.3.6. Delete Classification Type Definition Using Name

Request:

DELETE /v2/types/classificationdef/name/{name}

Description:

Deletes a Classification type definition by referencing its name.

Method Signature:

```
@DELETE
@Path("/classificationdef/name/{name}")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public void deleteClassificationDefByName(@PathParam("name") String name)
  throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

DELETE /v2/types/classificationdef/name/Secured_Data

6.2.5.3.7. Delete Classification Type Definition Using GUID

Request:

DELETE /v2/types/classificationdef/guid/{guid}

Description:

Deletes a Classification type definition by referencing its GUID.

Method Signature:

```
@DELETE
@Path("/classificationdef/guid/{guid}")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public void deleteClassificationDefByGuid(@PathParam("guid") String guid)
  throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

DELETE /v2/types/classificationdef/quid/c8011ad1-bf60-4e9c-a77c-b1f947435ece

6.2.5.3.8. Get All Classification Type Definitions

Request:

GET /v2/types/classificationdef

Description:

Returns all Classification type definitions.

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/classificationdef")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasClassificationDefs searchClassificationDefs() throws
   AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

GET /v2/types/classificationdef

```
"list": [
    "category": "CLASSIFICATION",
    "guid": "4697914e-fa53-4776-a54a-1deadf8f477f",
    "createTime": 1480595851386,
    "updateTime": 1480595851386,
    "version": 1,
    "name": "Data",
    "description": "kmf",
    "typeVersion": "1.0",
    "attributeDefs": [],
    "superTypes": []
    "category": "CLASSIFICATION",
    "quid": "c8011ad1-bf60-4e9c-a77c-b1f947435ece",
    "createTime": 1481979168876,
    "updateTime": 1482124162350,
    "version": 3,
    "name": "Secured_Data",
    "description": "Secured_Data",
    "typeVersion": "1.0",
```

```
"attributeDefs": [
        "name": "allowed_groups",
        "typeName": "array<string>",
        "isOptional": true,
        "cardinality": "LIST",
        "valuesMinCount": 0,
        "valuesMaxCount": 2147483647,
        "isUnique": false,
        "isIndexable": true
        "name": "partial_access_group",
        "typeName": "array<string>",
        "isOptional": true,
        "cardinality": "LIST",
        "valuesMinCount": 0,
        "valuesMaxCount": 2147483647,
        "isUnique": false,
        "isIndexable": true
    ],
    "superTypes": []
    "category": "CLASSIFICATION",
    "guid": "0c2edbcc-c993-4071-95b0-4e831d1cca49",
    "createTime": 1480595843527,
    "updateTime": 1480595843527,
    "version": 1,
    "name": "PII",
    "description": "secure",
    "typeVersion": "1.0",
    "attributeDefs": [],
    "superTypes": []
 }
],
"startIndex": 0,
"pageSize": 3,
"totalCount": 3,
"sortType": "NONE"
```

6.2.5.4. Entity Type API

- Base resource name: v2/types/entitydef
- Full URL: http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v2/types/ entitydef

6.2.5.4.1. Register Entity Type

Request:

POST /v2/types/entitydef

Description:

This request is used to register an Entity type with the Atlas type system.

Method Signature:

```
@POST
@Path("/entitydef")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasEntityDef createEntityDef(AtlasEntityDef entityDef) throws
   AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

POST /v2/types/entitydef

Example Request Body:

```
"name": "spark_dataframe",
"superTypes": [
   "DataSet"
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"attributeDefs": [
        "name": "source",
        "typeName": "string",
        "cardinality": "SINGLE",
        "isIndexable": false,
        "isOptional": false,
        "isUnique": false
        "name": "destination",
        "typeName": "string",
        "cardinality": "SINGLE",
        "isIndexable": false,
        "isOptional": true,
        "isUnique": false
]
```

```
"isIndexable": false
},
{
    "name": "destination",
    "typeName": "string",
    "isOptional": true,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
}
],
"superTypes": [
    "DataSet"
]
```

6.2.5.4.2. Get Entity Type Definition Using Name

Request:

```
GET /v2/types/entitydef/name/{name}
```

Description:

Returns the definition of the Entity type with the given name.

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/entitydef/name/{name}")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasEntityDef getEntityDefByName(@PathParam("name") String name)
  throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

GET /v2/types/entitydef/name/spark_dataframe

```
"isIndexable": false
},
{
    "name": "destination",
    "typeName": "string",
    "isOptional": true,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
}
],
"superTypes": [
    "DataSet"
]
```

6.2.5.4.3. Get Entity Type Definition Using GUID

Request:

```
GET /v2/types/entitydef/guid/{guid}
```

Description:

Returns the definition of the Entity type by referencing its GUID.

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/entitydef/guid/{guid}")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasEnityDef getEntityDefByGuid(@PathParam("guid") String guid) throws
   AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

GET /v2/types/entitydef/guid/fd47c0e9-7a06-488a-9831-8ebc92d7f332

```
"isIndexable": false
},
{
    "name": "destination",
    "typeName": "string",
    "isOptional": true,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
}
],
    "superTypes": [
    "DataSet"
]
```

6.2.5.4.4. Update Entity Type Using Name

Request:

```
PUT /v2/types/entitydef/name/{name}
```

Description:

This request is used to update an Entity type definition by referencing its name.

Method Signature:

```
@PUT
@Path("/entitydef/name/{name}")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Experimental
public AtlasEntityDef updateEntityDefByName(@PathParam("name") String name,
AtlasEntityDef entityDef) throws Exception {
```

Example Request:

PUT /v2/types/entitydef/name/spark_dataframe

Example Request Body:

```
{
    "name": "spark_dataframe",
    "superTypes": [
        "DataSet"
],
    "typeVersion": "1.0",
    "attributeDefs": [
        {
            "name": "source",
            "typeName": "string",
            "cardinality": "SINGLE",
            "isIndexable": false,
            "isOptional": false,
            "isUnique": false
        },
        {
            "isUnique": false
        },
        {
            "isUnique": false
        },
        }
    }
}
```

```
"name": "destination",
    "typeName": "string",
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "isIndexable": false,
    "isOptional": true,
    "isUnique": false
},
{
    "name": "num_partitions",
        "typeName": "int",
        "cardinality": "SINGLE",
        "isIndexable": false,
        "isOptional": true,
        "isUnique": false
}
```

```
"category": "ENTITY",
"guid": "fd47c0e9-7a06-488a-9831-8ebc92d7f332",
"createTime": 1482130414242,
"updateTime": 1482135739983,
"version": 2,
"name": "spark_dataframe",
"description": "spark_dataframe",
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"attributeDefs": [
  {
   "name": "source",
    "typeName": "string",
    "isOptional": false,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
    "name": "destination",
    "typeName": "string",
    "isOptional": true,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 0,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
    "name": "num_partitions",
    "typeName": "int",
    "isOptional": true,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 0,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
```

```
],
"superTypes": [
"DataSet"
]
}
```

6.2.5.4.5. Update Entity Type Using GUID

Request:

PUT /v2/types/entitydef/guid/{guid}

Description:

This request is used to update an Entity type by referencing its GUID.

Method Signature:

Example Request:

PUT /v2/types/entitydef/guid/fd47c0e9-7a06-488a-9831-8ebc92d7f332

```
"category": "ENTITY",
"guid": "fd47c0e9-7a06-488a-9831-8ebc92d7f332",
"createTime": 1482130414242,
"updateTime": 1482135739983,
"version": 2,
"name": "spark_dataframe",
"description": "spark_dataframe",
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"attributeDefs": [
    "name": "source",
    "typeName": "string",
    "isOptional": false,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
    "name": "destination",
    "typeName": "string",
    "isOptional": true,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 0,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
```

```
"isIndexable": false
},
{
    "name": "num_partitions",
    "typeName": "int",
    "isOptional": true,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 0,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
}
],
    "superTypes": [
    "DataSet"
]
```

6.2.5.4.6. Delete Entity Type Definition Using Name

Request:

```
DELETE /v2/types/entitydef/name/{name}
```

Description:

Deletes an Entity type definition by referencing its name.

Method Signature:

```
@DELETE
@Path("/entitydef/name/{name}")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Experimental
public void deleteEntityDef(@PathParam("name") String name) throws Exception
{
```

Example Request:

DELETE /v2/types/entitydef/name/spark_dataframe

6.2.5.4.7. Delete Entity Type Definition Using GUID

Request:

```
DELETE /v2/types/entitydef/guid/{guid}
```

Description:

Deletes an Entity type definition by referencing its GUID.

Method Signature:

Example Request:

DELETE /v2/types/entitydef/guid/fd47c0e9-7a06-488a-9831-8ebc92d7f332

6.2.5.4.8. Get All Entity Type Definitions

Request:

GET /v2/types/entitydef

Description:

Returns all Entity type definitions.

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/entitydef")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasEntityDefs searchEntityDefs() throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

GET /v2/types/entitydef

Example Response:

This request returns an extremely long response – not shown here due to space constraints.

6.2.5.5. Bulk Type System API

- Base resource name: v2/types/typedefs
- Full URL: http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v2/types/typedefsf

6.2.5.5.1. Get Entity Type Definition Headers

Request:

GET /v2/types/typedefs/headers

Description:

Returns headers (with minimal information) for all type definitions.

Method Signature:

```
@GET

@Path("/typedefs/headers")

@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)

public List<AtlasTypeDefHeader> getTypeDefHeaders() throws AtlasBaseException

{
```

Example Request:

GET v2/types/typedefs/headers

```
"guid": "b3fd4d06-2a10-4722-9419-8210b00fddd0",
"name": "hive_principal_type",
"category": "ENUM"
"guid": "c5642d55-9f8e-45b1-b4a9-709c97b46233",
"name": "creation_order1",
"category": "ENUM"
"guid": "2ba8a2e0-63e6-4d5c-bc26-140fa95eb241",
"name": "creation_order",
"category": "ENUM"
"guid": "011fe1e9-78a0-41bb-b7cf-6091a3e40424",
"name": "file_action",
"category": "ENUM"
"guid": "a9547d7a-bee1-49af-a4f0-fcd8a128091f",
"name": "hive_order",
"category": "STRUCT"
"quid": "18114653-958d-41c2-ac2c-5f7f5b5d181d",
"name": "hive_serde",
"category": "STRUCT"
"quid": "191c0a7a-e4e7-4fac-9f60-d08b54c34ecb",
"name": "fs_permissions",
"category": "STRUCT"
"guid": "63d0755e-8e54-4f5f-9266-fa8d5df20969",
"name": "creation_order2",
"category": "STRUCT"
"guid": "4697914e-fa53-4776-a54a-1deadf8f477f",
"name": "Data",
"category": "CLASSIFICATION"
"guid": "c8011ad1-bf60-4e9c-a77c-b1f947435ece",
"name": "Secured_Data",
"category": "CLASSIFICATION"
"guid": "0c2edbcc-c993-4071-95b0-4e831d1cca49",
"name": "PII",
"category": "CLASSIFICATION"
```

```
"quid": "be6f7de1-73f6-41c4-b73d-96bc7840c0a4",
"name": "hive_column_lineage",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "1c4699e8-d441-45f4-a5ef-49663d7bdaf1",
"name": "Asset",
"category": "ENTITY"
"quid": "0402c8c7-b052-4299-a38b-337b3a16aa8c",
"name": "DataSet",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "8e9478a6-9d07-4775-a3af-5090367caba4",
"name": "hive_process",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "30a85b88-ea84-4cc7-b8e2-e63f6ca053cd",
"name": "storm_bolt",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "9694b576-b93a-4a06-90b5-84df684d9387",
"name": "hdfs_path",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "e703d827-9974-4e83-a310-b412992f56f1",
"name": "falcon_cluster",
"category": "ENTITY"
"quid": "f88a3b11-0049-4fed-9c2a-7e453610e395",
"name": "storm_spout",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "fd47c0e9-7a06-488a-9831-8ebc92d7f332",
"name": "spark_dataframe",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "60c93610-36d4-4e93-8e0d-98c26f387ac8",
"name": "sqoop_process",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "5ed52a18-9053-47eb-808b-15078f0660fd",
"name": "Infrastructure",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "7b6e53bd-1fd7-4952-bb27-b81feb8e1b5f",
"name": "Referenceable",
"category": "ENTITY"
```

```
"quid": "cac1bf5b-0212-4655-885e-0343ef716776",
"name": "falcon_feed_replication",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "fd9f7e57-5335-44b0-acd0-85fb89d97616",
"name": "Process",
"category": "ENTITY"
"quid": "3f6671de-5fd9-4057-a2f4-1a4dc5e85674",
"name": "falcon_feed_creation",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "64f91e28-9194-4146-8894-415677a0a12b",
"name": "storm_topology",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "3cacd545-d31a-4c95-ae76-ebb674a27486",
"name": "kafka_topic",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "a8514f62-9bd6-4457-960e-95a32b92757d",
"name": "hive_table",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "1280de4a-6187-43b2-b32b-2f742cbd5ffa",
"name": "hive_storagedesc",
"category": "ENTITY"
"quid": "a26eec40-d6df-456a-9dbc-06c942822a4e",
"name": "sqoop_dbdatastore",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "6a417c47-1f3e-4f7e-b0b5-f26c85a238c5",
"name": "hbase_table",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "904f79d3-725a-4385-8124-75c0b7d937ec",
"name": "hive_db",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "b15ff0e3-da16-489d-b0ae-7ca903f7421b",
"name": "jms_topic",
"category": "ENTITY"
"guid": "441137db-4758-4c00-ae1b-5a5e5079a8ef",
"name": "hbase_namespace",
"category": "ENTITY"
```

```
{
    "guid": "bba56230-ed46-4311-a481-d4686d06b1d2",
    "name": "storm_node",
    "category": "ENTITY"
},
{
    "guid": "ee9cb57d-66b1-4568-9294-c9e779ecb054",
    "name": "fs_path",
    "category": "ENTITY"
},
{
    "guid": "d9c84e2b-d014-48a5-b294-93b10b9cb68a",
    "name": "hive_column",
    "category": "ENTITY"
},
{
    "guid": "9bfce300-1b70-4b6c-9a7c-edf9cedee0d2",
    "name": "falcon_feed",
    "category": "ENTITY"
},
{
    "guid": "b57449c9-cd6f-4969-b334-9337739b69b8",
    "name": "falcon_process",
    "category": "ENTITY"
}
```

6.2.5.5.2. Get All Type Definitions

Request:

GET /v2/types/typedefs

Description:

Returns the complete definition of all types.

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/typedefs")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasTypesDef getAllTypeDefs() throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

GET /v2/types/typedefs

Example Response:

This request returns an extremely long response – not shown here due to space constraints.

6.2.5.5.3. Bulk Create Type Definitions

Request:

POST /v2/types/typedefs

Description:

Bulk creates Atlas type definitions. Only new definitions are created. Any changes to existing definitions are ignored.

Method Signature:

```
@POST
@Path("/typedefs")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasTypesDef createAtlasTypeDefs(final AtlasTypesDef typesDef) throws
   AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

POST /v2/types/typedefs

Example Request Body:

```
"enumDefs" : [],
 "structDefs" : [],
 "classificationDefs": [],
 "entityDefs" : [{
    "name": "spark_mysql_dataframe",
    "superTypes": [
        "DataSet",
        "spark_dataframe"
    "typeVersion": "1.0",
    "attributeDefs": [
            "name": "database_url",
            "typeName": "string",
            "cardinality": "SINGLE",
            "isIndexable": false,
            "isOptional": false,
            "isUnique": false
    ]
}]
```

```
{
   "enumDefs": [],
   "structDefs": [],
   "classificationDefs": [],
   "entityDefs": [
      {
        "category": "ENTITY",
        "guid": "30690807-ddec-432d-8641-8199e8cd57de",
        "createTime": 1482138649298,
        "updateTime": 1482138649298,
        "version": 1,
        "name": "spark_mysql_dataframe",
        "description": "spark_mysql_dataframe",
        "typeVersion": "1.0",
        "attributeDefs": [
```

```
{
    "name": "database_url",
    "typeName": "string",
    "isOptional": false,
    "cardinality": "SINGLE",
    "valuesMinCount": 1,
    "valuesMaxCount": 1,
    "isUnique": false,
    "isIndexable": false
}
],
    "superTypes": [
    "DataSet",
    "spark_dataframe"
]
}
```

6.2.5.5.4. Bulk Update Type Definitions

Request:

PUT /v2/types/typedefs

Description:

Bulk updates all Atlas type definitions. Changes to existing definitions are persisted.

Method Signature:

```
@PUT
@Path("/typedefs")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Experimental
public AtlasTypesDef updateAtlasTypeDefs(final AtlasTypesDef typesDef) throws
Exception {
```

Example Request:

In this example we add one more attribute to the <code>spark_mysql_dataframe</code> type that we registered in the POST request in the previous section.

PUT /v2/types/typedefs

Example Request Body:

```
{
"enumDefs" : [],
"structDefs" : [],
"classificationDefs": [],
"entityDefs" : [{
   "name": "spark_mysql_dataframe",
   "superTypes": [
        "DataSet",
        "spark_dataframe"
],
"typeVersion": "1.0",
```

```
"enumDefs": [],
"structDefs": [],
"classificationDefs": [],
"entityDefs": [
    "category": "ENTITY",
    "guid": "30690807-ddec-432d-8641-8199e8cd57de",
    "createTime": 1482138649298,
    "updateTime": 1482140154378,
    "version": 2,
    "name": "spark_mysql_dataframe",
    "description": "spark_mysql_dataframe",
    "typeVersion": "1.0",
    "attributeDefs": [
        "name": "database_url",
        "typeName": "string",
        "isOptional": false,
        "cardinality": "SINGLE",
        "valuesMinCount": 1,
        "valuesMaxCount": 1,
        "isUnique": false,
        "isIndexable": false
        "name": "instance_size",
        "typeName": "string",
        "isOptional": true,
        "cardinality": "SINGLE",
        "valuesMinCount": 0,
        "valuesMaxCount": 1,
        "isUnique": false,
        "isIndexable": false
    ],
    "superTypes": [
```

6.2.5.5.5. Bulk Delete Type Definitions

Request:

```
DELETE /v2/types/typedefs
```

Description:

Bulk deletes all Atlas type definitions provided in the request body.

Method Signature:

```
@DELETE
@Path("/typedefs")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Experimental
public void deleteAtlasTypeDefs(final AtlasTypesDef typesDef) {
```

Example Request:

DELETE /v2/types/typedefs

Example Request Body:

```
"enumDefs" : [],
"structDefs" : [],
"classificationDefs": [],
"entityDefs" : [{
"name": "spark_mysql_dataframe",
"superTypes": [
   "DataSet",
    "spark_dataframe"
"typeVersion": "1.0",
"attributeDefs": [
        "name": "database_url",
        "typeName": "string",
        "cardinality": "SINGLE",
        "isIndexable": false,
        "isOptional": false,
        "isUnique": false
    },
     "name" : "instance_size",
     "typeName": "string",
        "cardinality": "SINGLE",
        "isIndexable": false,
        "isOptional": true,
        "isUnique": false
```

```
}
1
}1
}1
```

6.2.6. Atlas Entity API

Summary:

These API endpoints can be used to create, read, update, and delete a single entity.

- Base resource name: v2/entity
- Full URL: http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v2/entity

6.2.6.1. Create or Update a Single Entity

Request:

```
POST v2/entity
```

Description:

Create or update a single entity.

Method Signature:

```
@POST

@Consumes({Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE, MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON})

@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)

public EntityMutationResponse createOrUpdate(final AtlasEntity entity) throws

AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

This example request creates a spark_dataframe entity type.

```
PUT /v2/entity/
```

Example Request Body:

Example Response:

6.2.6.2. Update Entity Using GUID

Request:

```
PUT /v2/entity/guid/{guid}
```

Description:

This request is used to update an Entity by referencing its GUID.

Method Signature:

```
@PUT
@Path("guid/{guid}")
@Consumes({Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE, MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON})
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public EntityMutationResponse updateByGuid(@PathParam("guid") String guid,
   AtlasEntity entity, @DefaultValue("false") @QueryParam("partialUpdate")
   boolean partialUpdate) throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

PUT /v2/entity/guid/b42350c8-665b-4ff9-bdb5-16cf432412f7

Example Request Body:

```
{
  "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
  "attributes" : {

     "qualifiedName" : "spark_dataframe_qualifiedName",
     "name" : "spark_dataframe_entity",
     "source" : "/new/source/path",
     "destination" : "/new/destination/path"
},
  "classifications": [
]
```

6.2.6.3. Get Entity Definition Using GUID

Request:

GET v2/entity/guid/{guid}

Description:

Returns an Entity definition by referencing its GUID.

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/guid/{guid}")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasEntity getById(@PathParam("guid") String guid) throws
   AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

GET v2/entity/guid/b42350c8-665b-4ff9-bdb5-16cf432412f7

Example Response:

```
{
  "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
  "attributes": {
     "source": "/new/source/path",
     "description": null,
     "qualifiedName": "spark_dataframe_qualifiedName",
     "name": "spark_dataframe_entity",
     "owner": null,
     "destination": "/new/destination/path"
},
  "guid": "b42350c8-665b-4ff9-bdb5-16cf432412f7"
}
```

6.2.6.4. Get Entity Definition and Associations Using GUID

Request:

GET v2/entity/guid/{guid}/associations

Description:

Returns an Entity definition and all of its associations, such as classifications and terms, by referencing its GUID.

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/guid/{guid}/associations")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasEntityWithAssociations
  getWithAssociationsByGuid(@PathParam("guid") String guid) throws
  AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

GET v2/entity/guid/b42350c8-665b-4ff9-bdb5-16cf432412f7/associations

Example Response:

```
{
  "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
  "attributes": {
     "source": "/new/source/path",
     "description": null,
     "qualifiedName": "spark_dataframe_qualifiedName",
     "name": "spark_dataframe_entity",
     "owner": null,
     "destination": "/new/destination/path"
},
  "guid": "b42350c8-665b-4ff9-bdb5-16cf432412f7"
}
```

6.2.6.5. Delete Entity Using GUID

Request:

DELETE /v2/entity/guid/{guid}

Description:

Deletes an Entity by referencing its GUID.

Method Signature:

```
@DELETE
@Path("guid/{guid}")
@Consumes({Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE, MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON})
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public EntityMutationResponse deleteByGuid(@PathParam("guid") final String
    guid) throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

DELETE v2/entity/guid/b42350c8-665b-4ff9-bdb5-16cf432412f7

6.2.6.6. Update a Subset of Entity Attributes

Request:

PUT /v2/entity/uniqueAttribute/type/{typeName}/attribute/{attrName}

Description:

Updates a subset of attributes based on Entity type and a unique attribute, such as Referenceable.qualifiedName. Null updates are not allowed.

Method Signature:

Example Request:

PUT v2/entity/uniqueAttribute/type/spark_dataframe/attribute/qualifiedName? value=spark_dataframe_qualifiedName

Example Request Body:

```
{
  "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
  "attributes" : {

    "qualifiedName" : "spark_dataframe_qualifiedName",
    "name" : "spark_dataframe_entity",
    "source" : "/new/source/path",
    "destination" : "/new/destination/path"
},
  "classifications": [
]
```

Example Response:

6.2.6.7. Delete Entity Using Type and Unique Attribute

Request:

DELETE /v2/entity/uniqueAttribute/type/{typeName}/attribute/{attrName}

Description:

Deletes an Entity referenced by an Entity type and a unique attribute, such as Referenceable.qualifiedName.

Method Signature:

Example Request:

DELETE v2/entity/uniqueAttribute/type/spark_dataframe/attribute/qualifiedName? value=spark_dataframe_qualifiedName

Example Response:

6.2.6.8. Get Entity Definition Using Type and Unique Attribute

Request:

```
GET /v2/entity/uniqueAttribute/type/{typeName}/attribute/{attrName}
```

Description:

Returns an Entity definition by referencing its Entity type and a unique attribute, such as Referenceable.qualifiedName.

Method Signature:

Example Request:

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} \tt GET & v2/entity/uniqueAttribute/type/spark_dataframe/attribute/qualifiedName? \\ \tt value=spark_dataframe_qualifiedName \\ \end{tabular}$

Example Response:

```
{
  "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
  "attributes": {
      "source": "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/source",
      "description": null,
      "qualifiedName": "spark_dataframe_qualifiedName",
      "name": "spark_dataframe_entity",
      "owner": null,
      "destination": "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/destination"
    },
    "guid": "6fe47044-04f8-4bb1-9abf-765d7a5ada2a"
}
```

6.2.6.9. Add Classifications to an Entity Referenced by GUID

Request:

POST v2/entity/guid/{guid}/classifications

Description:

Adds classifications to an Entity referenced by its GUID.

Method Signature:

```
@POST
@Path("/guid/{guid}/classifications")
@Consumes({Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE, MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON})
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public void addClassifications(@PathParam("guid") final String guid,
    List<AtlasClassification> classifications) throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

POST v2/entity/guid/6fe47044-04f8-4bb1-9abf-765d7a5ada2a/classifications

Example Request Body:

6.2.6.10. Update Entity Classifications Referenced by GUID

Request:

PUT v2/entity/guid/{guid}/classifications

Description:

Updates one or more classifications of an Entity referenced by its GUID.

Method Signature:

```
@PUT
@Path("/guid/{guid}/classifications")
@Consumes({Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE, MediaType.APPLICATION_JSON})
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public void updateClassifications(@PathParam("guid") final String guid,
   List<AtlasClassification> classifications) throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

PUT v2/entity/guid/6fe47044-04f8-4bb1-9abf-765d7a5ada2a/classifications

Example Request Body:

6.2.6.11. Get Entity Classifications Using GUID

Request:

GET v2/entity/guid/{guid}/classifications

Description:

Returns the classifications of an Entity referenced by its GUID.

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/guid/{guid}/classifications")
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasClassification.AtlasClassifications
   getClassifications(@PathParam("guid") String guid) throws AtlasBaseException
   {
```

Example Request:

GET v2/entity/guid/6fe47044-04f8-4bb1-9abf-765d7a5ada2a/classifications

Example Response:

GET_v2/entity/guid/6fe47044-04f8-4bb1-9abf-765d7a5ada2a/classifications

6.2.6.12. Delete Entity Classification Using GUID

Request:

DELETE v2/entity/guid/{guid}/classification/PII

Description:

Deletes a given classification of an Entity referenced by its GUID.

Method Signature:

Example Request:

DELETE v2/entity/guid/6fe47044-04f8-4bb1-9abf-765d7a5ada2a/classification/PII

Example Response:

After running the DELETE, the following GET:

GET v2/entity/guid/6fe47044-04f8-4bb1-9abf-765d7a5ada2a/classifications

Returns the following response:

```
{
  "list": [
      {
         "typeName": "Secure"
      }
],
  "startIndex": 0,
  "pageSize": 0,
  "totalCount": 0
}
```

6.2.7. Atlas Entities API

You can use the Atlas Entities API to create, read, update, and delete multiple entities with a single request.

Summary:

- Base resource name: v2/entities
- Full URL: http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v2/entities

6.2.7.1. Create or Update Entities

Request:

POST /v2/entities

Description:

Creates new entities or updates existing entities. An existing entity is referenced by its GUID or by a unique attribute such as qualifiedName. Any associations such as Classifications or Business Terms must be assigned using the applicable API.

Method Signature:

```
@POST
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public EntityMutationResponse createOrUpdate(List<AtlasEntity> entities)
throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

POST /v2/entities

Example Request Body:

The body for this POST request registers multiple spark dataframe entities.

```
[{
    "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
    "attributes" : {
        "qualifiedName" : "dataframe_jobID_1234",
        "name" : "dataframe_1",
        "source" : "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/source_1",
    "destination" : "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/destination_1"
    },
    "classifications": [
    ]
},
{
```

Example Response:

6.2.7.2. Update Entities

Request:

PUT /v2/entities

Description:

Updates the specified entities. Any associations such as Classifications or Business Terms must be assigned using the applicable API. Null updates are supported, for example, setting optional attributes to Null.

Method Signature:

```
@PUT
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public EntityMutationResponse update(List<AtlasEntity> entities) throws
AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

PUT /v2/entities

Example Request Body:

```
"typeName": "spark_dataframe",
  "attributes" : {
     "qualifiedName" : "dataframe_jobID_1234",
     "name" : "updated_dataframe_1",
    "source" : "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/source_1",
    "destination" : "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/destination_1"
  "classifications": [
  "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
  "attributes" : {
     "qualifiedName" : "dataframe_jobID_9349",
     "name" : "updated_dataframe_2",
    "source" : "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/source_2",
    "destination" : "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/destination_2"
 },
  "classifications": [
 ]
```

Example Response:

6.2.7.3. Get Entities Definitions

Request:

GET /v2/entities/guids?guid=list<guid>

Description:

Returns the Entity definitions referenced by the GUIDs passed in the request.

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/guids")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasEntity.AtlasEntities getById(@QueryParam("guid") List<String>
    guids) throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

```
GET v2/entities/guids?guid=fbe78388-0eed-4439-b738-5fd1a2f9db68&guid=fbe78388-0eed-4439-b738-5fd1a2f9db68
```

Example Response:

```
"list": [
      "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
      "attributes": {
       "source": "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/source_1",
        "description": null,
        "qualifiedName": "dataframe_jobID_1234",
        "name": "updated_dataframe_1",
        "owner": null,
        "destination": "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/destination 1"
      },
      "quid": "4d6e5368-609a-4ba9-9153-6dcf4759de0a"
      "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
      "attributes": {
       "source": "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/source_2",
        "description": null,
        "qualifiedName": "dataframe_jobID_9349",
        "name": "updated_dataframe_2",
        "owner": null,
        "destination": "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/destination_2"
      },
      "quid": "fbe78388-0eed-4439-b738-5fd1a2f9db68"
   }
 ],
 "startIndex": 0,
  "pageSize": 0,
  "totalCount": 0
```

6.2.7.4. Delete Entities

Request:

```
DELETE /v2/entities/guids?guid=list<guid>
```

Description:

Deletes the entities referenced by the GUIDs passed in the request.

Method Signature:

```
@DELETE
@Path("/guids")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public EntityMutationResponse deleteById(@QueryParam("guid") final
  List<String> guids) throws AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

DELETE /v2/entities/guids?guid=4d6e5368-609a-4ba9-9153-6dcf4759de0a&guid=fbe78388-0eed-4439-b738-5fdla2f9db68

Example Response:

6.2.8. Atlas Lineage API

In the previous section we registered a spark_dataframe type. In this section we will use a spark_dataframe type in order to describe the Atlas Lineage API.

We will start by registering a spark_transformation type. As the name suggests, a spark_transformation symbolizes a transformation of a spark_dataframe. The spark_transformation type extends the Process type.

POST /v2/types/entitydef

```
{
  "category" : "ENTITY",
  "name" : "spark_transformation",
  "superTypes" : [
     "Process"
],
  "typeVersion" : "1.0",
  "attributeDefs" : [
     {
         "name" : "parallelism",
         "typeName" : "int",
         "cardinality" : "SINGLE",
         "isIndexable" : false,
         "isOptional" : true,
         "isUnique" : false
     }
]
```

Next we will create two spark_dataframe entities:

```
POST /v2/entity/
{
    "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
    "attributes" : {
        "qualifiedName" : "source_dataframe@clusterName",
        "name" : "source_dataframe",
        "source" : "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/source",
        "destination" : "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/destination"
    },
    "classifications": [
    ]
}
```

```
POST /v2/entity/

{
    "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
    "attributes" : {
        "qualifiedName" : "destination_dataframe@clusterName",
        "name" : "destination_dataframe",
        "source" : "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/source_2",
        "destination" : "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/destination_2"
    },
    "classifications": [
    ]
}
```

Next we will register a spark_transformation entity, which will establish a relationship between the two spark_dataframe entities:

POST /v2/entity/

Request Body:

```
"typeName": "spark_transformation",
  "attributes" : {
    "qualifiedName" : "spark_process_id_24343324",
    "name" : "spark_process",
  "parallelism" : "10",
  "inputs" : [
        "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
        "attributes": {
          "source": "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/source",
          "description": null,
          "qualifiedName": "source_dataframe@clusterName",
          "name": "source_dataframe",
          "owner": null,
          "destination": "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/
hive/warehouse/destination"
        },
        "guid": "c94d8450-6d59-4cd1-8732-863286387c7d"
```

```
],
    "outputs" : [
      "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
      "attributes": {
        "source": "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/source_2",
        "description": null,
        "qualifiedName": "destination_dataframe@clusterName",
        "name": "destination_dataframe",
        "owner": null,
        "destination": "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/destination_2"
      "guid": "86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0"
  ]
  },
  "classifications": [
 ]
```

Response:

Now we can use the Lineage API to retrieve the lineage information of the spark_dataframe:

Method Signature:

```
@GET
@Path("/{guid}")
@Consumes(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
@Produces(Servlets.JSON_MEDIA_TYPE)
public AtlasLineageInfo getLineageGraph(@PathParam("guid") String guid,
@QueryParam("direction") @DefaultValue(DEFAULT_DIRECTION) LineageDirection direction,
@QueryParam("depth") @DefaultValue(DEFAULT_DEPTH) int depth) throws
AtlasBaseException {
```

Example Request:

GET v2/lineage/c94d8450-6d59-4cd1-8732-863286387c7d

```
{
  "baseEntityGuid": "c94d8450-6d59-4cd1-8732-863286387c7d",
  "lineageDirection": "BOTH",
  "lineageDepth": 3,
```

```
"quidEntityMap": {
  "58a3ee5d-827f-4aa4-98e1-ccebd5851c76": {
    "typeName": "spark_transformation",
    "quid": "58a3ee5d-827f-4aa4-98e1-ccebd5851c76",
    "status": "STATUS_ACTIVE",
    "displayText": "spark_process_id_24343324"
  "c94d8450-6d59-4cd1-8732-863286387c7d": {
    "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
    "guid": "c94d8450-6d59-4cd1-8732-863286387c7d",
    "status": "STATUS_ACTIVE",
    "displayText": "source_dataframe@clusterName"
  "86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0": {
    "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
    "guid": "86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0",
    "status": "STATUS_ACTIVE",
    "displayText": "destination_dataframe@clusterName"
},
"relations": [
    "fromEntityId": "c94d8450-6d59-4cd1-8732-863286387c7d",
    "toEntityId": "58a3ee5d-827f-4aa4-98e1-ccebd5851c76"
    "fromEntityId": "58a3ee5d-827f-4aa4-98e1-ccebd5851c76",
    "toEntityId": "86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0"
]
```

We can specify the direction of the lineage information in the API call. There are three possible values for direction: INPUT, OUTPUT, and BOTH. The direction is BOTH by default. If we specify direction as INPUT in the API call, the result set contains only the input entities from which the given entity has been derived. Similarly, if we specify the direction as OUTPUT, the result set contains all of the entities derived from the given entity.

We can also specify the depth of the lineage results. If we specify depth, Atlas fetches all of the entities that lie within the given depth in the entity lineage diagram.

To demonstrate the query parameters in the Lineage API call, we will register another entity of type hdfs_path:

Request:

POST /v2/entity

Request Body:

```
{
  "typeName" : "hdfs_path",
  "attributes" : {
    "path" : "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/warehouse/
result",
    "qualifiedName" : "result_directory@clusterName",
    "name" : "spark_transformaion_result"
  }
}
```

Response:

```
"typeName": "hdfs_path",
            "attributes": {
              "clusterName": null,
              "createTime": null,
              "qualifiedName": "result_directory@clusterName",
              "modifiedTime": null,
              "posixPermissions": null,
              "fileSize": 0,
              "numberOfReplicas": 0,
              "description": null,
              "isFile": false,
              "name": "spark_transformaion_result",
              "owner": null,
              "path": "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/result",
              "group": null,
              "extendedAttributes": null,
              "isSymlink": false
            "guid": "17a657d3-e72a-4501-8bde-a2843bed84ac"
```

Next we will register another spark_transformation entity:

Request:

POST /v2/entity

Request Body:

```
"typeName": "spark_transformation",
  "attributes" : {
    "qualifiedName" : "spark_process_id_32454545",
    "name" : "spark_process_2",
  "parallelism" : "10",
  "inputs" : [
        "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
        "attributes": {
          "source": "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/source_2",
          "description": null,
          "qualifiedName": "destination_dataframe@clusterName",
          "name": "destination_dataframe",
          "owner": null,
          "destination": "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/
hive/warehouse/destination_2"
        "guid": "86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0"
   ],
    "outputs" : [
            "typeName": "hdfs_path",
            "attributes": {
              "clusterName": null,
```

```
"createTime": null,
              "qualifiedName": "result_directory@clusterName",
              "modifiedTime": null,
              "posixPermissions": null,
              "fileSize": 0,
              "numberOfReplicas": 0,
              "description": null,
              "isFile": false,
              "name": "spark_transformaion_result",
              "owner": null,
              "path": "hdfs://vimal-fenton-4-1.openstacklocal:8020/apps/hive/
warehouse/result",
              "group": null,
              "extendedAttributes": null,
              "isSymlink": false
            },
            "guid": "17a657d3-e72a-4501-8bde-a2843bed84ac"
 ]
  "classifications": [
 1
```

Response:

```
"typeName": "spark_transformation",
"attributes": {
  "inputs": [
      "typeName": "DataSet",
      "guid": "86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0"
 ],
  "description": null,
  "qualifiedName": "spark_process_id_32454545",
 "name": "spark_process_2",
  "owner": null,
  "outputs": [
      "typeName": "DataSet",
      "guid": "17a657d3-e72a-4501-8bde-a2843bed84ac"
 ],
  "parallelism": 10
},
"guid": "7cedee1c-c75a-4be8-b383-6079013ee095"
```

Now that we have the following lineage relationship:

source_dataframe@clusterName # spark_process_id_24343324 # destination_dataframe@clusterName # spark_process_id_32454545 # result_directory@clusterName

We can experiment with the query parameters in the lineage API. The GUID corresponding to destination_dataframe@clusterName is 86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0.

Example Request:

GET v2/lineage/86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0

```
"baseEntityGuid": "86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0",
"lineageDirection": "BOTH",
"lineageDepth": 3,
"quidEntityMap": {
  "7cedee1c-c75a-4be8-b383-6079013ee095": {
    "typeName": "spark_transformation",
    "quid": "7cedee1c-c75a-4be8-b383-6079013ee095",
    "status": "STATUS_ACTIVE",
    "displayText": "spark_process_id_32454545"
  },
  "58a3ee5d-827f-4aa4-98e1-ccebd5851c76": {
    "typeName": "spark_transformation",
    "guid": "58a3ee5d-827f-4aa4-98e1-ccebd5851c76",
    "status": "STATUS_ACTIVE",
    "displayText": "spark_process_id_24343324"
  "c94d8450-6d59-4cd1-8732-863286387c7d": {
    "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
    "guid": "c94d8450-6d59-4cd1-8732-863286387c7d",
    "status": "STATUS_ACTIVE",
    "displayText": "source_dataframe@clusterName"
  "17a657d3-e72a-4501-8bde-a2843bed84ac": {
    "typeName": "hdfs_path",
    "quid": "17a657d3-e72a-4501-8bde-a2843bed84ac",
    "status": "STATUS_ACTIVE",
    "displayText": "result_directory@clusterName"
  },
  "86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0": {
    "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
    "guid": "86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0",
    "status": "STATUS_ACTIVE",
    "displayText": "destination_dataframe@clusterName"
"relations": [
    "fromEntityId": "c94d8450-6d59-4cd1-8732-863286387c7d",
    "toEntityId": "58a3ee5d-827f-4aa4-98e1-ccebd5851c76"
    "fromEntityId": "86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0",
    "toEntityId": "7cedee1c-c75a-4be8-b383-6079013ee095"
    "fromEntityId": "58a3ee5d-827f-4aa4-98e1-ccebd5851c76",
    "toEntityId": "86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0"
    "fromEntityId": "7cedee1c-c75a-4be8-b383-6079013ee095",
    "toEntityId": "17a657d3-e72a-4501-8bde-a2843bed84ac"
```

}

To find the INPUT entities from which destination_dataframe@clusterName is derived, we can specify the query parameter direction in the request:

Example Request:

GET v2/lineage/86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0?direction=INPUT

Example Response:

```
"baseEntityGuid": "86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0",
"lineageDirection": "INPUT",
"lineageDepth": 3,
"guidEntityMap": {
  "58a3ee5d-827f-4aa4-98e1-ccebd5851c76": {
    "typeName": "spark_transformation",
    "guid": "58a3ee5d-827f-4aa4-98e1-ccebd5851c76",
    "status": "STATUS_ACTIVE",
    "displayText": "spark_process_id_24343324"
  "c94d8450-6d59-4cd1-8732-863286387c7d": {
    "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
    "quid": "c94d8450-6d59-4cd1-8732-863286387c7d",
    "status": "STATUS_ACTIVE",
    "displayText": "source_dataframe@clusterName"
  "86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0": {
    "typeName": "spark_dataframe",
    "guid": "86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0",
    "status": "STATUS_ACTIVE",
    "displayText": "destination_dataframe@clusterName"
},
"relations": [
    "fromEntityId": "c94d8450-6d59-4cd1-8732-863286387c7d",
    "toEntityId": "58a3ee5d-827f-4aa4-98e1-ccebd5851c76"
    "fromEntityId": "58a3ee5d-827f-4aa4-98e1-ccebd5851c76",
    "toEntityId": "86d5cb10-538a-40cd-80c9-22fc363224d0"
]
```

Similarly, we can specify the parameter depth to fetch entities within a depth limit.

6.3. Cataloging Atlas Metadata: Classifications and Business Taxonomy

As discussed previously, metadata is added to Atlas as entities (instances) of types (model definitions). Typically, the models are defined by whoever best understands the metadata. For example, the Hive data types are typically defined by someone with a good understanding of Hive types.

Data discovery and governance can be enhanced when metadata use cases are expanded to include business terminology and processes, rather than just technical metadata. This business cataloging can be performed by data stewards or data scientists who act as a bridge between technical and business metadata.

Business metadata can be cataloged using a common business terminology, even if the metadata may not be closely related from a technical standpoint. Using a common business taxonomy enables you to build applications that apply the same governance policies to similar metadata irrespective of their sources of origin. Also, Atlas search capabilities allow you to easily find similar business metadata.

For example, in the finance industry, all data sets that deal with "credit" as a concept can be cataloged as such irrespective of whether they originate from Hive, HBase, or any other data stores. Once similarly cataloged, credit-related policies can be applied to all data assets (entities) cataloged with this concept.

Atlas provides two ways of cataloging metadata: Classifications and Business Taxonomy. Loosely speaking, while Classifications represent a more free-form way of cataloging or annotating metadata (think of how tags are added to documents in a document management system), Business Taxonomy should relate to a more clearly defined and controlled vocabulary that has specific meanings in a domain, and that is uniformly understood within a certain context.



Note

In the Atlas UI and elsewhere, Classifications are sometimes referred to as "tags". This document will use the term "Classifications", as that is the terminology used in the Atlas API.

6.3.1. Atlas Classifications

Classifications were introduced in the Atlas Types section as one of the composite metatypes, along with Entities and Structs. Classifications share similarities with these other composite metatypes in that they define a Type and have a uniquely identifiable name in the type system. They can also have a set of attributes, although these attributes can only be of native types.

Like Entities, Classifications can extend from other super Classifications, and thus inherit attributes defined in those super Classifications. However, unlike Entities, Classification instances are not entities. They do not have a uniquely-identifiable GUID, and consequently they cannot be referenced from attributes in other types. Therefore, the way in which a Classification instance is defined and used is different than the way in which an entity is defined and used.

Classification instances also have one other special significance in Atlas. They can be associated with any entity in Atlas without prior declaration of this fact in the Type definition of the entity. Note that, in contrast, defining an entity reference in a type must declared a priori (for example, HBase table references to an HBase namespace should be declared up-front). The Atlas type system recognizes Classifications, and includes specific APIs that can be used to associate Classifications with entities.



Note

Atlas Classifications cannot be deleted.

6.3.1.1. Create Classifications

Description:

Because Classifications are Atlas Types, the same APIs used to create Types are used to create Classifications, except that Attribute definitions cannot refer to non-native metatypes.

Request:

POST http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v2/types/typedefs

Request Body:

The body for this request is the same structure as the TypesDef structure that is defined in Important Atlas API Data Types. The Classifications should be defined under the classificationDefs attribute.

Response:

The response is the same as the response for a Type Definition request, and contains the names of the defined Classifications.

Example:

Using our running example, we will define two Classifications:

- PublicData Any metadata marked with this Classification indicates that this data was collected from publicly available sources. Therefore, any policies applicable to publicly collected data can be applied to this data.
- Retainable This Classification indicates that any metadata associated with this Classification should be retained for a period of time. The time period is maintained in an a retentionPeriod attribute, which is the duration in days.

Example Request Body:

```
{
  "enumDefs":[],
  "structDefs":[],
  "classificationDefs":[
    {
        "superTypes":[],
        "category":"CLASSIFICATION",
        "name":"PublicData",
        "description":null,
        "attributeDefs":[]
    },
    {
        "superTypes":[],
        "category":"CLASSIFICATION",
        "name":"Retainable",
```

Note that the classificationDefs attribute contains the defined Classifications. The rest of the metatypes – structs, enums, and Entities – are empty. The retentionPeriod attribute is defined as an int in the Retainable Classification.

Example Response:

6.3.1.2. List Classifications

Description:

Because Classifications are a specific metatype (like Entities), the same API used to list a specific metatype can be used to list Classifications.

Request:

GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/types?type=CLASSIFICATION

Response:

The response is a list of Classification names.

```
{
   "results": [
        "Retainable",
        "PublicData"
],
   "count": 2,
   "requestId": "qtp221036634-16 - 423d9f90-79ae-4b29-b9bf-2d2a1d05c2bd"
}
```

6.3.1.3. Retrieve a Classification

Description:

Because Classifications are a specific metatype (like Entities), the same API used to retrieve a specific metatype can be used to retrieve a Classification.

Request:

GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/types/{Classification_name}

Response:

The response for this request is the same structure as the TypesDef structure that is defined in Important Atlas API Data Types. The ClassificationTypes attribute contains the type definition of the Classification specified in the request.

Example Request:

GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/types/Retainable

Example Response:

```
"typeName": "Retainable",
  "definition": {
    "enumTypes": [],
    "structTypes": [],
    "ClassificationTypes": [
        "superTypes": [],
        "hierarchicalMetaTypeName": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.types.
ClassificationType",
        "typeName": "Retainable",
        "typeDescription": null,
        "attributeDefinitions": [
            "name": "retentionPeriod",
            "dataTypeName": "int",
            "multiplicity": "required",
            "isComposite": false,
            "isUnique": false,
            "isIndexable": true,
            "reverseAttributeName": null
        ]
      }
   ],
    "classTypes": []
  },
  "requestId": "qtp221036634-204 - b9f43388-49d8-452b-8901-d05581d2b442"
```

6.3.1.4. Associate Classification Instances with Entities

Description:

To catalog entities using Classifications, we must associate Classification instances with entities.

Request:

POST http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/entities/{entity_guid}/
Classifications

Request Body:

The request body is a Classification InstanceDefinition structure that is defined in Important Atlas API Data Types.

Response:

No data is returned in the response. A 201 status code indicates success.

Example:

In this example, we annotate our webtable (GUID f4019a65-8948-46f1-afcf-545baa2df99f) with PublicData Classification to indicate that it is a data asset that is created by crawling public sites. We also set a Retainable Classification on the column family contents (GUID 9e6308c6-1006-48f8-95a8-a605968e64d2) with a retention period of 100 days.

The following requests would be sent:

Example Request:

POST http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/entities/f4019a65-8948-46f1-afcf-545baa2df99f/Classifications

Example Request Body:

```
{
   "jsonClass":"org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$_Struct",
   "typeName":"PublicData",
   "values":{
   }
}
```

Example Request:

```
POST http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/entities/
9e6308c6-1006-48f8-95a8-a605968e64d2/Classifications
```

Example Request Body:

```
{
   "jsonClass":"org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$_Struct",
   "typeName":"Retainable",
   "values":{
        "retentionPeriod":"100"
   }
}
```

6.3.1.5. Read Classification Instances Associated with Entities

Description:

When Classification instances are associated with entities according to structure that is defined in Important Atlas API Data Types, the EntityDefinition includes the ClassificationNames and Classifications attributes. A request for an EntityDefinition returns a response that includes the ClassificationNames and Classification values.

Request:

GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/entities/{entity_guid}

Example Request:

This is a request for an HBase table EntityDefinition.

```
GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/entities/f4019a65-8948-46f1-afcf-545baa2df99f
```

Example Response:

For the sake of brevity, only the ClassificationNames and Classification values are shown below.

```
"typeName": "hbase_table",
    "values": {
      "columnFamilies": [
          "typeName": "hbase_column_family",
          "values": {
            "qualifiedName": "default.webtable.contents@cluster2",
          "ClassificationNames": [
            "Retainable"
          ],
          "Classifications": {
            "Retainable": {
              "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.
InstanceSerialization$_Struct",
              "typeName": "Retainable",
              "values": {
                "retentionPeriod": 100
      "qualifiedName": "default.webtable@cluster2",
      "ClassificationNames": [
      "PublicData"
    ],
    "Classifications": {
      "PublicData": {
        "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$_Struct",
        "typeName": "PublicData",
        "values": {}
```

```
}
```

6.3.1.6. Disassociate Classification Instances Associated with Entities

Description:

This is a simple DELETE operation.

Request:

DELETE http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/entities/{entity_guid}/Classifications/{Classification_name}

Response:

No data is returned.

Example Request:

DELETE http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/entities/f4019a65-8948-46f1-afcf-545baa2df99f/Classifications/PublicData

6.3.2. Atlas Business Taxonomy

The Atlas Business Taxonomy is a hierarchical collection of "Terms" objects. Each Term has two important attributes: name and description. Terms can be defined under a predefined Taxonomy object, or under another Term. The predefined Taxonomy object is referred to as a "Catalog".

Once created, a Term can be associated with any entity in Atlas. This is similar to how Classification instances can be associated with any entity. Unlike Classifications, Terms can be deleted.

6.3.2.1. Create a Term

Description:

To create a Term, you must provide a Term name. You can also provide an optional description.

Request:

POST http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/taxonomies/Catalog/terms/ {term_name}

Request Body:

The body for this request contains a single element: { "description": string}.

Response:

The response contains the following map:

```
{"href":<url_for_created_term_resource>, "Status":"201"}
```

The "href" attribute contains the resource URL for the new Term.

Example Request:

POST http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/taxonomies/Catalog/terms/term1

Example Request Body:

```
{"description": "This is term1"}
```

Example Response:

```
{
"href": "http://localhost:21000/api/atlas/v1/taxonomies/Catalog/terms/term1",
"Status": "201"
}
```

6.3.2.2. Create a Term Under Another Term

Description:

To create a Term under another Term, you must first determine the URL of the created Term. This is a recursive URL that takes the following form:

```
http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/taxonomies/Catalog/terms/ {term_name}/terms/.../terms/{term_name}
```

Then the request takes the form:

```
POST {resource_url_of_parent_term}/terms/{term_name}
```

Example Request:

POST http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/taxonomies/Catalog/terms/term1

Example Request Body:

```
{"description": "This is term1"}
```

Example Response:

```
{
"href":"http://localhost:21000/api/atlas/v1/taxonomies/Catalog/terms/term1",
"Status":"201"
}
```

6.3.2.3. Retrieve a Term Definition

Description:

Retrieve the definition for a specific Term.

Request:

```
GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/taxonomies/Catalog/terms/
{term_name}/terms/.../terms/{term_name}
```

Response:

The response has the following structure:

```
{
    "href": url_of_term,
    "name": fully_qualified_name_of_term,
    "description": description_of_term,
    "available_as_tag": true,
    "creation_time": timestamp,
    "hierarchy": {
        ...
    },
    "terms": {
        "href": url_of_terms_under_this_term
    }
}
```

Response field descriptions:

- href The resource URL for the Term.
- name The fully qualified name of this Term. By fully qualified, we mean the entire path starting from the Business Taxonomy name, along with all intermediate parent terms above the Term. These components are separated by a "." character.
- description The description provided when the Term was created.
- System-defined properties such as creation_time are also included.
- terms Contains a single href element with the URL to use to retrieve the Terms under this Term.

Example Request:

```
GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/taxonomies/Catalog/terms/
term1/terms/term11
```

Example Response:

6.3.2.4. List All Terms

Description:

List all Terms in the Catalog Taxonomy hierarchy.

Request:

GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/taxonomies/Catalog/terms

Response:

The response is an array of results:

Each element in the array is a descendant of the Catalog hierarchy of business Terms.

Response field descriptions:

- href The resource URL for the Term.
- name The fully qualified name of this Term. By fully qualified, we mean the entire path starting from the Business Taxonomy name, along with all intermediate parent terms above the Term. These components are separated by a "." character.
- description The description provided when the Term was created.

Example Request:

GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/taxonomies/Catalog/terms

]

6.3.2.5. List All Terms Under a Term

Description:

List all Terms under a specified Term.

Request:

```
GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/taxonomies/Catalog/terms/
{term_name}/terms/.../terms/{term_name}/terms
```

Response:

The response is an array of results:

Each element in the array is a descendant of the Term specified in the request.

Response field descriptions:

- href The resource URL for the Term.
- name The fully qualified name of this Term. By fully qualified, we mean the entire path starting from the Business Taxonomy name, along with all intermediate parent terms above the Term. These components are separated by a "." character.
- description The description provided when the Term was created.

Example Request:

```
GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/taxonomies/Catalog/terms/
term1/terms/term11/terms
```

Example Response:

6.3.2.6. Associate a Term with an Entity

Description:

To associate a Term with an entity, you must provide the entity GUID and the fully qualified name of the Term.

Request:

POST http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/entities/{entity_guid}/tags/ {fully_qualified_name_of_term}

The request body is an empty map.

Response:

{"href":url_for_created_resource, "status": "201"}

Example Request:

POST http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/entities/f4019a65-8948-46f1-afcf-545baa2df99f/tags/Catalog.term1.term12

6.3.2.7. Disassociate a Term from an Entity

Description:

To disassociate a Term with an entity, you must provide the entity GUID and the fully qualified name of the Term.

Request:

DELETE http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/entities/{entity_guid}/
tags/{fully_qualified_name_of_term}

Response:

{"href":url_for_deleted_resource, "status": "200"}

Example Request:

DELETE http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/entities/f4019a65-8948-46f1-afcf-545baa2df99f/tags/Catalog.term1.term12

6.3.2.8. Delete a Term

Description:

Deleting a Term removes it from the Business Catalog Taxonomy and also removes all entity associations with the Term. In addition, all child Terms under the deleted Term in the Catalog hierarchy are also deleted. Note that depending on the depth of the hierarchy and the number of associations for the term and its sub-terms, this could be an expensive operation in terms of system resources.

Request:

DELETE http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/taxonomies/Catalog/terms/ {term_name}/terms/.../terms/{term_name}

Response:

{ "href ": url_for_deleted_resource, "status ": "200" }

Example Request:

DELETE http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/taxonomies/Catalog/terms/term1

6.3.2.9. Update a Term

Description:

Currently, the only Term attribute that can be updated is the description. Updating a Term description also updates this property in all associated entities.

Request:

PUT http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/taxonomies/Catalog/terms/
{term_name}/terms/.../terms/{term_name}

Request Body:

{"description": "updated_description"}

Response:

{ "href ":url_for_updated_resource, "status": "200" }

Example Request:

PUT http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/v1/taxonomies/Catalog/terms/term2

6.4. Discovering Metadata: The Atlas Search API

In previous sections, we saw how to add metadata to Atlas, and how to catalog this metadata using Classifications and Business Catalog terms. We also discussed how to use the Atlas API to retrieve a particular metadata entity using its GUID or a unique attribute.

As more and more metadata is added to Atlas, it becomes difficult or impossible to remember all of the unique attribute values. Atlas provides the following methods to search metadata:

• **DSL Search** – Atlas DSL (Domain-Specific Language) is a SQL-like query language that enables you to search metadata using complex queries based on type and attribute names. This DSL query can be passed to a Search API. Internally, the query is translated to a Graph look-up query using Gremlin and fired against the metadata store. The results are then translated into entity and type system objects and returned.

The DSL search is useful if you are aware of the specific metadata model (type names, attributes, etc.) of the entities you would like to retrieve. This generally results in very specific search queries and relevant results. Using the type system API (listing types, retrieving a type definition), you can obtain the model of an entity, and then use the Atlas DSL to search for entities of that type.

• Full-text Search – When entities are added to Atlas, a search indexing system (Solr) indexes their attribute values. These indexed attributes can be used to retrieve entities using a full-text search. The Atlas Search API can be used for both DSL and full-text search.

Full-text search is useful if you are not familiar with the metadata model, or if you would like to query across different models (types). For example, full-text search can be used to find all assets related to customer data, irrespective of the storage used (Hive, HBase,

- etc.). However, because full text search is based on an index that is not aware of type or model information, the results are likely to be broader than with a DSL search.
- Catalog-based Search Atlas enables data stewards to make data more discoverable by annotating metadata entities with Classifications (also referred to as "tags") and Business Catalog terms. DSL search enables you to search metadata based on specific Classifications and terms. This provides highly relevant search results, provided that the metadata is annotated correctly.

6.4.1. DSL Search

DSL enables you to search using Apache Atlas DSL. In this section, we proved an example-driven approach to help you understand DSL syntax and capabilities. The syntax used here will not be as exact as the grammar described on the Apache Atlas DSL Search page, but these simplified examples should help explain the key concepts.

You can use the Atlas web UI to test these examples. Select **Search > DSL**, then enter the query in the **Search For** box.

6.4.1.1. Discovering Entities Using Attribute Values

Search Query Format:

type_name where attribute_name OP attribute_value

Where:

- type_name is the name of a predefined type.
- attribute_name is the name of an attribute in that type. This does not need to be
 a unique attribute (unlike in "Retrieve an Entity Definition Using a Unique Attribute"
 shown previously in the Entities API).
- OP is an operator: =, !=, <, >, <=, >=
- attribute value is the value of an attribute.

The search results are entire entity definitions that match the search criteria.

Search Query Examples:

- hbase_table where name = 'webtable'
- hbase_column_family where name != `contents'
- hbase column family where versions > 1
- hbase_column_family where blockSize < 1000

6.4.1.2. Discovering Entities Using Combinations of Attribute Values

Search Query Format:

type_name where attribute_name OP attribute_value AND_OR_OP attribute_name OP attribute_value [AND|OR ...]

Where:

- type_name is the name of a predefined type.
- attribute_name is the name of an attribute in that type. This does not need to be a unique attribute (unlike in "Retrieve an Entity Definition Using a Unique Attribute" shown previously in the Entities API).
- OP is an operator: =, !=, <, >, <=, >=
- AND_OR_OP is and or or.
- attribute_value is the value of an attribute.

Note the following:

- It is possible to provide any number of expressions of the form attribute_name OP attribute_value combining them with an and or an or.
- It is also possible to impose an ordering of evaluation by enclosing the expressions within parentheses, for example:

```
type_name where attribute_name OP attribute_value AND_OR_OP (attribute_name OP attribute_value AND_OR_OP attribute_name OP attribute_value)
```

The search results are entire entity definitions that match the search criteria.

Search Query Examples:

- hbase_column_family where blockSize < 1000 and versions >= 2
- hbase_column_family where compression != 'lzo' and versions > 1 and blockSize > 1000
- hbase_column_family where compression = 'lzo' and (versions > 1 or blockSize > 1000)

6.4.1.3. Selecting Native Attributes in Searches

As described above, search query results include the entire entity definitions. You can also use a SELECT clause in the search query to return specific attributes.

Search Query Format:

```
search_expression select attribute_name [, attribute_name...]
```

Where:

- search_expression is one of the previously described search expressions.
- attribute_name [list] specifies the attributes to return in the search results.

Search Query Example:

 hbase_table where name='webtable' select name, qualifiedName, isEnabled

6.4.1.4. Selecting References in Searches

The previous section showed how we can select any attributes which are of native types. But there are also more complex attribute types, such as collections, references to other entities, etc. For example, hbase_tables contain columnFamilies which are references to entities of type hbase_column_family. To help address this issue, DSL allows search queries to be combined as follows:

Search Query Format:

```
search_expression, reference_attribute_name
```

Where:

- search_expression is one of the previously described search expressions.
- reference_attribute_name is an attribute name in the entity being selected in search_expression that contains references to other attributes.

One variation is where the reference_attribute_name can be expanded to only select specific attributes of the reference_attribute type:

```
search_expression, reference_attribute_name
select reference_attribute_type_attribute_name [,
reference_attribute_type_attribute_name]
```

Another variation is where the reference_attribute_name can be filtered to include only those references which satisfy some predicate:

```
search_expression, reference_attribute_name
where reference_attribute_type_attribute_name OP
reference_attribute_type_attribute_value
```

Search Query Examples:

- hbase_table, columnFamilies
- hbase column family where name='anchor', columns
- hbase_columns_family where name='anchor', columns select name, type
- hbase_column_family, columns where type='byte[]'

6.4.2. DSL Search API

6.4.2.1. DSL Search that Returns Entities

Request:

```
GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/discovery/search/dsl?query=
{dsl_query_string}
```

The dsl_query_string should be encoded using standard URL encoding criteria.

Response:

```
{
  "requestId": string,
  "query": dsl_query_string,
  "queryType": "dsl",
  "count": int,
  "results": array_of_search_results,
  "dataType": TypesDef struct
}
```

Response field descriptions:

- query The unencoded version of the dsl_query_string passed in the request.
- queryType The query type (dsl).
- count The number of results returned.
- results An array of search results. Each search result follows the EntityDefinition structure defined in Important Atlas API Datatypes, with the following differences:
 - The typeName attribute is changed to \$typeName\$
 - The id attribute is changed to \$id\$
- dataType A partial TypesDef Struct (defined in Important Atlas API Datatypes) that describes the search result type. The attribute definitions of the TypesDef are not complete.

Example Request:

The following example searches for an hbase_column_family where type='byte[]'.

```
GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/discovery/search/dsl?
hbase_column_family%2C+columns+where+type%3D%27byte%5B%5D%27
```

Example Response:

```
"requestId": "qtp221036634-903 - 98091bba-9ea1-4482-9355-4dca396d9657",
"query": "hbase_column_family, columns where type='byte[]'",
"queryType": "dsl",
"count": 2,
"results": [{
"$typeName$": "hbase_column",
"$id$": {
 "id": "fc711cee-185f-4f09-a2f9-a96e0173f51b",
 "$typeName$": "hbase_column",
 "version": 0,
 "state": "ACTIVE"
"qualifiedName": "default.webtable.contents.html@cluster2",
"type": "byte[]",
"owner": "crawler",
"description": null,
"name": "html"
}, {
"$typeName$": "hbase_column",
"$id$": {
 "id": "3a76cb82-544c-49d8-9f8c-eb12bcbc4584",
```

```
"$typeName$": "hbase_column",
 "version": 0,
 "state": "ACTIVE"
 "qualifiedName": "default.webtable.contents.html@cluster1",
"type": "byte[]",
"owner": "crawler",
"description": null,
"name": "html"
}],
"dataType": {
"superTypes": ["Referenceable", "Asset"],
"hierarchicalMetaTypeName": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.types.ClassType",
"typeName": "hbase_column",
"typeDescription": null,
"attributeDefinitions": [{
 "name": "type",
 "dataTypeName": "string",
 "multiplicity": {
  "lower": 1,
  "upper": 1,
  "isUnique": false
 "isComposite": false,
 "isUnique": false,
 "isIndexable": true,
 "reverseAttributeName": null
}]
```

Because the results for the query are hbase_column instances, we see that the entity definition is an hbase_column.

6.4.2.2. DSL Search that Returns Specific Attributes

Request:

```
GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/discovery/search/dsl?query=
{dsl_query_string}
```

The dsl_query_string should be encoded using standard URL encoding criteria.

Response:

```
"typeDescription": null,
    "attributeDefinitions": array of attributeDefinitions only for selected
attributes
    }
}
```

Response field descriptions:

- query The unencoded version of the dsl_query_string passed in the request.
- queryType The query type (dsl).
- count The number of results returned.
- results An array of search results. Each search result follows the EntityDefinition structure defined in Important Atlas API Datatypes, with the following differences:
 - The typeName attribute is changed to \$typeName\$
 - The id attribute is changed to \$id\$
 - The result elements will contain only the attribute names and values specified in the query select clause.
 - The result elements will not include the GUID or any attribute that is not specified in the query select clause.
- dataType A partial TypesDef Struct (defined in Important Atlas API Datatypes) that describes the search result type. The attribute definitions of the TypesDef are not complete. The dataType includes only the attribute definitions for the attributes specified in the guery select clause.

Example Request:

The following example searches for an hbase_table where name='webtable' select name, qualifiedName, isEnabled.

GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/discovery/search/dsl?query=hbase_table+where+name%3D%27webtable%27+select+name%2C+qualifiedName%2C+isEnabled

Example Response:

```
{
  "requestId": "qtp221036634-963 - e8d615ee-1604-44db-8344-579c2fc3bbfe",
  "query": "hbase_table where name='webtable' select name, qualifiedName,
  isEnabled",
  "queryType": "dsl",
  "count": 2,
  "results": [{
    "$typeName$": "__tempQueryResultStruct89",
    "qualifiedName": "default.webtable@cluster2",
    "isEnabled": true,
    "name": "webtable"
}, {
    "$typeName$": "__tempQueryResultStruct89",
    "qualifiedName": "default.webtable@cluster1",
    "isEnabled": false,
```

```
"name": "webtable"
}],
"dataType": {
"typeName": "__tempQueryResultStruct89",
"typeDescription": null,
"attributeDefinitions": [{
 "name": "name",
 "dataTypeName": "string",
 "multiplicity": {
  "lower": 0,
   "upper": 1,
  "isUnique": false
 "isComposite": false,
 "isUnique": false,
 "isIndexable": true,
  "reverseAttributeName": null
}, {
 "name": "qualifiedName",
 "dataTypeName": "string",
 "multiplicity": {
  "lower": 0,
  "upper": 1,
  "isUnique": false
 "isComposite": false,
 "isUnique": false,
 "isIndexable": true,
 "reverseAttributeName": null
}, {
 "name": "isEnabled",
 "dataTypeName": "boolean",
 "multiplicity": {
  "lower": 0,
  "upper": 1,
  "isUnique": false
 "isComposite": false,
 "isUnique": false,
 "isIndexable": true,
 "reverseAttributeName": null
```

Note that the response contains only the attributes name, qualifiedName and isEnabled. Also note that only these three attribute definitions are included.

6.4.3. Full-text Search API

As described previously in the introduction of Discovering Metadata, Atlas indexes attribute values as metadata entities are added. The index maps the text value to the entity GUID that the attribute belongs to, which enables lookup queries using simple text strings. These strings can be attribute values of any Atlas entities.

Request:

GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/discovery/search/fulltext?query=
{query_string}

The query_string should be encoded using standard URL encoding criteria.

Response:

```
{
  "requestId": string,
  "query": query_string,
  "queryType": "full-text",
  "count": int,
  "results": [{
    "guid": guid_of_matching_entity,
    "typeName": typename_of_matching_entity,
    "score": relevance_score in indexing
}, ...]
}
```

Response field descriptions:

- query The unencoded version of the query_string passed in the request.
- queryType The query type (fulltext).
- count The number of results returned.
- results Each result row contains the following:
 - guid The GUID of the entity.
 - typeName The entity type.
 - score The floating point score of how relevant the entity is to the search query. The higher the score, the more relevant the result.
- dataType A partial TypesDef Struct (defined in Important Atlas API Datatypes) that describes the search result type. The attribute definitions of the TypesDef are not complete.

Example Request:

GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/discovery/search/fulltext?query=
crawled+content

Example Response:

```
{
   "requestId": "qtp221036634-867 - 5344fale-e6f3-486b-ab95-2abc66641226",
   "query": "crawled content",
   "queryType": "full-text",
   "count": 4,
   "results": [{
        "guid": "48406281-f6be-4689-a55b-237e8911c356",
        "typeName": "hbase_column_family",
        "score": 0.63985527
}, {
        "guid": "959a3b0e-5c14-4927-bc42-fd99146107d4",
        "typeName": "hbase_column_family",
        "score": 0.63985527
}, {
        "guid": "f96c3641-d266-40ae-867e-52357cbcd7c3",
        "typeName": "hbase_table",
```

```
"score": 0.11449061
}, {
   "guid": "a8984af2-4a4e-4281-a14d-f58ecaa8a76e",
   "typeName": "hbase_table",
   "score": 0.11449061
}]
```

Note how the results are ranked with varying scores. The query string "crawled content" returns both hbase_column_family and hbase_table attributes. However, because the "crawled content" is a sub-string in the description for hbase_column_family, it has a higher score than the hbase table results.

6.4.4. Searching for Entities Associated with Classifications

In Cataloging Metadata, we saw how Business Taxonomy Classification instances can be associated with entities, and thereby add the additional metadata information that the Classification conveys. Once the association is made, we can also search for entities associated with a given Classification.

The main advantage of using Classification-based search is that it can provide precise results, but the results are not restricted to a specific Type (as is the case with DSL search).

For example, you can use the PublicData Classification to search among all assets in a metadata repository, including HBase tables, for assets that contain content obtained by crawling public data.

Classification search is a special form of DSL search.

6.4.4.1. Search Among All Entities

Request:

GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/discovery/search/dsl?query= %60Classification_name%60

The dsl_query_string should be encoded using standard URL encoding criteria. The %60 encoding represents the back-tick character.

Response:

```
{
  "requestId": string,
  "query": Classification_name_within_backticks,
  "queryType": "dsl",
  "count": int,
  "results": [{
    "$typeName$": "__tempQueryResultStruct...",
    "instanceInfo": {
        "$typeName$": "__IdType",
        "guid": guid of entity associated to Classification,
        "typeName": type of entity associated to Classification
},
    "ClassificationDetails": null
}, ....],
    "dataType": {
        "typeName": "__tempQueryResultStruct...",
        "typeDescription": null,
```

```
"attributeDefinitions": [{
  "name": "ClassificationDetails",
  "dataTypeName": Classification name,
  "multiplicity": {
   "lower": 0,
   "upper": 1,
   "isUnique": false
  "isComposite": false,
  "isUnique": false,
  "isIndexable": true,
  "reverseAttributeName": null
 }, {
  "name": "instanceInfo",
  "dataTypeName": "__IdType",
  "multiplicity": {
   "lower": 0,
   "upper": 1,
   "isUnique": false
 "isComposite": false,
 "isUnique": false,
  "isIndexable": true,
  "reverseAttributeName": null
 } ]
}
```

Response field descriptions:

- query The unencoded version of the dsl_query_string passed in the request.
- queryType The query type (dsl).
- count The number of results returned.
- results Each result element contains an instanceInfo map, which in turn contains the following attributes:
 - guid Contains the GUID of the entity associated with the Classification.
 - typeName Contains the Type of the entity associated with the Classification.
- dataType A partial TypesDef Struct (defined in Important Atlas API Datatypes) that describes the search result type. The dataType structure contains the ClassificationDetails and instanceInfo attribute definitions.

Example Request:

```
GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/discovery/search/dsl?query= %60PublicData%60
```

Example Response:

```
{
  "requestId": "qtp221036634-965 - a42d6e7f-a6c7-494d-8560-915e2b055ec2",
  "query": "`PublicData`",
  "queryType": "dsl",
  "count": 1,
  "results": [{
```

```
"$typeName$": "__tempQueryResultStruct132",
"instanceInfo": {
 "$typeName$": "__IdType",
 "quid": "a8984af2-4a4e-4281-a14d-f58ecaa8a76e",
 "typeName": "hbase_table"
"ClassificationDetails": null
}],
"dataType": {
"typeName": "__tempQueryResultStruct132",
"typeDescription": null,
"attributeDefinitions": [{
 "name": "ClassificationDetails",
 "dataTypeName": "PublicData",
 "multiplicity": {
  "lower": 0,
  "upper": 1,
  "isUnique": false
 },
 "isComposite": false,
 "isUnique": false,
 "isIndexable": true,
 "reverseAttributeName": null
}, {
 "name": "instanceInfo",
 "dataTypeName": "__IdType",
 "multiplicity": {
  "lower": 0,
  "upper": 1,
  "isUnique": false
 "isComposite": false,
 "isUnique": false,
 "isIndexable": true,
 "reverseAttributeName": null
}]
```

6.4.4.2. Search Among a Specific Type

Definition:

You can use the DSL isa operator to restrict a search to only a given type of assets.

Request Structure:

<DSL Query>: <type_nameisa <tag_or_Classification_name>

Request Format:

```
GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/discovery/search/dsl?query=
{type_name}+isa+%60{tag_or_Classification_name}%60
```

The dsl_query_string should be encoded using standard URL encoding criteria. The %60 encoding represents the back-tick character.

Response:

The response takes the same form as in the previous "Search API" section.

Example Request:

GET http://<atlas-server-host:port>/api/atlas/discovery/search/dsl?query=hbase_table+isa+%60PublicData%60

Example Response:

```
"requestId": "qtp221036634-867 - 3448a43c-bc07-4b5d-abdd-247acac687f4",
"query": "hbase_table isa `PublicData`",
"queryType": "dsl",
"count": 1,
"results": [{
 "$typeName$": "hbase_table",
 "$id$": {
 "id": "a8984af2-4a4e-4281-a14d-f58ecaa8a76e",
 "$typeName$": "hbase_table",
 "version": 0,
 "state": "ACTIVE"
 "namespace": {
 "id": "d3eb90fa-53c8-473b-bc41-37e46c250bf0",
 "$typeName$": "hbase_namespace",
 "version": 0,
 "state": "ACTIVE"
 "qualifiedName": "default.webtable@cluster2",
 "isEnabled": true,
 "description": "Table that stores crawled information",
 "columnFamilies": [{
 "$typeName$": "hbase_column_family",
  "id": "00b16f6d-ee04-4587-b68e-lee70dac6b11",
  "$typeName$": "hbase_column_family",
  "version": 0,
  "state": "ACTIVE"
  "qualifiedName": "default.webtable.anchor@cluster2",
  "blockSize": 128,
  "columns": [{
   "id": "f7ce9fbb-7242-4304-b42a-f65309bad8b0",
   "$typeName$": "hbase_column",
   "version": 0,
   "state": "ACTIVE"
   "id": "80708552-56b8-4989-9ba7-281bcc97a1a6",
   "$typeName$": "hbase_column",
   "version": 0,
   "state": "ACTIVE"
  }],
  "owner": "crawler",
  "compression": "zip",
  "versions": 3,
  "description": "The anchor column family that stores all links",
 "name": "anchor",
  "inMemory": true
 }, {
  "$typeName$": "hbase_column_family",
  "$id$": {
  "id": "959a3b0e-5c14-4927-bc42-fd99146107d4",
```

```
"$typeName$": "hbase_column_family",
   "version": 0,
   "state": "ACTIVE"
  "qualifiedName": "default.webtable.contents@cluster2",
  "blockSize": 1024,
  "columns": [{
  "id": "fc711cee-185f-4f09-a2f9-a96e0173f51b",
   "$typeName$": "hbase_column",
   "version": 0,
   "state": "ACTIVE"
  "owner": "crawler",
  "compression": "lzo",
  "versions": 1,
  "description": "The contents column family that stores the crawled
content",
  "name": "contents",
  "inMemory": false,
  "$Classifications$": {
   "Retainable": {
    "$typeName$": "Retainable",
    "retentionPeriod": 100
 }
 }],
 "name": "webtable",
 "$Classifications$": {
 "Catalog.term2": {
  "$typeName$": "Catalog.term2",
  "available_as_tag": false,
  "description": "Changing description for term",
  "name": "Catalog.term2",
  "acceptable_use": null
  "PublicData": {
  "$typeName$": "PublicData"
}],
"dataType": {
 "superTypes": ["DataSet"],
 "hierarchicalMetaTypeName": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.types.ClassType",
 "typeName": "hbase_table",
 "typeDescription": null,
 "attributeDefinitions": [{
  "name": "namespace",
  "dataTypeName": "hbase_namespace",
  "multiplicity": {
   "lower": 1,
   "upper": 1,
   "isUnique": false
  "isComposite": false,
  "isUnique": false,
 "isIndexable": true,
 "reverseAttributeName": null
 }, {
  "name": "isEnabled",
 "dataTypeName": "boolean",
```

```
"multiplicity": {
  "lower": 0,
  "upper": 1,
  "isUnique": false
 "isComposite": false,
 "isUnique": false,
 "isIndexable": true,
 "reverseAttributeName": null
 "name": "columnFamilies",
 "dataTypeName": "array<hbase_column_family>",
 "multiplicity": {
  "lower": 1,
  "upper": 2147483647,
  "isUnique": false
 "isComposite": true,
 "isUnique": false,
 "isIndexable": true,
 "reverseAttributeName": null
}]
```

6.5. Integrating Messaging with Atlas

So far we have covered integrating with Atlas using its REST API. In the Architecture section, we mentioned another method of integration: a Messaging interface.

The Atlas Messaging interface uses Apache Kafka. Apache Kafka is a scalable, reliable, high-performance messaging system. It provides a mechanism for integrating between Atlas and metadata sources that generate a high volume of metadata events.

Kafka also provides a durable message store. This way, metadata change events can be written to Kafka by sources even if Atlas is not available to process them at the moment. This allows for a very loosely coupled integration, and therefore generally more reliability in a distributed architecture. This is also true for consumers of metadata change events that Atlas communicates via Kafka.

While this durability offers safety guarantees, when Atlas is active (along with the other metadata sources and consumers) it can process metadata events in real time.

Kafka is used for two types of messages. Each message type is written to a specific topic in Kafka.

Note also that the Messaging integration is restricted to Entity notifications. Type-related changes are still handled via the API layer. This is acceptable because Types are created much less frequently than Entities.

The following sections provide the formats for messages that are written to ATLAS_HOOK and ATLAS_ENTITIES.

6.5.1. Publishing Entity Changes to Atlas

Metadata sources can communicate the following forms of entity changes to Atlas: creation, updates, and deletions of entities. These messages are referred to as <code>HookNotification</code> messages in the Atlas source code. There are four types of these messages described in the following sections. The sources can publish these messages to the ATLAS_HOOK topic, and the Atlas server will pick these up and process them. The format of publishing should be using String encoding of Kafka. Any Kafka producer client compatible with the Kafka broker version can be used for this purpose.

6.5.1.1. ENTITY_CREATE Message

ENTITY_CREATE notification messages are used to add one or more entities to Atlas. An ENTITY_CREATE message has the following format:

```
{
  "version": {
    "version": version_string
},
  "message": {
    "entities": [array of entity_definition_structure],
    "type": "ENTITY_CREATE",
    "user": user_name
}
}
```

Attribute Definitions:

- version This structure has one field version, which is of the form major.minor.revision. This has been introduced to allow Atlas to evolve message formats while still allowing compatibility with older messages. In the 0.7-incubating release, the supported version number is 1.0.0.
- message This structure contains the details of the message.
 - entities This is an array of entities that must be added to Atlas. Each element in the array is an EntityDefinition structure that is defined in Important Atlas API Datatypes.
 - type The type of this message is ENTITY_CREATE.
 - user This is the name of the user on whose behalf the entity is being added. Typically it will be the service through which metadata is generated.

Example:

The following example is an hbase_namespace message that is being added to Atlas. Note that it is a single element array, and the element structure matches the entity definition of an hbase_namespace entity.

```
{
    "version": {
        "version": "1.0.0"
```

```
"message": {
  "entities": [{
   "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$_Reference",
   "id": {
    "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization$_Id",
    "id": "-1467290565135246000",
    "version": 0,
    "typeName": "hbase_namespace",
    "state": "ACTIVE"
   "typeName": "hbase_namespace",
   "values": {
    "qualifiedName": "default@cluster3",
    "owner": "hbase_admin",
    "description": "Default HBase namespace",
    "name": "default"
   "ClassificationNames": [],
  "Classifications": {}
  }],
  "type": "ENTITY CREATE",
 "user": "integ_user"
```

6.5.1.2. ENTITY_FULL_UPDATE Message

There is one important difference between the API and the Messaging modes of communication. The API uses two-way communication that allows Atlas to communicate results back to the caller, while Messaging communication is one-way, and there is no notification from Atlas to the system generating the messages.

Consider how hbase_table entities are added using the API. When referring to the hbase_namespace a table belongs to, we could use the GUID of the previously added hbase_namespace entity. We could retrieve this GUID by using either the value returned by a create request, or by looking it up using a query. Both of these synchronous, two-way modes do not apply for the Messaging system. While it is still possible to make API calls, it defeats the purpose of trying to decouple connection between the metadata sources and Atlas.

To address this situation, Atlas provides an ENTITY_FULL_UPDATE, where you can give an entity definition in full, but mark it as an update request. Atlas uses the unique attribute definition of this entity to check to see if this entity already exists in the metadata store. If it does, the entity attributes are updated with values from the request. Otherwise, they are created.

Thus, to add an hbase_table entity and refer to an hbase_namespace entity in one of the attributes, you do not need to fetch the GUID using the API. You can simply include all of these entity definitions in an ENTITY_FULL_UPDATE message and Atlas handles this automatically.

The structure of an ENTITY_FULL_UPDATE message is as follows:

```
{
  "version": {
    "version": version_string
},
  "message": {
    "entities": [array of entity_definition_structure],
    "type": "ENTITY_FULL_UPDATE",
    "user": user_name
}
}
```

This structure is identical to the ENTITY_CREATE structure, except that the type is ENTITY_FULL_UPDATE.

Example:

In the following example we create an hbase_table entity along with hbase_column_family and hbase_column entities. To refer to the namespace, we include the hbase_namespace entity again in the array of entities at the beginning. The structure is given below, but details of all columns, column families, etc. are omitted for the sake of brevity. They follow the same structure as described in the Atlas Entities API.

```
"version": {
 "version": "1.0.0"
 },
 "message": {
 "entities": [{
  "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$_Reference",
  "id": {
   "id": "-1467290566519456000",
  "typeName": "hbase_namespace",
  "values": {
   "qualifiedName": "default@cluster3",
  "ClassificationNames": [],
  "Classifications": {}
  "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$_Reference",
   "id": {
    "id": "-1467290566519491000",
                                                . . .
  },
   "jsonClass": "orq.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$ Reference",
  "id": {
   "id": "-1467290566519615000",
  "typeName": "hbase_table",
   "values": {
   "qualifiedName": "default.webtable@cluster3",
```

```
"namespace": {
    "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$_Id",
    "id": "-1467290566519456000",
    "version": 0,
    "typeName": "hbase_namespace",
    "state": "ACTIVE"
    }
},
    "ClassificationNames": [],
    "Classifications": {}
}],
    "type": "ENTITY_FULL_UPDATE",
    "user": "integ_user"
}
```

- Note that the ID of the namespace entity (first in the array) is set to a negative number and not the real GUID even though this might already be created in Atlas.
- Note also that when the namespace attribute is defined for the table entity, the same negative ID (-1467290566519456000) is used.
- The "qualifiedName": "default.webtable@cluster3" will be what Atlas uses to lookup the namespace entity for updating, because it is defined as the unique attribute for the hbase_namespace type.

6.5.1.3. ENTITY_PARTIAL_UPDATE Message

When the entity being updated has already been added to Atlas, you can send a partial update message. This message has the following structure:

```
"version": {
 "version": "1.0.0"
 },
 "message": {
 "typeName": type_name,
  "attribute": unique_attribute_name,
           "attributeValue": unique_attribute_value,
  "entity": {
   "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$_Reference",
  "id": {
    "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization$_Id",
    "id": temp_id,
    "version": 0,
    "typeName": type_name,
    "state": "ACTIVE"
   },
   "typeName": type_name,
   "values": {
   updated_attribute_name: updated_attribute_value
  "ClassificationNames": [],
  "Classifications": {}
  "type": "ENTITY_PARTIAL_UPDATE",
  "user": user_name
```

```
}
}
```

The structure is very similar to the ENTITY_CREATE and ENTITY_FULL_UPDATE messages, with the following differences:

- typeName The name of the type being updated.
- attribute The unique attribute name of the entity being updated.
- attributeValue The value of the unique attribute.
- entity This is a partial EntityDefinition structure with the following fields:
 - id This is a typical ID structure as seen in an EntityDefinition, but the ID value can be a temporary value and not the actual GUID.
 - values This is a map whose keys are the attributes of the type that is being updated along with the new values.

Using the typeName, attribute and attributeValue, Atlas can locate the entity that needs to be updated. These parameters are similar to the API parameters described in Update a Subset of Entity Attributes.

Example:

In the following example we update an hbase_table entity with qualifiedNamedefault.webtable@cluster3, and set the isEnabled attribute to false, we can add an ENTITY_PARTIAL_UPDATE message as follows:

```
"version": {
 "version": "1.0.0"
},
 "message": {
 "typeName": "hbase_table",
 "attribute": "qualifiedName",
 "entity": {
  "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$ Reference",
  "id": {
   "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization$_Id",
   "id": "-1467290566551498000",
   "version": 0,
   "typeName": "hbase_table",
    "state": "ACTIVE"
  "typeName": "hbase_table",
   "values": {
   "isEnabled": false
  "ClassificationNames": [],
  "Classifications": {}
 "attributeValue": "default.webtable@cluster3",
 "type": "ENTITY_PARTIAL_UPDATE",
 "user": "integ_user"
```

}

6.5.1.4. ENTITY_DELETE Message

You can use ENTITY_DELETE to deleted an entity. This message has the following structure:

```
{
  "version": {
    "version": version_string
},
  "message": {
    "typeName": type_name,
    "attribute": unique_attribute_name,
    "attributeValue": unique_attribute_value,
    "type": "ENTITY_DELETE",
    "user": user_name
}
```

The message structure is a subset of the ENTITY_PARTIAL_UPDATE structure.

- typeName The type name of the entity being deleted.
- attribute The unique attribute name of the type being deleted.
- attributeValue The value of the unique attribute of the type being deleted.

Note that these three attributes form the key through which Atlas can identify an entity to delete, similar to how it can reference an entity for a partial update.

Example:

The following message can be used to delete a hbase_table with a qualifiedName of default.webtable@cluster3.

```
{
  "version": {
    "version": "1.0.0"
},
  "message": {
    "typeName": "hbase_table",
    "attribute": "qualifiedName",
    "attributeValue": "default.webtable@cluster3",
    "type": "ENTITY_DELETE",
    "user": "integ_user"
}
}
```

6.5.2. Consuming Entity Changes from Atlas

For every entity that Atlas adds, updates (including association and disassociation of Classifications), or deletes, an event is raised from Atlas into the Kafka topic ATLAS_ENTITIES. Applications can consume these events and build functionality that is based on metadata changes.

An excellent example of such an application is Apache Ranger's Tag Based policy management (http://hortonworks.com/hadoop-tutorial/tag-based-policies-atlas-ranger/).

This section describes the message formats for events that are notified from Atlas. Standard Kafka consumers compatible with the version of the Kafka broker Atlas uses can be used to consume these events.

The messages written to ATLAS_ENTITIES are referred to as EntityNotification messages in the Atlas source code. There are five types of these events.

6.5.2.1. ENTITY_CREATE Message

An ENTITY_CREATE message is sent when an entity is created in the Atlas metadata store. An ENTITY_CREATE message has the following format:

```
{
  "version": {
    "version": version_string
},
  "message": {
    "entity": entity_definition_structure,
    "operationType": "ENTITY_CREATE",
    "Classifications": []
}
}
```

The message structure is very similar to the ENTITY_CREATE message in Publishing Entity Changes to Atlas, but with the following differences:

- version This structure has one field version, which is of the form
 major.minor.revision. This has been introduced to allow Atlas to evolve message
 formats while still allowing compatibility with older messages. In the 0.7-incubating
 release, the supported version number is 1.0.0. The version number can be used by
 components to determine if the message is compatible with the structure they can
 decode.
- message This structure contains the details of the entity.
 - entity This is a single entity that is created. The structure of the entity is exactly
 the same as the EntityDefinition structure described in Important Atlas API
 Datatypes. This is a critical difference from the ENTITY_CREATE message in the
 previous publishing section, in that notifications from Atlas always contain only one
 entity at a time, and not an array. The other key difference is that because these are
 entities created by Atlas, the IDs assigned will be the actual GUIDs of the entities.
 - operationType The type of this message is ENTITY_CREATE.
 - Classifications This field is empty for this operation.

Example:

When an hbase_table is created, hbase_column and hbase_column_family entities are also created. In the API and messages we have seen thus far, we were creating all of these together. However, as described above, every hbase_column entity is notified in a unique separate message as shown below.

```
{
    "version": {
```

```
"version": "1.0.0"
 },
 "message": {
 "entity": {
  "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$_Reference",
   "id": {
    "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization$_Id",
    "id": "9027517b-1644-4f64-bf2c-7b6b49ae9ef2",
    "version": 0,
    "typeName": "hbase_column",
    "state": "ACTIVE"
   "typeName": "hbase_column",
   "values": {
    "name": "cssnsi",
    "qualifiedName": "default.webtable.anchor.cssnsi@cluster1",
    "owner": "crawler",
    "type": "string"
  },
  "ClassificationNames": [],
  "Classifications": {}
 "operationType": "ENTITY_CREATE",
  "Classifications": []
```

6.5.2.2. ENTITY_UPDATE Message

This message is sent when an entity is updated by Atlas. The format of this message is as follows:

```
{
  "version": {
    "version": version_string
},
  "message": {
    "entity": entity_definition_structure,
    "operationType": "ENTITY_UPDATE",
    "Classifications": []
}
```

This structure is similar to the ENTITY_CREATE message described above. One point to note is that Atlas does not currently say what part of the entity has changed, but the entity field has the complete definition (including unchanged attributes).

Example:

Previously in Update a Subset of Entity Attributes we updated the hbase_table to set the isEnabled flag to false. This operation results in an ENTITY_UPDATE event as shown below. The details of all of the columnFamilies, etc. are omitted for the sake of brevity.

```
{
  "version": {
    "version": "1.0.0"
},
```

```
"message": {
  "entity": {
   "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$_Reference",
   "id": {
    "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization$_Id",
    "id": "de9c64bd-f7fc-4b63-96fa-52879b651efe",
    "version": 0,
    "typeName": "hbase_table",
    "state": "ACTIVE"
   "typeName": "hbase_table",
   "values": {
    "columnFamilies": [...],
    "name": "webtable",
    "description": "Table that stores crawled information",
    "qualifiedName": "default.webtable@cluster1",
    "isEnabled": false,
    "namespace": {...}
   },
   "ClassificationNames": [],
  "Classifications": {}
  "operationType": "ENTITY_UPDATE",
  "Classifications": []
```

6.5.2.3. ENTITY_DELETE Message

You can use ENTITY_DELETE to deleted an entity. This message has the following structure:

```
{
  "version": {
    "version": version_string
},
  "message": {
    "entity": {
        "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$_Reference",
        "id": id_structure containing GUID of the deleted entity,
        "typeName": typeName,
        "values": empty_map,
        "ClassificationNames": empty_list,
        "Classifications": empty_map
},
    "operationType": "ENTITY_DELETE",
        "Classifications": []
}
```

The message structure is similar to the ENTITY_CREATE and ENTITY_UPDATE messages above. The key difference is that the values attribute does not contain any data.

You should also note that the deletion of an entity can result in multiple ENTITY_DELETE messages. This is because when an entity is deleted, any entities referred to in composite attributes of the entity are deleted as well, and these also trigger individual messages.

Example:

In the following example, when the hbase_table is deleted, the composite attributes referred in columnFamilies are deleted as well. This example shows the ENTITY_DELETE message of one such hbase_column_family entity.

```
"version": {
 "version": "1.0.0"
 "message": {
 "entity": {
   "jsonClass": "orq.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$_Reference",
   "id": {
    "jsonClass": "orq.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization$_Id",
    "id": "eef88491-8333-4538-8e39-5af1f56de9c5",
    "version": 0,
   "typeName": "hbase_column_family",
   "state": "ACTIVE"
  "typeName": "hbase_column_family",
  "values": {},
  "ClassificationNames": [],
  "Classifications": {}
 "operationType": "ENTITY_DELETE",
 "Classifications": []
```

6.5.2.4. CLASSIFICATION_ADD Message

This message is sent when a Classification instance is associated with an entity. The format of this message is as follows:

```
{
  "version": {
    "version": version_string
},
  "message": {
    "entity": entity_definition_structure,
    "operationType": "CLASSIFICATION_ADD",
    "Classifications": [ {
        "typeName": Classification_name,
        "values": {
        Classification_attribute: value,
        ...
      }
    }]
}
```

The message structure is similar to an ENTITY_CREATE message.

- entity Contains the entity definition to which the Classification instance is added.
- Classifications An array containing information about the associated Classifications. Each attribute is a structure with the following fields:

- typeName The name of the Classification being added.
- values A map whose keys are the attributes defined in the Classification definition, and the corresponding values defined for in the Classification instance that is associated with the entity.

Example:

When the Retainable Classification is associated with an hbase_column_family, the following CLASSIFICATION_ADD message is generated:

```
"version": {
 "version": "1.0.0"
 "message": {
 "entity": {
  "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$_Reference",
  "id": {
   "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization$_Id",
   "id": "7d4575d1-97f9-4f70-aa15-d7c3aaba3352",
   "version": 0,
   "typeName": "hbase_column_family",
   "state": "ACTIVE"
  },
   "typeName": "hbase_column_family",
   "values": {
    "name": "contents",
    "inMemory": false,
    "description": "The contents column family that stores the crawled
content",
    "versions": 1,
    "compression": "lzo",
    "blockSize": 1024,
    "qualifiedName": "default.webtable.contents@cluster2",
    "columns": [{
     "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$_Id",
     "id": "340d841a-8682-4ff9-9b8d-797a7aa387e2",
     "version": 0,
     "typeName": "hbase_column",
     "state": "ACTIVE"
    }],
    "owner": "crawler"
   },
   "ClassificationNames": ["Retainable"],
   "Classifications": {
    "Retainable": {
     "jsonClass": "org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$_Struct",
     "typeName": "Retainable",
     "values": {
      "retentionPeriod": 100
```

```
"operationType": "CLASSIFICATION_ADD",

"Classifications": [{
    "typeName": "Retainable",
    "values": {
        "retentionPeriod": 100
     }
    }
}
```

Note that the Classifications attribute contains the Classification instance details.

6.5.2.5. CLASSIFICATION_DELETE Message

This message is sent when a Classification instance is disassociated from an entity. The format of this message is as follows:

```
{
  "version": {
    "version": version_string
},
  "message": {
    "entity": entity_definition_structure,
    "operationType": "CLASSIFICATION_DELETE",
    "Classifications": []
}
```

The message structure is similar to an ENTITY_CREATE message.

 entity – Contains the entity definition from which the Classification instance is disassociated.

6.6. Appendix

6.6.1. Important Atlas API Data Types

6.6.1.1. Atlas Attribute Def

The AtlasAttributeDef structure contains the details of an attribute that is contained in an Entity, Classification, or Struct. An AtlasAttributeDef has the following properties:

- name The attribute name.
- typeName The attribute type.
- cardinality Denotes whether the attribute is a single value, a list, or a set of values. Possible values are SINGLE, LIST, or SET.
- isIndexable Denotes whether the attribute can be indexed by Atlas metadata store.
- isOptional Whether or not it is necessary to pass a value for the attribute.

• isUnique – Whether or not the attribute value is unique across the Atlas metadata store.

6.6.1.2. AtlasTypesDef

The AtlasTypesDef structure is used in the following APIs:

- Bulk Create Type Definitions
- Get All Type Definitions

The AtlasTypesDef structure has the following attributes:

- enumDefs An array of types of metatype AtlasEnumDef. Will be empty if no Enums are being queried or defined.
- structDefs An array of types of metatype AtlasStructDef. Will be empty if no Structs are being queried or defined.
- entityDefs An array of types of metatype AtlasEntityDef. Will be empty if no Entities are being queried or defined.
- classificationDefs An array of types of metatype AtlasClassificationDef. Will be empty if no Classifications are being queried or defined.
- For each of the AtlasStruct, AtlasEntity or AtlasClassification types defined, the following attributes are found:
 - name The name of the specific AtlasStruct, AtlasEntity, or AtlasClassification being defined.
 - typeVersion The version of the type.
 - superTypes If the type being defined is a AtlasEntity or AtlasClassification, this will be an array of Strings, each for a super class of the AtlasEntity or AtlasClassification being defined.
 - attributeDefs An array defining attributes that are part of the AtlasStruct, AtlasEntity or AtlasClassification being defined. Each attribute is an instance of AtlasAttributeDef.

6.6.1.3. AtlasEntity

The AtlasEntity structure is used in the following APIs:

- Create or Update a Single Entity
- Get Entity Definition Using GUID (and related topics).

The AtlasEntity structure has the following attributes:

- typeName The name of the type of which this entity is an instance.
- guid The system-specific identifier.

- When being used to create an entity, this ID value for the entity MUST be a negative long number. For example, Atlas Java code uses "" + (-System.nanoTime()) as the value for this. An identifier specified like this has a special meaning in Atlas, that it is as yet unassigned in the data stores. Atlas then generates a GUID for this entity and stores it which becomes the true identifier.
- When being used to refer to an existing entity, this ID value is the system-generated GUID (in standard GUID format. For example: 139b47b2-b911-47d4-b43c-0493607b4b89.
- attributes A JSON map of the attribute names and values for the attributes defined
 in the type definition of the entity. This is obviously the most important part of the entity
 definition. To set or retrieve the attribute values of the entity, this map will need to be
 iterated. The encoding of the values in the map is according to the metatype of each
 attribute, as follows:
 - Basic Metatypes Int, String, Boolean, etc. Encoding is corresponding string representation.
 - Enum Metatypes TODO
 - Collection Metatypes Arrays, Maps (TODO for Maps). Arrays are encoded as a JSON array, where each element is recursively encoded according to these rules.
 - Composite Metatypes AtlasEntity, AtlasStruct, AtlasClassification (TODO for AtlasStruct / AtlasClassification). For Entities: If the system ID of the entity being referenced is known, only the guid attribute needs to be filled. If the system ID of the entity being referenced is not known, then the full encoding of the entity according to its AtlasEntity should be specified.
- classifications A Map of String to Classification instance definitions. Each entry has the key as the classification name and the value is an AtlasClassification.

6.6.1.4. ClassificationInstanceDefinition

The ClassificationInstanceDefinition is used in the following APIs:

- Associate Classification Instances with Entities
- • In the Classifications Map of the EntityDefinition structure.

The ClassificationInstanceDefinition has the following structure:

```
{
  "jsonClass":"org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization
$_Struct",
  "typeName":name_of_Classification,
  "values":{
      "attribute_name": "attribute_value",
      ...
  }
}
```

The ClassificationInstanceDefinition structure has the following properties:

- jsonClass Points to the metatype org.apache.atlas.typesystem.json.InstanceSerialization\$_Struct
- typeName Refers to the name of the Classification being added.
- values A map of key-value pairs. Key is attribute name defined when defining the Classification. Value is attribute value.

7. Apache Atlas REST API

Apache Atlas exposes a variety of REST endpoints that enable you to work with types, entities, lineage, and data discovery. The following resources provide detailed information about the Apache Atlas REST API:

- Apache Atlas REST API
- Apache Atlas Swagger interactive Atlas REST API interface
- Apache Atlas Technical Reference