
AWS CloudHSM

User Guide



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What Is AWS CloudHSM?

AWS CloudHSM provides hardware security modules in the AWS Cloud. A hardware security module (HSM) is a computing device that processes cryptographic operations and provides secure storage for cryptographic keys.

When you use an HSM from AWS CloudHSM, you can perform a variety of cryptographic tasks:

- Generate, store, import, export, and manage cryptographic keys, including symmetric keys and asymmetric key pairs.
- Use symmetric and asymmetric algorithms to encrypt and decrypt data.
- Use cryptographic hash functions to compute message digests and hash-based message authentication codes (HMACs).
- Cryptographically sign data (including code signing) and verify signatures.
- Generate cryptographically secure random data.

If you want a managed service for creating and controlling your encryption keys, but you don't want or need to operate your own HSM, consider using [AWS Key Management Service](#).

To learn more about what you can do with AWS CloudHSM, see the following topics. When you are ready to get started with AWS CloudHSM, see [Getting Started \(p. 15\)](#).

Topics

- [AWS CloudHSM Use Cases \(p. 1\)](#)
- [AWS CloudHSM Clusters \(p. 2\)](#)
- [AWS CloudHSM Cluster Backups \(p. 6\)](#)
- [AWS CloudHSM Client Tools and Software Libraries \(p. 8\)](#)
- [HSM Users \(p. 10\)](#)
- [Compliance \(p. 12\)](#)
- [Pricing \(p. 13\)](#)
- [Regions \(p. 13\)](#)
- [AWS CloudHSM Limits \(p. 13\)](#)

AWS CloudHSM Use Cases

A hardware security module (HSM) in AWS CloudHSM can help you accomplish a variety of goals.

Topics

- [Offload the SSL/TLS Processing for Web Servers \(p. 1\)](#)
- [Protect the Private Keys for an Issuing Certificate Authority \(CA\) \(p. 2\)](#)
- [Enable Transparent Data Encryption \(TDE\) for Oracle Databases \(p. 2\)](#)

Offload the SSL/TLS Processing for Web Servers

Web servers and their clients (web browsers) can use Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) or Transport Layer Security (TLS). These protocols confirm the identity of the web server and establish a secure connection

to send and receive webpages or other data over the internet. This is commonly known as HTTPS. The web server uses a public–private key pair and an SSL/TLS public key certificate to establish an HTTPS session with each client. This process involves a lot of computation for the web server, but you can offload some of this to the HSMs in your AWS CloudHSM cluster. This is sometimes known as SSL acceleration. Offloading reduces the computational burden on your web server and provides extra security by storing the server's private key in the HSMs.

For information about setting up SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM, see [SSL/TLS Offload \(p. 209\)](#).

Protect the Private Keys for an Issuing Certificate Authority (CA)

In a public key infrastructure (PKI), a certificate authority (CA) is a trusted entity that issues digital certificates. These digital certificates bind a public key to an identity (a person or organization) by means of public key cryptography and digital signatures. To operate a CA, you must maintain trust by protecting the private key that signs the certificates issued by your CA. You can store the private key in the HSM in your AWS CloudHSM cluster, and use the HSM to perform the cryptographic signing operations.

Enable Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) for Oracle Databases

Some versions of Oracle's database software offer a feature called Transparent Data Encryption (TDE). With TDE, the database software encrypts data before storing it on disk. The data in the database's table columns or tablespaces is encrypted with a table key or tablespace key. These keys are encrypted with the TDE master encryption key. You can store the TDE master encryption key in the HSMs in your AWS CloudHSM cluster, which provides additional security.

For information about setting up Oracle TDE with AWS CloudHSM, see [Oracle Database Encryption \(p. 239\)](#).

AWS CloudHSM Clusters

AWS CloudHSM provides hardware security modules (HSMs) in a *cluster*. A cluster is a collection of individual HSMs that AWS CloudHSM keeps in sync. You can think of a cluster as one logical HSM. When you perform a task or operation on one HSM in a cluster, the other HSMs in that cluster are automatically kept up to date.

You can create a cluster that has from 1 to 28 HSMs (the [default limit \(p. 13\)](#) is 6 HSMs per AWS account per AWS Region). You can place the HSMs in different Availability Zones in an AWS Region. Adding more HSMs to a cluster provides higher performance. Spreading clusters across Availability Zones provides redundancy and high availability.

Making individual HSMs work together in a synchronized, redundant, highly available cluster can be difficult, but AWS CloudHSM does some of the undifferentiated heavy lifting for you. You can add and remove HSMs in a cluster and let AWS CloudHSM keep the HSMs connected and in sync for you.

To create a cluster, see [Getting Started \(p. 15\)](#).

For more information about clusters, see the following topics.

Topics

- [Cluster Architecture \(p. 3\)](#)

- [Cluster Synchronization \(p. 4\)](#)
- [Cluster High Availability and Load Balancing \(p. 5\)](#)

Cluster Architecture

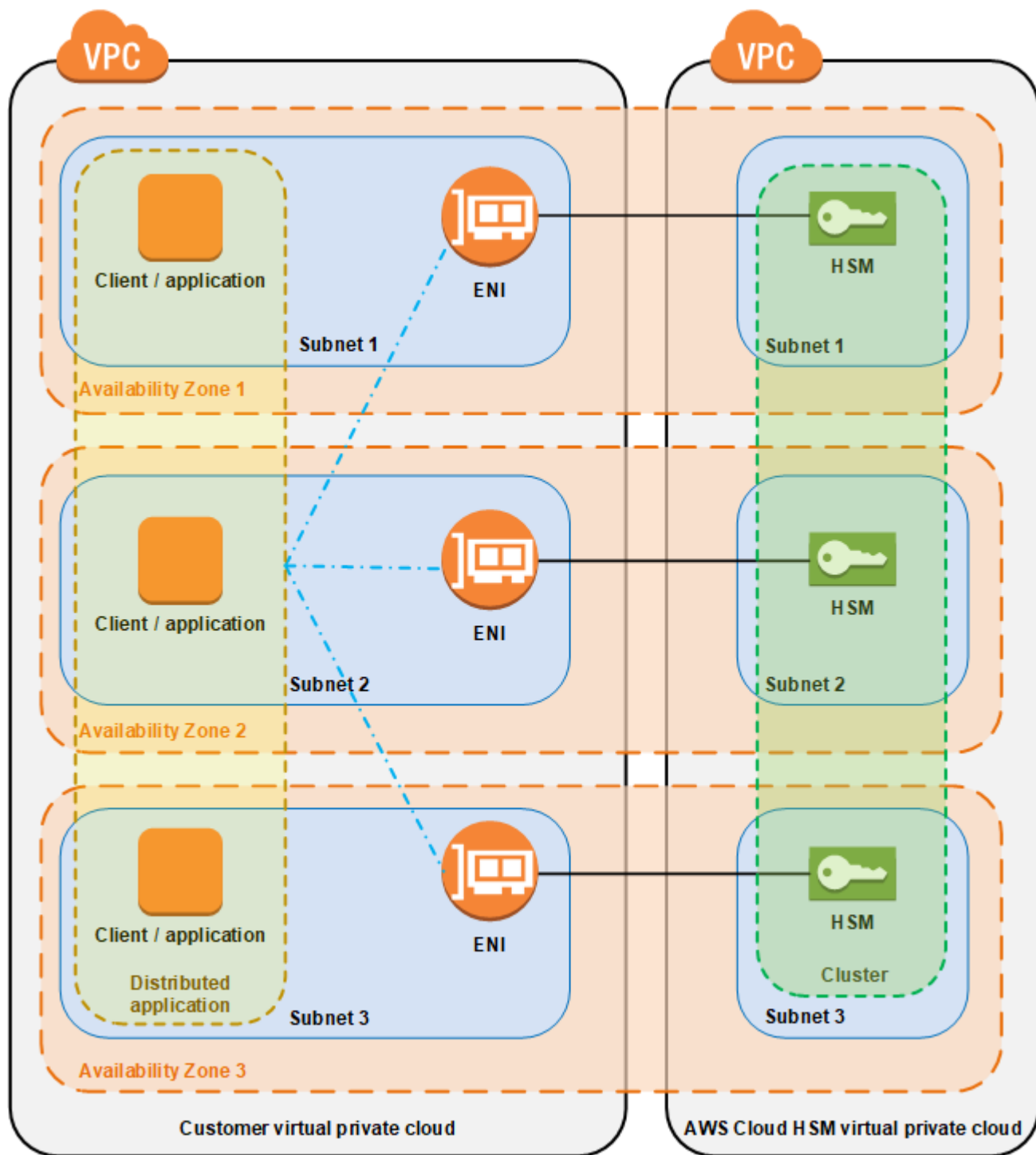
When you create a cluster, you specify an Amazon Virtual Private Cloud (VPC) in your AWS account and one or more subnets in that VPC. We recommend that you create one subnet in each Availability Zone (AZ) in your chosen AWS Region. To learn how, see [Create a Private Subnet \(p. 21\)](#).

Each time you create an HSM, you specify the cluster and Availability Zone for the HSM. By putting the HSMs in different Availability Zones, you achieve redundancy and high availability in case one Availability Zone is unavailable.

When you create an HSM, AWS CloudHSM puts an elastic network interface (ENI) in the specified subnet in your AWS account. The elastic network interface is the interface for interacting with the HSM. The HSM resides in a separate VPC in an AWS account that is owned by AWS CloudHSM. The HSM and its corresponding network interface are in the same Availability Zone.

To interact with the HSMs in a cluster, you need the AWS CloudHSM client software. Typically you install the client on Amazon EC2 instances, known as *client instances*, that reside in the same VPC as the HSM ENIs, as shown in the following figure. That's not technically required though; you can install the client on any compatible computer, as long as it can connect to the HSM ENIs. The client communicates with the individual HSMs in your cluster through their ENIs.

The following figure represents an AWS CloudHSM cluster with three HSMs, each in a different Availability Zone in the VPC.



Cluster Synchronization

In an AWS CloudHSM cluster, AWS CloudHSM keeps the keys on the individual HSMs in sync. You don't need to do anything to synchronize the keys on your HSMs. To keep the users and policies on each HSM in sync, update the AWS CloudHSM client configuration file before you [manage HSM users \(p. 53\)](#). For more information, see [Keep HSM Users In Sync \(p. 270\)](#).

When you add a new HSM to a cluster, AWS CloudHSM makes a backup of all keys, users, and policies on an existing HSM. It then restores that backup onto the new HSM. This keeps the two HSMs in sync.

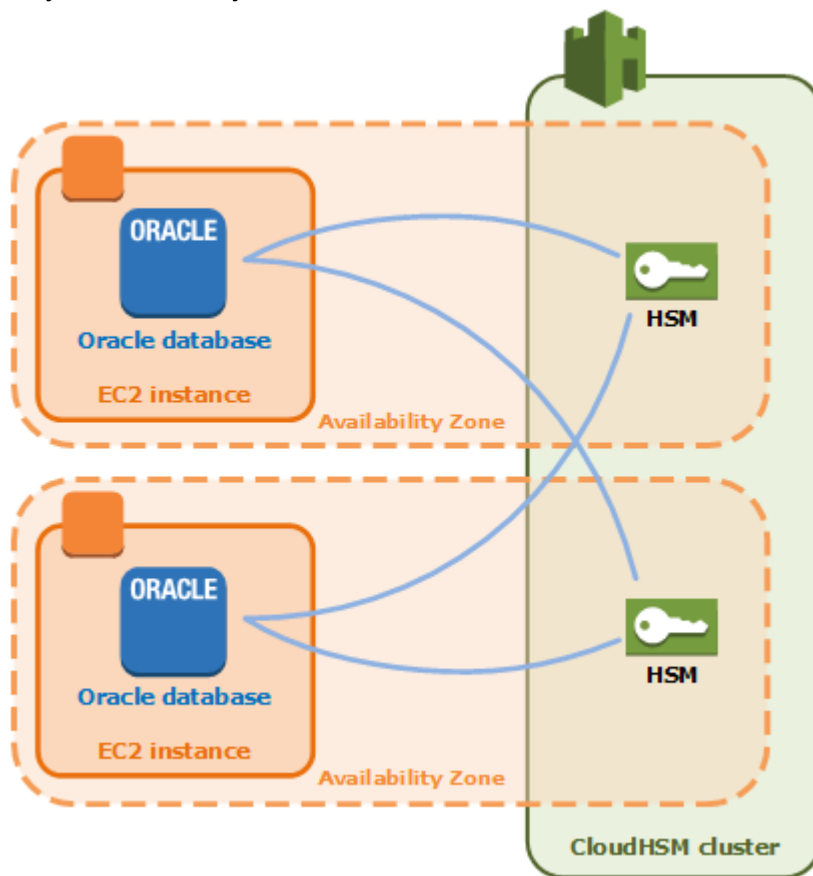
If the HSMs in a cluster fall out of synchronization, AWS CloudHSM automatically resynchronizes them. To enable this, AWS CloudHSM uses the credentials of the [appliance user](#) (p. 10). This user exists on all HSMs provided by AWS CloudHSM and has limited permissions. It can get a hash of objects on the HSM and can extract and insert masked (encrypted) objects. AWS cannot view or modify your users or keys and cannot perform any cryptographic operations using those keys.

Cluster High Availability and Load Balancing

When you create an AWS CloudHSM cluster with more than one HSM, you automatically get load balancing. Load balancing means that the [AWS CloudHSM client](#) (p. 8) distributes cryptographic operations across all HSMs in the cluster based on each HSM's capacity for additional processing.

When you create the HSMs in different AWS Availability Zones, you automatically get high availability. High availability means that you get higher reliability because no individual HSM is a single point of failure. We recommend that you have a minimum of two HSMs in each cluster, with each HSM in different Availability Zones within an AWS Region.

For example, the following figure shows an Oracle database application that is distributed to two different Availability Zones. The database instances store their master keys in a cluster that includes an HSM in each Availability Zone. AWS CloudHSM automatically synchronizes the keys to both HSMs so that they are immediately accessible and redundant.



AWS CloudHSM Cluster Backups

AWS CloudHSM makes periodic backups of your cluster. You can't instruct AWS CloudHSM to make backups anytime that you want, but you can take certain actions that result in AWS CloudHSM making a backup. For more information, see the following topics.

When you add an HSM to a cluster that previously contained one or more active HSMs, AWS CloudHSM restores the most recent backup onto the new HSM. This means that you can use AWS CloudHSM to manage an HSM that you use infrequently. When you don't need to use the HSM, you can delete it, which triggers a backup. Later, when you need to use the HSM again, you can create a new HSM in the same cluster, effectively restoring your previous HSM.

You can also create a new cluster from an existing backup of a different cluster. You must create the new cluster in the same AWS Region that contains the existing backup.

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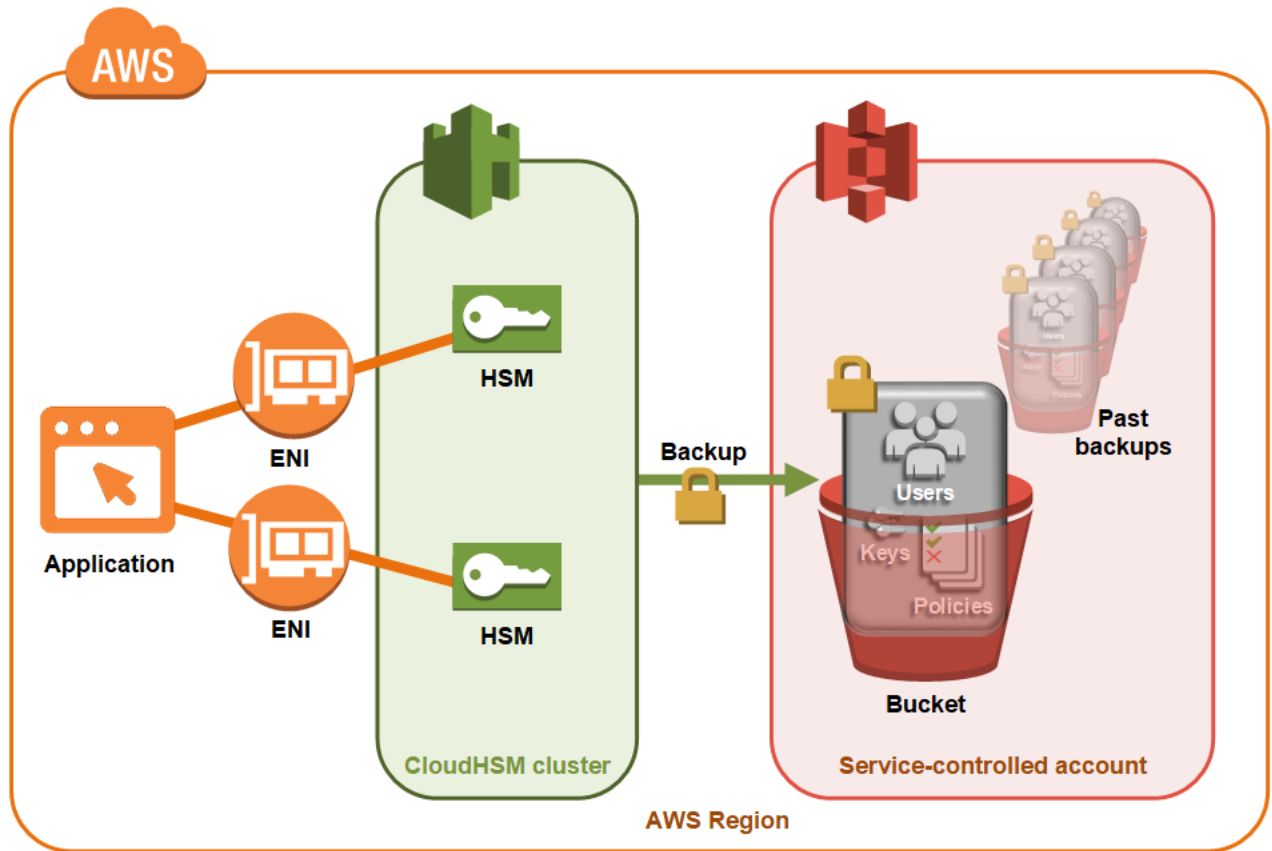
- [Overview of Backups \(p. 6\)](#)
- [Security of Backups \(p. 7\)](#)
- [Durability of Backups \(p. 8\)](#)
- [Frequency of Backups \(p. 8\)](#)

Overview of Backups

Each backup contains encrypted copies of the following data:

- All [users \(COs, CUs, and AUs\) \(p. 10\)](#) on the HSM.
- All key material and certificates on the HSM.
- The HSM's configuration and policies.

AWS CloudHSM stores the backups in a service-controlled Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) bucket in the same AWS Region as your cluster.



Security of Backups

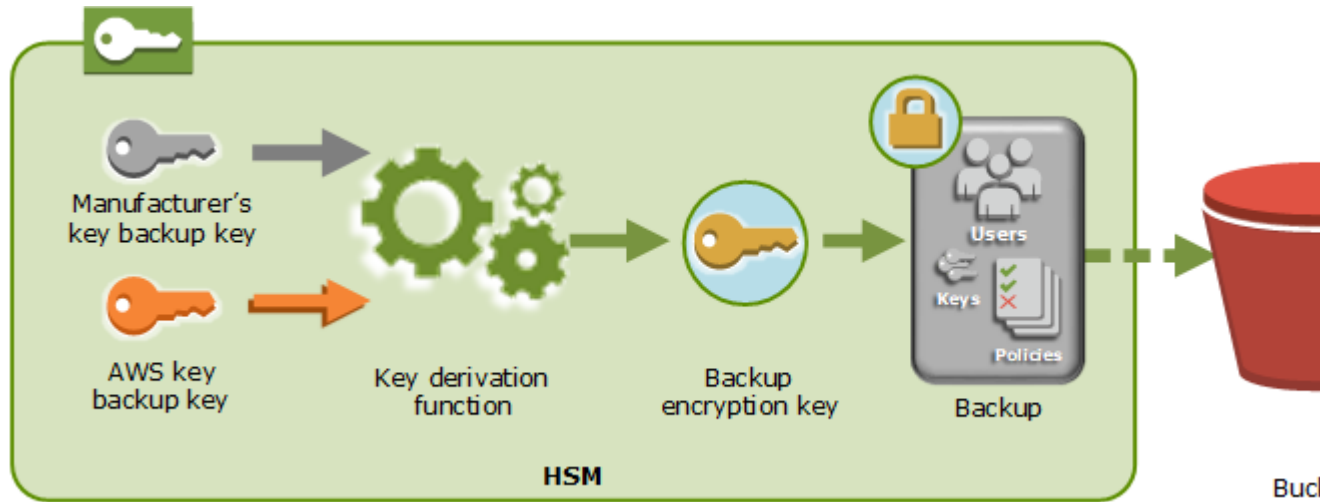
When AWS CloudHSM makes a backup from the HSM, the HSM encrypts all of its data before sending it to AWS CloudHSM. The data never leaves the HSM in plaintext form.

To encrypt its data, the HSM uses a unique, ephemeral encryption key known as the ephemeral backup key (EBK). The EBK is an AES 256-bit encryption key generated inside the HSM when AWS CloudHSM makes a backup. The HSM generates the EBK, then uses it to encrypt the HSM's data with a FIPS-approved AES key wrapping method that complies with [NIST special publication 800-38F](#). Then the HSM gives the encrypted data to AWS CloudHSM. The encrypted data includes an encrypted copy of the EBK.

To encrypt the EBK, the HSM uses another encryption key known as the persistent backup key (PBK). The PBK is also an AES 256-bit encryption key. To generate the PBK, the HSM uses a FIPS-approved key derivation function (KDF) in counter mode that complies with [NIST special publication 800-108](#). The inputs to this KDF include the following:

- A manufacturer key backup key (MKBK), permanently embedded in the HSM hardware by the hardware manufacturer.
- An AWS key backup key (AKBK), securely installed in the HSM when it's initially configured by AWS CloudHSM.

The encryption processes are summarized in the following figure. The backup encryption key represents the persistent backup key (PBK) and the ephemeral backup key (EBK).



AWS CloudHSM can restore backups onto only AWS-owned HSMs made by the same manufacturer. Because each backup contains all users, keys, and configuration from the original HSM, the restored HSM contains the same protections and access controls as the original. The restored data overwrites all other data that might have been on the HSM prior to restoration.

A backup consists of only encrypted data. Before each backup is stored in Amazon S3, it's encrypted again under an AWS Key Management Service (AWS KMS) customer master key (CMK).

Durability of Backups

AWS CloudHSM stores cluster backups in an Amazon S3 bucket in an AWS account that AWS CloudHSM controls. The durability of backups is the same as any object stored in Amazon S3. Amazon S3 is designed to deliver 99.99999999% durability.

Frequency of Backups

AWS CloudHSM makes a cluster backup at least once per 24 hours. In addition to recurring daily backups, AWS CloudHSM makes a backup when you perform any of the following actions:

- [Initialize the cluster \(p. 31\).](#)
- [Add an HSM to an initialized cluster \(p. 42\).](#)
- [Remove an HSM from a cluster \(p. 44\).](#)

AWS CloudHSM Client Tools and Software Libraries

To manage and use the HSMs in your cluster, you use the AWS CloudHSM client software. The client software includes several components, as described in the following topics.

Topics

- [AWS CloudHSM Client \(p. 9\)](#)
- [AWS CloudHSM Command Line Tools \(p. 10\)](#)
- [AWS CloudHSM Software Libraries \(p. 10\)](#)

AWS CloudHSM Client

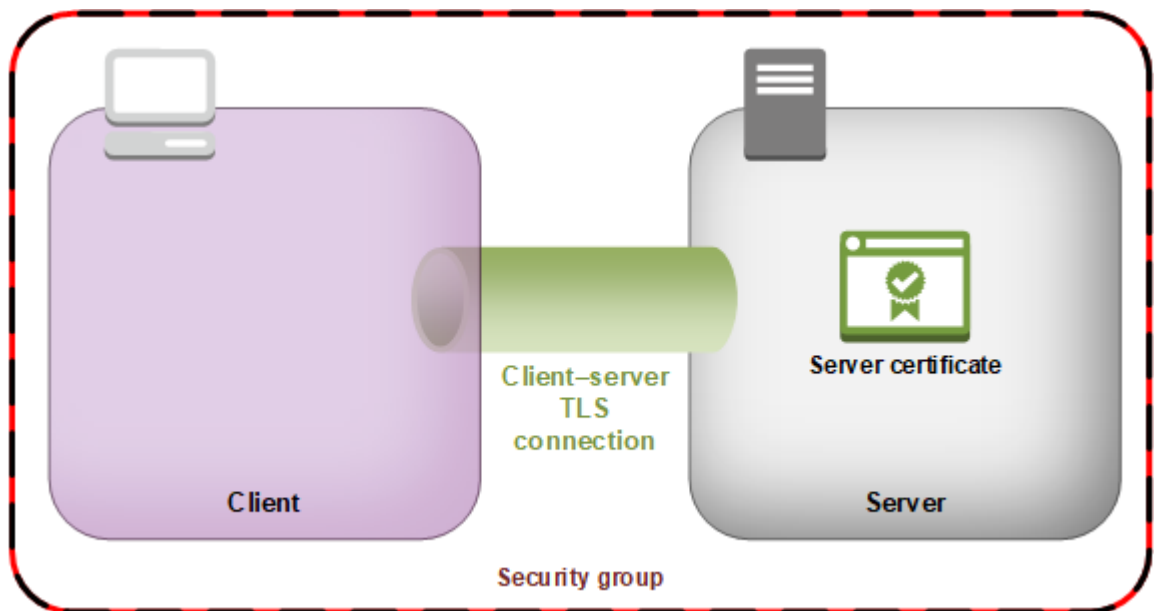
The AWS CloudHSM client is a daemon that you install and run on your application hosts. The client establishes and maintains a secure, end-to-end encrypted connection with the HSMs in your AWS CloudHSM cluster. The client provides the fundamental connection between your application hosts and your HSMs. Most of the other AWS CloudHSM client software components rely on the client to communicate with your HSMs. To get started with the AWS CloudHSM client if you are using Linux, see [Install the Client \(Linux\) \(p. 35\)](#). If you are using Windows, see [Install the Client \(Windows\) \(p. 37\)](#).

AWS CloudHSM Client End-to-End Encryption

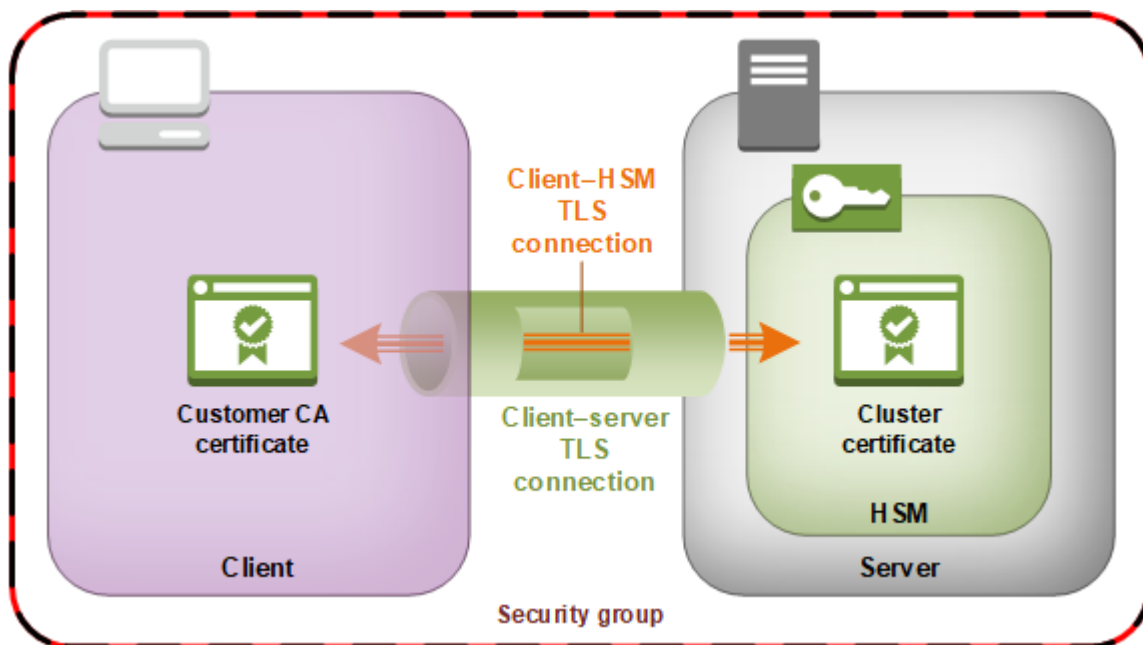
Communication between the AWS CloudHSM client and the HSMs in your cluster is encrypted from end to end. Only your client and your HSMs can decrypt the communication.

The following process explains how the client establishes end-to-end encrypted communication with an HSM.

1. Your client establishes a Transport Layer Security (TLS) connection with the server that hosts your HSM hardware. Your cluster's security group allows inbound traffic to the server only from client instances in the security group. The client also checks the server's certificate to ensure that it's a trusted server.



2. Next, the client establishes an encrypted connection with the HSM hardware. The HSM has the cluster certificate that you signed with your own certificate authority (CA), and the client has the CA's root certificate. Before the client-HSM encrypted connection is established, the client verifies the HSM's cluster certificate against its root certificate. The connection is established only when the client successfully verifies that the HSM is trusted. The client-HSM encrypted connection goes through the client-server connection established previously.



AWS CloudHSM Command Line Tools

The AWS CloudHSM client software includes two command line tools. You use the command line tools to manage the users and keys on the HSMs. For example, you can create HSM users, change user passwords, create keys, and more. For information about these tools, see [Command Line Tools \(p. 74\)](#).

AWS CloudHSM Software Libraries

You can use the AWS CloudHSM software libraries to integrate your applications with the HSMs in your cluster and use them for cryptoprocessing. For more information about installing and using the different libraries, see [Using the Software Libraries \(p. 183\)](#).

HSM Users

Most operations that you perform on the HSM require the credentials of an *HSM user*. The HSM authenticates each HSM user by means of a user name and password.

Each HSM user has a *type* that determines which operations the user is allowed to perform on the HSM. The following topics explain the types of HSM users.

Topics

- [Precrypto Officer \(PRECO\) \(p. 11\)](#)
- [Crypto Officer \(CO\) \(p. 11\)](#)
- [Crypto User \(CU\) \(p. 11\)](#)
- [Appliance User \(AU\) \(p. 11\)](#)
- [HSM User Permissions Table \(p. 11\)](#)

Precrypto Officer (PRECO)

The precrypto officer (PRECO) is a temporary user that exists only on the first HSM in an AWS CloudHSM cluster. The first HSM in a new cluster contains a PRECO user with a default user name and password. To [activate a cluster \(p. 38\)](#), you log in to the HSM and change the PRECO user's password. When you change the password, the PRECO user becomes a crypto officer (CO). The PRECO user can only change its own password and perform read-only operations on the HSM.

Crypto Officer (CO)

A crypto officer (CO) can perform user management operations. For example, a CO can create and delete users and change user passwords. For more information, see the [HSM User Permissions Table \(p. 11\)](#). When you [activate a new cluster \(p. 38\)](#), the user changes from a [Precrypto Officer \(p. 11\) \(PRECO\)](#) to a crypto officer (CO).

Crypto User (CU)

A crypto user (CU) can perform the following key management and cryptographic operations.

- **Key management** – Create, delete, share, import, and export cryptographic keys.
- **Cryptographic operations** – Use cryptographic keys for encryption, decryption, signing, verifying, and more.

For more information, see the [HSM User Permissions Table \(p. 11\)](#).

Appliance User (AU)

The appliance user (AU) can perform cloning and synchronization operations. AWS CloudHSM uses the AU to synchronize the HSMs in an AWS CloudHSM cluster. The AU exists on all HSMs provided by AWS CloudHSM, and has limited permissions. For more information, see the [HSM User Permissions Table \(p. 11\)](#).

AWS uses the AU to perform cloning and synchronization operations on your cluster's HSMs. AWS cannot perform any operations on your HSMs except those granted to the AU and unauthenticated users. AWS cannot view or modify your users or keys and cannot perform any cryptographic operations using those keys.

HSM User Permissions Table

The following table lists HSM operations and whether each type of HSM user can perform them.

	Crypto Officer (CO)	Crypto User (CU)	Appliance User (AU)	Unauthenticated User
Get basic cluster info ¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zeroize an HSM ²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Change own password	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not applicable

	Crypto Officer (CO)	Crypto User (CU)	Appliance User (AU)	Unauthenticated User
Change any user's password	Yes	No	No	No
Add, remove users	Yes	No	No	No
Get sync status ³	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Extract, insert masked objects ⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Create, share, delete keys	No	Yes	No	No
Encrypt, decrypt	No	Yes	No	No
Sign, verify	No	Yes	No	No
Generate digests and HMACs	No	Yes	No	No

¹Basic cluster information includes the number of HSMs in the cluster and each HSM's IP address, model, serial number, device ID, firmware ID, etc.

²When an HSM is zeroized, all keys, certificates, and other data on the HSM is destroyed. You can use your cluster's security group to prevent an unauthenticated user from zeroizing your HSM. For more information, see [Create a Cluster \(p. 21\)](#).

³The user can get a set of digests (hashes) that correspond to the keys on the HSM. An application can compare these sets of digests to understand the synchronization status of HSMs in a cluster.

⁴Masked objects are keys that are encrypted before they leave the HSM. They cannot be decrypted outside of the HSM. They are only decrypted after they are inserted into an HSM that is in the same cluster as the HSM from which they were extracted. An application can extract and insert masked objects to synchronize the HSMs in a cluster.

Compliance

AWS and AWS Marketplace partners offer many solutions for protecting data in AWS. However, some applications and data are subject to strict contractual or regulatory requirements for managing and using cryptographic keys. Relying on a FIPS-validated HSM can help you meet corporate, contractual, and regulatory compliance requirements for data security in the AWS Cloud. You can review the FIPS-approved security policies for the HSMs provided by AWS CloudHSM below.

FIPS Validation for Hardware Used by CloudHSM

[Certificate #3254](#) was issued on August 2, 2018.

[Certificate #2850](#) was issued on February 27, 2017.

FIPS 140-2 Compliance

The Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) Publication 140-2 is a US government security standard that specifies security requirements for cryptographic modules that protect sensitive information. The HSMs provided by AWS CloudHSM comply with FIPS 140-2 level 3.

PCI DSS Compliance

The Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) is a proprietary information security standard administered by the [PCI Security Standards Council](#). The HSMs provided by AWS CloudHSM comply with PCI DSS.

Pricing

With AWS CloudHSM, you pay by the hour with no long-term commitments or upfront payments. For more information, see [AWS CloudHSM Pricing](#) on the AWS website.

Regions

Visit [AWS Regions and Endpoints](#) in the *AWS General Reference* or the [AWS Region Table](#) to see the regional and Availability Zone support for AWS CloudHSM.

Like most AWS resources, clusters and HSMs are used regionally. To create an HSM in more than one region, you must first create a cluster in that region. You cannot reuse or extend a cluster across regions. You must perform all the required steps listed in [Getting Started with AWS CloudHSM \(p. 15\)](#) to create a new cluster in a new region.

Note

AWS CloudHSM may not be available across all Availability Zones in a given region. However, this should not affect performance, as AWS CloudHSM automatically load balances across all HSMs in a cluster.

AWS CloudHSM Limits

The following limits apply to your AWS CloudHSM resources per AWS Region and AWS account.

Service Limits

Item	Default Limit	Hard Limit
Clusters	4	N/A
HSMs	6	N/A
HSMs per cluster	N/A	28

System Limits

Item	Hard Limit
Keys per cluster	3500
Number of users per cluster	1024
Maximum length of a user name	31 characters
Required password length	7 to 32 characters
Maximum number of concurrent clients	1024

To request an increase in the number of clusters or HSMs, use the [service limit increase form](#) in the AWS Support Center.

Getting Started with AWS CloudHSM

The following topics contain information to help you create, initialize, and activate an AWS CloudHSM cluster. After you complete the instructions included in these topics, you'll be ready to manage users, manage clusters, and perform cryptographic operations using the included software libraries.

To get started with AWS CloudHSM

1. Follow the steps in [Create IAM Administrators \(p. 15\)](#) to set up your IAM users and groups.
2. Follow the steps in [Create a Cluster \(p. 21\)](#).
3. Follow the steps in [Create an HSM \(p. 24\)](#).
4. (Optional) Follow the steps in [Verify HSM Identity \(Optional\) \(p. 25\)](#) to verify the identity and authenticity of the cluster's HSM.
5. Follow the steps in [Initialize the Cluster \(p. 31\)](#).
6. (First time only) Follow the steps in [Launch an EC2 Client \(p. 23\)](#).
7. (First time only) Follow the steps in [Install the Client \(Linux\) \(p. 35\)](#) if you are using Linux or [Install the Client \(Windows\) \(p. 37\)](#) if you are using Windows.
8. Follow the steps in [Activate the Cluster \(p. 38\)](#).

Topics

- [Create IAM Administrative Groups \(p. 15\)](#)
- [Create a Virtual Private Cloud \(VPC\) \(p. 20\)](#)
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Create IAM Administrative Groups

As a [best practice](#), don't use your AWS account root user to interact with AWS, including AWS CloudHSM. Instead, use AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) to create an IAM user, IAM role, or federated user. Follow the steps in the [Create an IAM User and Administrator Group \(p. 16\)](#) section to create an administrator group and attach the **AdministratorAccess** policy to it. Then create a new administrator user and add the user to the group. Add additional users to the group as needed. Each user you add inherits the **AdministratorAccess** policy from the group.

Another best practice is to create an AWS CloudHSM administrator group that has only the permissions required to run AWS CloudHSM. Add individual users to this group as needed. Each user inherits the

limited permissions that are attached to the group rather than full AWS access. The [Restrict User Permissions to What's Necessary for AWS CloudHSM \(p. 17\)](#) section that follows contains the policy that you should attach to your AWS CloudHSM administrator group.

AWS CloudHSM defines an [IAM service-linked role](#) for your AWS account. The service-linked role currently defines permissions that allow your account to log AWS CloudHSM events. The role can be created automatically by AWS CloudHSM or manually by you. You cannot edit the role, but you can delete it. For more information, see the [Understanding Service-Linked Roles \(p. 19\)](#) section that follows.

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Create an IAM User and Administrator Group

Start by creating an IAM user along with an administrator group for that user.

To create an IAM user for yourself and add the user to an Administrators group

1. Use your AWS account email address and password to sign in as the [AWS account root user](#) to the IAM console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/iam/>.

Note

We strongly recommend that you adhere to the best practice of using the **Administrator** IAM user below and securely lock away the root user credentials. Sign in as the root user only to perform a few [account and service management tasks](#).

2. In the navigation pane of the console, choose **Users**, and then choose **Add user**.
3. For **User name**, type **Administrator**.
4. Select the check box next to **AWS Management Console access**, select **Custom password**, and then type the new user's password in the text box. You can optionally select **Require password reset** to force the user to create a new password the next time the user signs in.
5. Choose **Next: Permissions**.
6. On the **Set permissions** page, choose **Add user to group**.
7. Choose **Create group**.
8. In the **Create group** dialog box, for **Group name** type **Administrators**.
9. For **Filter policies**, select the check box for **AWS managed - job function**.
10. In the policy list, select the check box for **AdministratorAccess**. Then choose **Create group**.
11. Back in the list of groups, select the check box for your new group. Choose **Refresh** if necessary to see the group in the list.
12. Choose **Next: Review** to see the list of group memberships to be added to the new user. When you are ready to proceed, choose **Create user**.

You can use this same process to create more groups and users, and to give your users access to your AWS account resources. To learn about using policies to restrict users' permissions to specific AWS resources, go to [Access Management](#) and [Example Policies](#).

You can create multiple administrators in your account and add each to the Administrators group. To sign in to the AWS Management Console, each user needs an AWS account ID or alias. To get these, see [Your AWS Account ID and Its Alias](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Restrict User Permissions to What's Necessary for AWS CloudHSM

We recommend that you create an IAM administrators group for AWS CloudHSM that contains only the permissions required to run AWS CloudHSM. Attach the policy below to your group. Add IAM users to the group as needed. Each user that you add inherits the policy from the group.

In addition to an IAM administrators group, we recommend that you create user groups with appropriate permissions to ensure that only trusted users have access to critical API operations. For example, you may want to create a read-only user group that permits access only to the [DescribeClusters](#) and [DescribeBackups](#). Make sure that the group does not allow a user to *delete* clusters or HSMs. This way, you won't have to worry about an untrusted user affecting availability of a production workload.

As new AWS CloudHSM management features are added over time, you can ensure that only trusted users are given immediate access. By assigning limited permissions to policies at creation, you can manually assign new feature permissions to them later.

To create a customer managed policy

1. Sign in to the IAM console using the credentials of an AWS administrator.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Policies**.
3. Choose **Create policy**.
4. Choose the **JSON** tab.
5. Copy one of the following policies and paste it into the **JSON** editor based on the type of user policy you wish to make.

Read-Only User

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": {
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
      "cloudhsm:DescribeClusters",
      "cloudhsm:DescribeBackups",
      "cloudhsm:ListTags"
    ],
    "Resource": "*"
  }
}
```

The preceding policy allows access to the AWS CloudHSM `DescribeClusters` and `DescribeBackups` API operations. It also includes additional permissions for select Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) actions. However, it does not allow the user to delete clusters or HSMs.

Power User

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": {
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
      "cloudhsm:DescribeClusters",
      "cloudhsm:DescribeBackups",
      "cloudhsm:CreateCluster",
      "cloudhsm:CreateHsm",
      "cloudhsm:RestoreBackup",

```

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```
        "cloudhsm:CopyBackupToRegion",
        "cloudhsm:InitializeCluster",
        "cloudhsm:ListTags",
        "cloudhsm:TagResource",
        "cloudhsm:UntagResource",
        "ec2:CreateNetworkInterface",
        "ec2:DescribeNetworkInterfaces",
        "ec2:DescribeNetworkInterfaceAttribute",
        "ec2:DetachNetworkInterface",
        "ec2>DeleteNetworkInterface",
        "ec2:CreateSecurityGroup",
        "ec2:AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress",
        "ec2:AuthorizeSecurityGroupEgress",
        "ec2:RevokeSecurityGroupEgress",
        "ec2:DescribeSecurityGroups",
        "ec2>DeleteSecurityGroup",
        "ec2:CreateTags",
        "ec2:DescribeVpcs",
        "ec2:DescribeSubnets",
        "iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole"
    ],
    "Resource": "*"
}
}
```

The preceding policy allows access to the AWS CloudHSM `DescribeClusters`, `DescribeBackups`, `CreateCluster`, `CreateHsm`, `RestoreBackup`, `CopyBackupToRegion`, `InitializeCluster`, `ListTags`, `TagResources`, and `UntagResources` API operations. It also includes additional permissions for select Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) actions. However, it does not allow the user to delete clusters or HSMs.

Admin User

```
{
  "Version": "2012-10-17",
  "Statement": {
    "Effect": "Allow",
    "Action": [
      "cloudhsm:*",
      "ec2:CreateNetworkInterface",
      "ec2:DescribeNetworkInterfaces",
      "ec2:DescribeNetworkInterfaceAttribute",
      "ec2:DetachNetworkInterface",
      "ec2>DeleteNetworkInterface",
      "ec2:CreateSecurityGroup",
      "ec2:AuthorizeSecurityGroupIngress",
      "ec2:AuthorizeSecurityGroupEgress",
      "ec2:RevokeSecurityGroupEgress",
      "ec2:DescribeSecurityGroups",
      "ec2>DeleteSecurityGroup",
      "ec2:CreateTags",
      "ec2:DescribeVpcs",
      "ec2:DescribeSubnets",
      "iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole"
    ],
    "Resource": "*"
  }
}
```

The preceding policy allows access a AWS CloudHSM API operations, *including the ability to delete HSMs and clusters*. It also includes additional permissions for select Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) actions.

6. Choose **Review policy**.

7. For **Name**, type a relevant policy name. For instance, if this is a policy for read-only users, you might use **CloudHsmReadOnlyUserPolicy**.
8. (Optional) Type a description.
9. Choose **Create policy**.

The preceding policies include the `iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole` action. You must include this action to allow AWS CloudHSM to automatically create the `AWSServiceRoleForCloudHSM` service-linked role in your account. This role allows AWS CloudHSM to log events. See the following section for more information about the `AWSServiceRoleForCloudHSM` service-linked role.

To create an AWS CloudHSM user group

1. Sign in to the IAM console using the credentials of an AWS administrator.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Groups**.
3. Choose **Create New Group**.
4. For **Group Name**, type a relevant user group name, such as **CloudHsmReadOnlyUsers**.
5. For **Policy Type**, choose **Customer Managed**.
6. Select the check box for preferred user policy and choose **Next Step**.
7. Choose **Create Group**.

Note

When you use the AWS CloudHSM console or API, AWS CloudHSM takes additional actions on your behalf to manage certain Amazon EC2 resources. This happens, for example, when you create and delete clusters and HSMs.

Understanding Service-Linked Roles

The IAM policy that you created previously to [Restrict User Permissions to What's Necessary for AWS CloudHSM \(p. 17\)](#) includes the `iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole` action. AWS CloudHSM defines a [service-linked role](#) named `AWSServiceRoleForCloudHSM`. The role is predefined by AWS CloudHSM and includes permissions that AWS CloudHSM requires to call other AWS services on your behalf. The role makes setting up your service easier because you don't need to manually add the role policy and trust policy permissions.

The role policy allows AWS CloudHSM to create Amazon CloudWatch Logs log groups and log streams and write log events on your behalf. You can view it below and in the IAM console.

```
{
  "Version": "2018-06-12",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Action": [
        "logs:CreateLogGroup",
        "logs:CreateLogStream",
        "logs:PutLogEvents",
        "logs:DescribeLogStreams"
      ],
      "Resource": [
        "arn:aws:logs:*:*:*"
      ]
    }
  ]
}
```

The trust policy for the `AWSServiceRoleForCloudHSM` role allows AWS CloudHSM to assume the role.

```
{
  "Version": "2018-06-12",
  "Statement": [
    {
      "Effect": "Allow",
      "Principal": {
        "Service": "cloudhsm.amazonaws.com"
      },
      "Action": "sts:AssumeRole"
    }
  ]
}
```

Creating a Service-Linked Role (Automatic)

AWS CloudHSM creates the `AWSServiceRoleForCloudHSM` role when you create a cluster if you include the `iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole` action in the permissions that you defined when you created the AWS CloudHSM administrators group. See [Restrict User Permissions to What's Necessary for AWS CloudHSM \(p. 17\)](#).

If you already have one or more clusters and just want to add the `AWSServiceRoleForCloudHSM` role, you can use the console, the `create-cluster` command, or the `CreateCluster` API operation to create a cluster. Then use the console, the `delete-cluster` command, or the `DeleteCluster` API operation to delete it. Creating the new cluster creates the service-linked role and applies it to all clusters in your account. Alternatively, you can create the role manually. See the following section for more information.

Note

You do not need to perform all of the steps outlined in [Getting Started with AWS CloudHSM \(p. 15\)](#) to create a cluster if you are only creating it to add the `AWSServiceRoleForCloudHSM` role.

Creating a Service-Linked Role (Manual)

You can use the IAM console, AWS CLI, or API to create the `AWSServiceRoleForCloudHSM` service-linked role. For more information, see [Creating a Service-Linked Role](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Editing the Service-Linked Role

AWS CloudHSM does not allow you to edit the `AWSServiceRoleForCloudHSM` service-linked role. After the role is created, for example, you cannot change its name because various entities might reference the role by name. Also, you cannot change the role policy. You can, however, use IAM to edit the role description. For more information, see [Editing a Service-Linked Role](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Deleting the Service-Linked Role

You cannot delete a service-linked role as long as a cluster to which it has been applied still exists. To delete the role, you must first delete each HSM in your cluster and then delete the cluster. Every cluster in your account must be deleted. You can then use the IAM console, AWS CLI, or API to delete the role. For more information about deleting a cluster, see [Deleting an AWS CloudHSM Cluster \(p. 48\)](#). For more information, about deleting a role, see [Deleting a Service-Linked Role](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Create a Virtual Private Cloud (VPC)

If you don't already have a virtual private cloud (VPC), create one now.

To create a VPC

1. Open the Amazon VPC console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/vpc/>.
2. On the navigation bar, use the region selector to choose one of the [AWS Regions where AWS CloudHSM is currently supported](#).
3. Choose **Start VPC Wizard**.
4. Choose the first option, **VPC with a Single Public Subnet**. Then choose **Select**.
5. For **VPC name**, type an identifiable name such as **CloudHSM**. For **Subnet name**, type an identifiable name such as **CloudHSM public subnet**. Leave all other options set to their defaults. Then choose **Create VPC**. After the VPC is created, choose **OK**.

Create a Private Subnet

Create a private subnet (a subnet with no internet gateway attached) for each Availability Zone where you want to create an HSM. Private subnets are available across all AWS Availability Zones. Even if AWS CloudHSM is not supported in a certain Availability Zone, the HSM cluster still performs as expected if support is added later. Creating a private subnet in each Availability Zone provides the most robust configuration for high availability. Visit [AWS Regions and Endpoints](#) in the *AWS General Reference* or the [AWS Region Table](#) to see the regional and zone availability for AWS CloudHSM.

To create the private subnets in your VPC

1. Open the Amazon VPC console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/vpc/>.
2. In the navigation pane, choose **Subnets**. Then choose **Create Subnet**.
3. In the **Create Subnet** dialog box, do the following:
 - a. For **Name tag**, type an identifiable name such as **CloudHSM private subnet**.
 - b. For **VPC**, choose the VPC that you created previously.
 - c. For **Availability Zone**, choose the first Availability Zone in the list.
 - d. For **CIDR block**, type the CIDR block to use for the subnet. If you used the default values for the VPC in the previous procedure, then type **10.0.1.0/28**.

Choose **Yes, Create**.

4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to create subnets for each remaining Availability Zone in the region. For the subnet CIDR blocks, you can use 10.0.2.0/28, 10.0.3.0/28, and so on.

Create a Cluster

A cluster is a collection of individual HSMs. AWS CloudHSM synchronizes the HSMs in each cluster so that they function as a logical unit.

Important

When you create a cluster, AWS CloudHSM creates a [service-linked role](#) named `AWSServiceRoleForCloudHSM`. If AWS CloudHSM cannot create the role or the role does not already exist, you may not be able to create a cluster. For more information, see [Resolving Cluster Creation Failures \(p. 273\)](#). For more information about service-linked roles, see [Understanding Service-Linked Roles \(p. 19\)](#).

When you create a cluster, AWS CloudHSM creates a security group for the cluster on your behalf. This security group controls network access to the HSMs in the cluster. It allows inbound connections only from Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) instances that are in the security group. By default,

the security group doesn't contain any instances. Later, you [launch a client instance \(p. 23\)](#) and add it to this security group.

Warning

The cluster's security group prevents unauthorized access to your HSMs. Anyone that can access instances in the security group can access your HSMs. Most operations require a user to log in to the HSM, but it's possible to zeroize HSMs without authentication, which destroys the key material, certificates, and other data. If this happens, data created or modified after the most recent backup is lost and unrecoverable. To prevent this, ensure that only trusted administrators can access the instances in the cluster's security group or modify the security group.

You can create a cluster from the [AWS CloudHSM console](#), the [AWS Command Line Interface \(AWS CLI\)](#), or the AWS CloudHSM API.

To create a cluster (console)

1. Open the AWS CloudHSM console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudhsm/>.
2. On the navigation bar, use the region selector to choose one of the [AWS Regions where AWS CloudHSM is currently supported](#).
3. Choose **Create cluster**.
4. In the **Cluster configuration** section, do the following:
 - a. For **VPC**, select the VPC that you created.
 - b. For **AZ(s)**, next to each Availability Zone, choose the private subnet that you created.

Note

Even if AWS CloudHSM is not supported in a given Availability Zone, performance should not be affected, as AWS CloudHSM automatically load balances across all HSMs in a cluster. See [AWS CloudHSM Regions and Endpoints](#) in the *AWS General Reference* to see Availability Zone support for AWS CloudHSM.

5. Choose **Next: Review**.
6. Review your cluster configuration, and then choose **Create cluster**.

To create a cluster (AWS CLI)

- At a command prompt, run the `create-cluster` command. Specify the HSM instance type and the subnet IDs of the subnets where you plan to create HSMs. Use the subnet IDs of the private subnets that you created. Specify only one subnet per Availability Zone.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 create-cluster --hsm-type hsm1.medium --subnet-ids <subnet ID 1> <subnet ID 2> <subnet ID N>

{
  "Cluster": {
    "BackupPolicy": "DEFAULT",
    "VpcId": "vpc-50ae0636",
    "SubnetMapping": {
      "us-west-2b": "subnet-49a1bc00",
      "us-west-2c": "subnet-6f950334",
      "us-west-2a": "subnet-fd54af9b"
    },
    "SecurityGroup": "sg-6cb2c216",
    "HsmType": "hsm1.medium",
    "Certificates": {},
    "State": "CREATE_IN_PROGRESS",
    "Hsms": [],
    "ClusterId": "cluster-igklspoyj5v",
    "CreateTimestamp": 1502423370.069
  }
}
```

```
}
```

To create a cluster (AWS CloudHSM API)

- Send a [CreateCluster](#) request. Specify the HSM instance type and the subnet IDs of the subnets where you plan to create HSMs. Use the subnet IDs of the private subnets that you created. Specify only one subnet per Availability Zone.

If your attempts to create a cluster fail, it might be related to problems with the AWS CloudHSM service-linked roles. For help on resolving the failure, see [Resolving Cluster Creation Failures \(p. 273\)](#).

Launch an Amazon EC2 Client Instance

To interact with and manage your AWS CloudHSM cluster and HSM instances, you must be able to communicate with the elastic network interfaces of your HSMs. The easiest way to do this is to use an Amazon EC2 instance in the same VPC as your cluster (see below). You can also use the following AWS resources to connect to your cluster:

- [Amazon VPC Peering](#)
- [AWS Direct Connect](#)
- [VPN Connections](#)

Launch an EC2 Client

The AWS CloudHSM documentation typically assumes that you are using an EC2 instance in the same VPC and Availability Zone (AZ) in which you create your cluster.

To create an Amazon EC2 client instance

1. Open the Amazon EC2 console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/>.
2. Choose **Launch instance** on the **EC2 Dashboard**.
3. Select an Amazon Machine Image (AMI). Choose a Linux AMI or a Windows Server AMI.

Note

If you are using an AMI that uses Amazon Linux 2, see [Known Issues for Amazon EC2 Instances Running Amazon Linux 2 \(p. 265\)](#) for additional setup instructions.

4. Choose an instance type and then choose **Next: Configure Instance Details**.
5. For **Network**, choose the VPC that you previously created for your cluster.
6. For **Subnet**, choose the public subnet that you created for the VPC.
7. For **Auto-assign Public IP**, choose **Enable**.
8. Choose **Next: Add Storage** and configure your storage.
9. Choose **Next: Add Tags** and add any name–value pairs that you want to associate with the instance. We recommend that you at least add a name. Choose **Add Tag** and type a name for the **Key** and up to 255 characters for the **Value**.
10. Choose **Next: Configure Security Group**.
11. Select the **default** security group that was created for you when you created your cluster.

Note

To connect to a Windows Server EC2 instance, you must set one of your **Inbound Rules** to RDP(3389) to allow incoming TCP traffic on port 3389. To connect to a Linux EC2 instance, you must set one of your **Inbound Rules** to SSH(22) to allow incoming TCP traffic on port

22. Specify the source IP addresses that can connect to your instance. You should not specify 0.0.0.0/0 because that will open your instance to access by anyone. If you want your EC2 instance to be able to connect to the internet, set the **Outbound Rules** on your security group to allow **ALL Traffic** on all ports to a destination of 0.0.0.0/0. You cannot edit security groups on this page. To set inbound and outbound rules, create a new security group or use the Amazon EC2 console to [update your security group rules](#).

12. Choose **Review and Launch**.

13. On the **Review Instance Launch** page, choose **Launch**.

14. When prompted for a key pair, choose **Create a new key pair**, enter a name for the key pair, and then choose **Download Key Pair**. This is the only chance for you to save the private key file, so be sure to download it and store it in a safe place. You must provide the name of your key pair when you launch an instance and the corresponding private key each time that you connect to the instance. Then choose the key pair that you created when getting set up.

Alternatively, you can use an existing key pair. Choose **Choose an existing key pair**, and then choose the desired key pair.

Warning

Don't choose **Proceed without a key pair**. If you launch your instance without a key pair, you won't be able to connect to it.

When you are ready, select the acknowledgement check box, and then choose **Launch Instances**.

For more information about creating a Linux Amazon EC2 client, see [Getting Started with Amazon EC2 Linux Instances](#). For information about connecting to the running client, see the following topics:

- [Connecting to Your Linux Instance Using SSH](#)
- [Connecting to Your Linux Instance from Windows Using PuTTY](#)

For more information about creating a Windows Amazon EC2 client, see [Getting Started with Amazon EC2 Windows Instances](#). For more information about connecting to your Windows client, see [Connect to Your Windows Instance](#).

Note that you can use your EC2 instance to run all of the AWS CLI commands contained in this guide. If the AWS CLI is not installed, you can download it from [AWS Command Line Interface](#). If you are using Windows, you can download and run a 64-bit or 32-bit Windows installer. If you are using Linux or macOS, you can install the CLI using pip.

To communicate with the HSMs in your cluster, you must install the AWS CloudHSM client software on your instance. For more information if you are using Linux, see [Install the Client \(Linux\)](#) (p. 35). For more information if you are using Windows, see [Install the Client \(Windows\)](#) (p. 37).

Create an HSM

After you create a cluster, you can create an HSM. However, before you can create an HSM in your cluster, the cluster must be in the uninitialized state. To determine the cluster's state, view the [clusters page in the AWS CloudHSM console](#), use the AWS CLI to run the [describe-clusters](#) command, or send a [DescribeClusters](#) request in the AWS CloudHSM API. You can create an HSM from the [AWS CloudHSM console](#), the [AWS CLI](#), or the AWS CloudHSM API.

To create an HSM (console)

1. Open the AWS CloudHSM console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudhsm/>.
2. Choose **Initialize** next to the cluster that you created previously.
3. Choose an Availability Zone (AZ) for the HSM that you are creating. Then choose **Create**.

To create an HSM (AWS CLI)

- At a command prompt, run the [create-hsm](#) command. Specify the cluster ID of the cluster that you created previously and an Availability Zone for the HSM. Specify the Availability Zone in the form of `us-west-2a`, `us-west-2b`, etc.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 create-hsm --cluster-id <cluster ID> --availability-zone <Availability Zone>

{
  "Hsm": {
    "HsmId": "hsm-ted36yp5b2x",
    "EniIp": "10.0.1.12",
    "AvailabilityZone": "us-west-2a",
    "ClusterId": "cluster-igklspoyj5v",
    "EniId": "eni-5d7ade72",
    "SubnetId": "subnet-fd54af9b",
    "State": "CREATE_IN_PROGRESS"
  }
}
```

To create an HSM (AWS CloudHSM API)

- Send a [CreateHsm](#) request. Specify the cluster ID of the cluster that you created previously and an Availability Zone for the HSM.

After you create a cluster and HSM, you can optionally [verify the identity of the HSM \(p. 25\)](#), or proceed directly to [Initialize the Cluster \(p. 31\)](#).

Verify the Identity and Authenticity of Your Cluster's HSM (Optional)

To initialize your cluster, you sign a certificate signing request (CSR) generated by the cluster's first HSM. Before you do this, you might want to verify the identity and authenticity of the HSM.

Note

This process is optional. However, it works only until a cluster is initialized. After the cluster is initialized, you cannot use this process to get the certificates or verify the HSMs.

Topics

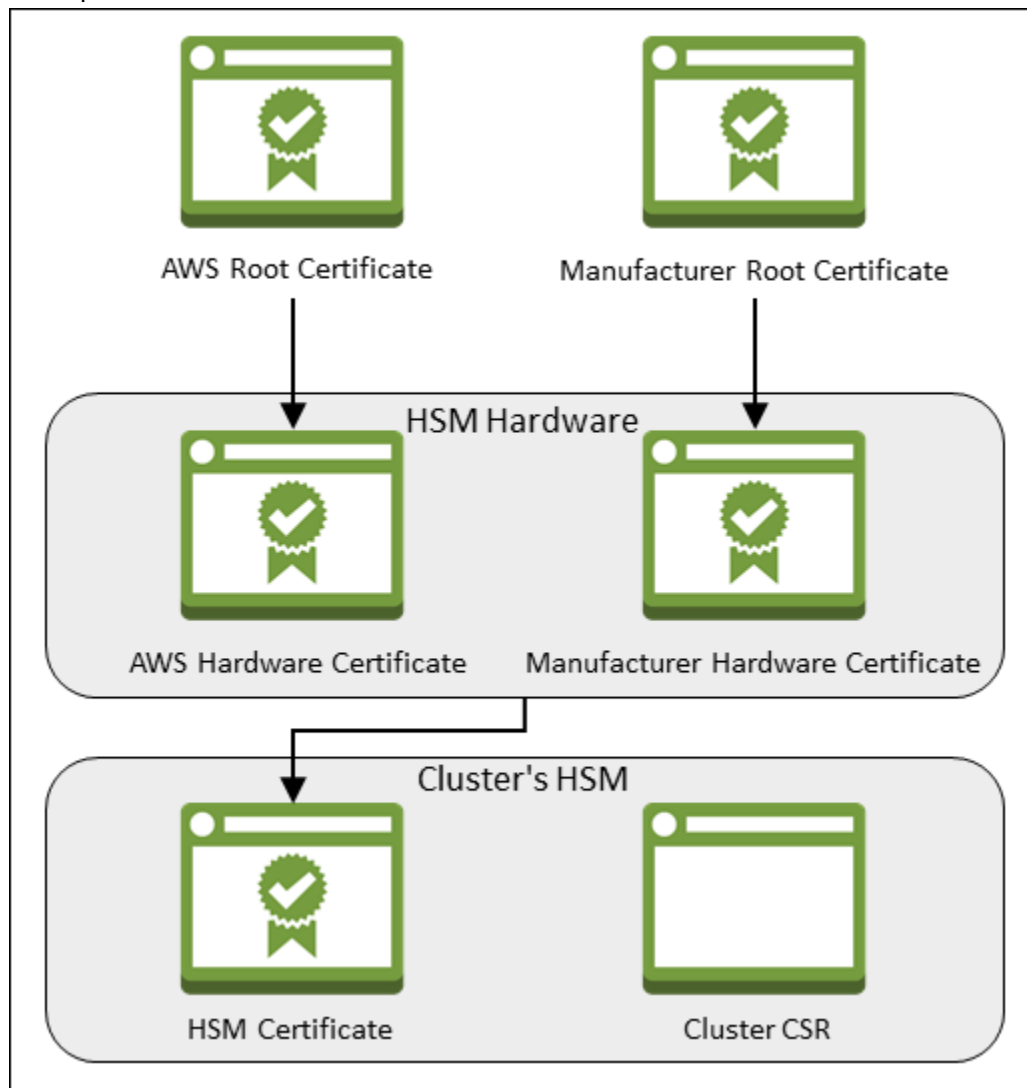
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Overview

To verify the identity of your cluster's first HSM, complete the following steps:

1. [Get the certificates and CSR \(p. 27\)](#) – In this step, you get three certificates and a CSR from the HSM. You also get two root certificates, one from AWS CloudHSM and one from the HSM hardware manufacturer.
2. [Verify the certificate chains \(p. 29\)](#) – In this step, you construct two certificate chains, one to the AWS CloudHSM root certificate and one to the manufacturer root certificate. Then you verify the HSM certificate with these certificate chains to determine that AWS CloudHSM and the hardware manufacturer both attest to the identity and authenticity of the HSM.
3. [Compare public keys \(p. 30\)](#) – In this step, you extract and compare the public keys in the HSM certificate and the cluster CSR, to ensure that they are the same. This should give you confidence that the CSR was generated by an authentic, trusted HSM.

The following diagram shows the CSR, the certificates, and their relationship to each other. The subsequent list defines each certificate.



AWS Root Certificate

This is AWS CloudHSM's root certificate. You can view and download this certificate at <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cloudhsm/latest/userguide/root-certificate.html> (p. 30).

Manufacturer Root Certificate

This is the hardware manufacturer's root certificate. You can view and download this certificate at <https://www.cavium.com/LS/TAmanuCert/>.

AWS Hardware Certificate

AWS CloudHSM created this certificate when it claimed the HSM hardware. This certificate asserts that AWS CloudHSM owns the hardware.

Manufacturer Hardware Certificate

The HSM hardware manufacturer created this certificate when it manufactured the HSM hardware. This certificate asserts that the manufacturer created the hardware.

HSM Certificate

The HSM certificate is generated by the FIPS-validated hardware when you create the first HSM in the cluster. This certificate asserts that the HSM hardware created the HSM.

Cluster CSR

The first HSM creates the cluster CSR. When you [sign the cluster CSR \(p. 33\)](#), you claim the cluster. Then, you can use the signed CSR to [initialize the cluster \(p. 34\)](#).

Get Certificates from the HSM

To verify the identity and authenticity of your HSM, start by getting a CSR and five certificates. You get three of the certificates from the HSM, which you can do with the [AWS CloudHSM console](#), the [AWS Command Line Interface \(AWS CLI\)](#), or the AWS CloudHSM API.

To get the CSR and HSM certificates (console)

1. Open the AWS CloudHSM console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudhsm/>.
2. Choose **Initialize** next to the cluster that you created previously.
3. When the certificates and CSR are ready, you see links to download them.

Download certificate signing request

To initialize the cluster, you must download a certificate signing request (CSR) and then sign it. You may also verify the authenticity of your cluster using the certificates below. [Learn More](#)

[Cluster CSR](#)
[HSM certificate](#)
[AWS certificate](#)
[Manufacturer certificate](#)

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Choose each link to download and save the CSR and certificates. To simplify the subsequent steps, save all of the files to the same directory and use the default file names.

To get the CSR and HSM certificates (AWS CLI)

- At a command prompt, run the [describe-clusters](#) command four times, extracting the CSR and different certificates each time and saving them to files.
 - a. Issue the following command to extract the cluster CSR. Replace `<cluster ID>` with the ID of the cluster that you created previously.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 describe-clusters --filters clusterIds=<cluster ID> \
                                     --output text \
                                     --query 'Clusters[].Certificates.ClusterCsr' \
                                     > <cluster ID>_ClusterCsr.csr
```

- b. Issue the following command to extract the HSM certificate. Replace `<cluster ID>` with the ID of the cluster that you created previously.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 describe-clusters --filters clusterIds=<cluster ID> \
                                     --output text \
                                     --query 'Clusters[].Certificates.HsmCertificate' \
                                     > <cluster ID>_HsmCertificate.crt
```

- c. Issue the following command to extract the AWS hardware certificate. Replace `<cluster ID>` with the ID of the cluster that you created previously.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 describe-clusters --filters clusterIds=<cluster ID> \
                                     --output text \
                                     --query 'Clusters[].Certificates.AwsHardwareCertificate' \
                                     > <cluster ID>_AwsHardwareCertificate.crt
```

- d. Issue the following command to extract the manufacturer hardware certificate. Replace `<cluster ID>` with the ID of the cluster that you created previously.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 describe-clusters --filters clusterIds=<cluster ID> \
                                     --output text \
                                     --query 'Clusters[].Certificates.ManufacturerHardwareCertificate' \
                                     > <cluster ID>_ManufacturerHardwareCertificate.crt
```

To get the CSR and HSM certificates (AWS CloudHSM API)

- Send a [DescribeClusters](#) request, then extract and save the CSR and certificates from the response.

Get the Root Certificates

Follow these steps to get the root certificates for AWS CloudHSM and the manufacturer. Save the root certificate files to the directory that contains the CSR and HSM certificate files.

To get the AWS CloudHSM and manufacturer root certificates

1. Go to <https://docs.aws.amazon.com/cloudhsm/latest/userguide/root-certificate.html> (p. 30), and then choose **AWS_CloudHSM_Root-G1.zip**. After you download the file, extract (unzip) its contents.
2. Go to <https://www.cavium.com/LS/TAmanuCert/>, and then choose **Download Certificate**. You might need to right-click the **Download Certificate** link and then choose **Save Link As...** to save the certificate file.

Verify Certificate Chains

In this step, you construct two certificate chains, one to the AWS CloudHSM root certificate and one to the manufacturer root certificate. Then use OpenSSL to verify the HSM certificate with each certificate chain.

To create the certificate chains, open a Linux shell. You need OpenSSL, which is available in most Linux shells, and you need the [root certificate \(p. 28\)](#) and [HSM certificate files \(p. 27\)](#) that you downloaded. However, you do not need the AWS CLI for this step, and the shell does not need to be associated with your AWS account.

Note

To verify the certificate chain, use OpenSSL 1.0. Due to a change in OpenSSL certificate verification, the following instructions do not work with OpenSSL 1.1.

To verify the HSM certificate with the AWS CloudHSM root certificate

1. Navigate to the directory where you saved the [root certificate \(p. 28\)](#) and [HSM certificate files \(p. 27\)](#) that you downloaded. The following commands assume that all of the certificates are in the current directory and use the default file names.

Use the following command to create a certificate chain that includes the AWS hardware certificate and the AWS CloudHSM root certificate, in that order. Replace *<cluster ID>* with the ID of the cluster that you created previously.

```
$ cat <cluster ID>_AwsHardwareCertificate.crt \  
    AWS_CloudHSM_Root-G1.crt \  
    > <cluster ID>_AWS_chain.crt
```

2. Use the following OpenSSL command to verify the HSM certificate with the AWS certificate chain. Replace *<cluster ID>* with the ID of the cluster that you created previously.

```
$ openssl verify -CAfile <cluster ID>_AWS_chain.crt <cluster ID>_HsmCertificate.crt  
<cluster ID>_HsmCertificate.crt: OK
```

To verify the HSM certificate with the manufacturer root certificate

1. Use the following command to create a certificate chain that includes the manufacturer hardware certificate and the manufacturer root certificate, in that order. Replace *<cluster ID>* with the ID of the cluster that you created previously.

```
$ cat <cluster ID>_ManufacturerHardwareCertificate.crt \  
    cavium_cert.crt \  
    > <cluster ID>_manufacturer_chain.crt
```

2. Use the following OpenSSL command to verify the HSM certificate with the manufacturer certificate chain. Replace *<cluster ID>* with the ID of the cluster that you created previously.

```
$ openssl verify -CAfile <cluster ID>_manufacturer_chain.crt <cluster  
ID>_HsmCertificate.crt  
<cluster ID>_HsmCertificate.crt: OK
```

Extract and Compare Public Keys

Use OpenSSL to extract and compare the public keys in the HSM certificate and the cluster CSR, to ensure that they are the same.

To compare the public keys, use your Linux shell. You need OpenSSL, which is available in most Linux shells, but you do not need the AWS CLI for this step. The shell does not need to be associated with your AWS account.

To extract and compare the public keys

1. Use the following command to extract the public key from the HSM certificate.

```
$ openssl x509 -in <cluster ID>_HsmCertificate.crt -pubkey -noout > <cluster ID>_HsmCertificate.pub
```

2. Use the following command to extract the public key from the cluster CSR.

```
$ openssl req -in <cluster ID>_ClusterCsr.csr -pubkey -noout > <cluster ID>_ClusterCsr.pub
```

3. Use the following command to compare the public keys. If the public keys are identical, the following command produces no output.

```
$ diff <cluster ID>_HsmCertificate.pub <cluster ID>_ClusterCsr.pub
```

After you verify the identity and authenticity of the HSM, proceed to [Initialize the Cluster \(p. 31\)](#).

AWS CloudHSM Root Certificate

Download the AWS CloudHSM root certificate: [AWS_CloudHSM_Root-G1.zip](#).

```
Certificate:
Data:
  Version: 3 (0x2)
  Serial Number: 17952736724058547791 (0xf924eeecf9ea64f)
  Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
  Issuer: C=US,
         ST=Virginia,
         L=Herndon,
         O=Amazon Web Services INC.,
         OU=CloudHSM,
         CN=AWS CloudHSM Root G1
  Validity
    Not Before: Apr 28 08:37:46 2017 GMT
    Not After : Apr 26 08:37:46 2027 GMT
  Subject: C=US,
         ST=Virginia,
         L=Herndon,
         O=Amazon Web Services INC.,
         OU=CloudHSM,
         CN=AWS CloudHSM Root G1
  Subject Public Key Info:
    Public Key Algorithm: rsaEncryption
    Public-Key: (2048 bit)
    Modulus:
      00:c8:e3:f6:2a:e0:1f:1e:66:73:00:1e:57:dc:3e:
```

```
69:f1:9b:73:73:24:58:60:85:80:45:99:a2:85:3f:
e7:f9:67:41:9f:39:d2:e8:e1:88:ec:18:07:5c:38:
98:25:5a:45:5f:1f:c4:60:0e:29:e4:ac:65:f0:b6:
92:83:34:62:1a:e7:c6:ae:0f:40:66:52:bb:0b:6a:
c6:78:27:57:d6:32:3b:6c:0a:83:7d:a7:e9:a1:6c:
10:46:27:74:2c:6e:86:3a:fd:71:18:1f:84:8e:00:
84:bb:00:dc:57:d8:48:94:5c:13:7a:ff:3b:37:52:
60:cd:5a:64:57:35:95:df:67:68:39:e2:f9:85:ad:
59:ee:a6:9a:97:75:35:f4:e1:32:08:d3:0e:2f:bc:
33:04:f3:34:e8:c9:b5:18:fd:69:83:e0:b7:5a:b4:
3f:ce:1c:2f:b5:1e:0f:4f:15:f0:27:00:23:67:d5:
b8:2c:cb:d6:ef:eb:34:25:80:28:33:fa:e6:3a:31:
58:7a:0b:fd:4f:6d:d3:1c:64:10:47:8c:4f:ab:e3:
61:0c:a2:a9:0b:2d:e6:59:f4:1c:2c:92:2a:a4:f9:
a4:83:21:3a:66:dc:c7:75:06:15:fe:83:9d:f8:25:
7f:3b:66:e8:aa:9f:d1:e5:ba:1d:5a:c5:2e:21:ee:
52:61
Exponent: 65537 (0x10001)
X509v3 extensions:
  X509v3 Subject Key Identifier:
    27:00:6B:50:D5:4F:38:8A:35:21:38:D3:0D:A9:5E:D2:10:39:A4:EB
  X509v3 Authority Key Identifier:
    keyid:27:00:6B:50:D5:4F:38:8A:35:21:38:D3:0D:A9:5E:D2:10:39:A4:EB

  X509v3 Basic Constraints:
    CA:TRUE
Signature Algorithm: sha256WithRSAEncryption
71:ff:e5:46:27:9c:d0:85:97:5e:c0:82:9a:d4:1b:48:96:75:
2a:40:32:07:80:95:c5:eb:26:1b:46:37:7e:86:12:99:68:b1:
15:bb:f5:55:85:6f:a2:e4:28:70:47:73:07:84:fc:12:28:cc:
8b:3e:b8:f6:60:85:bb:23:6a:cb:6e:a7:ed:82:7e:ed:64:9c:
c1:df:c8:51:db:b9:a4:76:ee:ba:53:aa:e7:30:86:74:5e:be:
2f:1a:c1:88:30:c4:61:02:50:9f:c9:80:7b:7e:f5:1e:49:c8:
6c:1a:39:00:4d:98:1e:21:26:4a:02:f5:d5:3e:6c:47:d9:9c:
94:6f:d7:25:2e:1d:7c:a3:18:ee:8a:32:8a:15:f3:85:39:76:
c3:b9:ba:4e:58:0c:5b:65:44:2e:eb:ab:6c:27:9a:a6:67:df:
22:d4:81:02:2e:c6:34:1b:fe:55:31:8b:d5:73:57:d8:0e:0d:
5a:27:7d:ce:3d:3b:84:80:b3:32:00:e0:6a:f0:32:8a:85:2a:
f8:de:20:bf:65:f7:c9:a8:42:c9:cb:fa:03:d4:10:29:5e:25:
63:a5:71:06:2e:72:78:8a:05:c3:f9:56:e9:b1:e4:2b:6e:f7:
46:5d:b3:12:ed:14:2a:51:d4:56:56:48:ab:7d:fe:d6:49:af:
d6:8e:84:62
```

Initialize the Cluster

Complete the steps in the following topics to initialize your AWS CloudHSM cluster.

Note

Before you initialize the cluster, review the process by which you can [verify the identity and authenticity of the HSMs \(p. 25\)](#). This process is optional and works only until a cluster is initialized. After the cluster is initialized, you cannot use this process to get your certificates or verify the HSMs.

Topics

- [Get the Cluster CSR \(p. 32\)](#)
- [Sign the CSR \(p. 33\)](#)
- [Initialize the Cluster \(p. 34\)](#)

Get the Cluster CSR

Before you can initialize the cluster, you must download and sign a certificate signing request (CSR) that is generated by the cluster's first HSM. If you followed the steps to [verify the identity of your cluster's HSM \(p. 25\)](#), you already have the CSR and you can sign it. Otherwise, get the CSR now by using the [AWS CloudHSM console](#), the [AWS Command Line Interface \(AWS CLI\)](#), or the AWS CloudHSM API.

To get the CSR (console)

1. Open the AWS CloudHSM console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudhsm/>.
2. Choose **Initialize** next to the cluster that you [created previously \(p. 21\)](#).
3. When the CSR is ready, you see a link to download it.

Download certificate signing request

To initialize the cluster, you must download a certificate signing request (CSR) and then sign it. You may also verify the authenticity of your cluster using the certificates below. [Learn More](#)

[Cluster CSR](#)
[HSM certificate](#)
[AWS certificate](#)
[Manufacturer certificate](#)

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Choose **Cluster CSR** to download and save the CSR.

To get the CSR (AWS CLI)

- At a command prompt, run the following [describe-clusters](#) command, which extracts the CSR and saves it to a file. Replace `<cluster ID>` with the ID of the cluster that you [created previously \(p. 21\)](#).

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 describe-clusters --filters clusterIds=<cluster ID> \  
    --output text \  
    --query 'Clusters[].Certificates.ClusterCsr' \  
    > <cluster ID>_ClusterCsr.csr
```

To get the CSR (AWS CloudHSM API)

1. Send a [DescribeClusters](#) request.
2. Extract and save the CSR from the response.

Sign the CSR

Currently, you must create a self-signed signing certificate and use it to sign the CSR for your cluster. You do not need the AWS CLI for this step, and the shell does not need to be associated with your AWS account. To sign the CSR, you must do the following:

1. Get the CSR (see [Get the Cluster CSR \(p. 32\)](#)).
2. Create a private key.
3. Use the private key to create a signing certificate.
4. Sign your cluster CSR.

Create a private key

Use the following command to create a private key. For a production cluster, the key should be created in a secure manner using a trusted source of randomness. We recommend that you use a secured offsite and offline HSM or the equivalent. Store the key safely. If you can demonstrate that you own the key, you can also demonstrate that you own the cluster and the data it contains.

During development and test, you can use any convenient tool (such as OpenSSL) to create and sign the cluster certificate. The following example shows you how to create a key. After you have used the key to create a self-signed certificate (see below), you should store it in a safe manner. To sign into your AWS CloudHSM instance, the certificate must be present, but the private key does not. You use the key only for specific purposes such as restoring from a backup.

```
$ openssl genrsa -aes256 -out customerCA.key 2048
Generating RSA private key, 2048 bit long modulus
.....+++
.....+++
e is 65537 (0x10001)
Enter pass phrase for customerCA.key:
Verifying - Enter pass phrase for customerCA.key:
```

Use the private key to create a self-signed certificate

The trusted hardware that you use to create the private key for your production cluster should also provide a software tool to generate a self-signed certificate using that key. The following example uses OpenSSL and the private key that you created in the previous step to create a signing certificate. The certificate is valid for 10 years (3652 days). Read the on-screen instructions and follow the prompts.

```
$ openssl req -new -x509 -days 3652 -key customerCA.key -out customerCA.crt
Enter pass phrase for customerCA.key:
You are about to be asked to enter information that will be incorporated
into your certificate request.
What you are about to enter is what is called a Distinguished Name or a DN.
There are quite a few fields but you can leave some blank
For some fields there will be a default value,
If you enter '.', the field will be left blank.
-----
Country Name (2 letter code) [AU]:
State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]:
Locality Name (eg, city) []:
Organization Name (eg, company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]:
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:
Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []:
Email Address []:
```

This command creates a certificate file named `customerCA.crt`. Put this certificate on every host from which you will connect to your AWS CloudHSM cluster. If you give the file a different name or store it in a path other than the root of your host, you should edit your client configuration file accordingly. Use the certificate and the private key you just created to sign the cluster certificate signing request (CSR) in the next step.

Sign the Cluster CSR

The trusted hardware that you use to create your private key for your production cluster should also provide a tool to sign the CSR using that key. The following example uses OpenSSL to sign the cluster's CSR. The example uses your private key and the self-signed certificate that you created in the previous step.

```
$ openssl x509 -req -days 3652 -in <cluster ID>_ClusterCsr.csr \
    -CA customerCA.crt \
    -CAkey customerCA.key \
    -CAcreateserial \
    -out <cluster ID>_CustomerHsmCertificate.crt

Signature ok
subject=/C=US/ST=CA/O=Cavium/OU=N3FIPS/L=SanJose/CN=HSM:<HSM identifier>;PARTN:<partition number>, for FIPS mode
Getting CA Private Key
Enter pass phrase for customerCA.key:
```

This command creates a file named `<cluster ID>_CustomerHsmCertificate.crt`. Use this file as the signed certificate when you initialize the cluster.

Initialize the Cluster

Use your signed HSM certificate and your signing certificate to initialize your cluster. You can use the [AWS CloudHSM console](#), the [AWS CLI](#), or the AWS CloudHSM API.

To initialize a cluster (console)

1. Open the AWS CloudHSM console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudhsm/>.
2. Choose **Initialize** next to the cluster that you created previously.
3. On the **Download certificate signing request** page, choose **Next**. If **Next** is not available, first choose one of the CSR or certificate links. Then choose **Next**.
4. On the **Sign certificate signing request (CSR)** page, choose **Next**.
5. On the **Upload the certificates** page, do the following:
 - a. Next to **Cluster certificate**, choose **Upload file**. Then locate and select the HSM certificate that you signed previously. If you completed the steps in the previous section, select the file named `<cluster ID>_CustomerHsmCertificate.crt`.
 - b. Next to **Issuing certificate**, choose **Upload file**. Then select your signing certificate. If you completed the steps in the previous section, select the file named `customerCA.crt`.
 - c. Choose **Upload and initialize**.

To initialize a cluster (AWS CLI)

- At a command prompt, run the `initialize-cluster` command. Provide the following:
 - The ID of the cluster that you created previously.
 - The HSM certificate that you signed previously. If you completed the steps in the previous section, it's saved in a file named `<cluster ID>_CustomerHsmCertificate.crt`.

- Your signing certificate. If you completed the steps in the previous section, the signing certificate is saved in a file named `customerCA.crt`.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 initialize-cluster --cluster-id <cluster ID> \
                                   --signed-cert file:///<cluster
ID>_CustomerHsmCertificate.crt \
                                   --trust-anchor file://customerCA.crt
{
  "State": "INITIALIZE_IN_PROGRESS",
  "StateMessage": "Cluster is initializing. State will change to INITIALIZED upon
completion."
}
```

To initialize a cluster (AWS CloudHSM API)

- Send an [InitializeCluster](#) request with the following:
 - The ID of the cluster that you created previously.
 - The HSM certificate that you signed previously.
 - Your signing certificate.

Install and Configure the AWS CloudHSM Client (Linux)

To interact with the HSM in your AWS CloudHSM cluster, you need the AWS CloudHSM client software for Linux. You should install it on the Linux EC2 client instance that you created previously. You can also install a client if you are using Windows. For more information, see [Install and Configure the AWS CloudHSM Client \(Windows\)](#) (p. 37).

Topics

- [Install the AWS CloudHSM Client and Command Line Tools](#) (p. 35)
- [Edit the Client Configuration](#) (p. 37)

Install the AWS CloudHSM Client and Command Line Tools

Complete the steps in the following procedure to install the AWS CloudHSM client and command line tools.

To install (or update) the client and command line tools

1. Connect to your client instance.
2. Use the following commands to download and then install the client and command line tools.

Amazon Linux

```
wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL6/cloudhsm-
client-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

```
sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL7/cloudhsm-client-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

```
sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

CentOS 6

```
sudo yum install wget
```

```
wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL6/cloudhsm-client-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

```
sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

CentOS 7

```
sudo yum install wget
```

```
wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL7/cloudhsm-client-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

```
sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

RHEL 6

```
wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL6/cloudhsm-client-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

```
sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

RHEL 7

```
sudo yum install wget
```

```
wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL7/cloudhsm-client-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

```
sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/Xenial/cloudhsm-client_latest_amd64.deb
```

```
sudo dpkg -i cloudhsm-client_latest_amd64.deb
```

Edit the Client Configuration

Before you can use the AWS CloudHSM client to connect to your cluster, you must edit the client configuration.

To edit the client configuration

1. Copy your issuing certificate—the one that you used to sign the cluster's certificate (p. 33)—to the following location on the client instance: `/opt/cloudhsm/etc/customerCA.crt`. You need AWS account root user permissions on the client instance to copy your certificate to this location.
2. Use the following [configure \(p. 179\)](#) command to update the configuration files for the AWS CloudHSM client and command line tools, specifying the IP address of the HSM in your cluster. To get the HSM's IP address, view your cluster in the [AWS CloudHSM console](#), or run the [describe-clusters](#) AWS CLI command. In the command's output, the HSM's IP address is the value of the `EniIp` field. If you have more than one HSM, choose the IP address for any of the HSMs; it doesn't matter which one.

```
sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -a <IP address>

Updating server config in /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_client.cfg
Updating server config in /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

3. Go to [Activate the Cluster \(p. 38\)](#).

Install and Configure the AWS CloudHSM Client (Windows)

To interact with an HSM in your AWS CloudHSM cluster, you need the AWS CloudHSM client software for Windows. You should install it on the Windows Server instance that you created previously. You can also install a client if you are using Linux. For more information, see [Install and Configure the AWS CloudHSM Client \(Linux\) \(p. 35\)](#).

To install (or update) the latest client and command line tools

1. Connect to your Windows Server instance.
2. Download the [AWSCloudHSMClient-latest.msi installer](#).
3. Go to your download location and run the **AWSCloudHSMClient-latest.msi** installer. Follow the installer instructions.

Important

You must run the installer with administrative privileges.

The installer automatically registers the Cryptography API: Next Generation (CNG) and Key Storage Providers (KSPs) for AWS CloudHSM. To uninstall the AWS CloudHSM client software for Windows, run the installer again and follow the uninstall instructions.

4. Choose **Close** after the installer has finished.

The installer copies the following executable files into the `C:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM` folder:

- `cloudhsm_client.exe`
- `cloudhsm_mgmt_util.exe`
- `cng_config.exe`
- `configure.exe`
- `key_mgmt_util.exe`
- `ksp_config.exe`
- `pkpspeed_blocking.exe`

The installer copies the following certificate and key files into the `C:\ProgramData\Amazon\CloudHSM` folder:

- `client.crt`
- `client.key`

The installer copies the following configuration files into the `C:\ProgramData\Amazon\CloudHSM\data` folder:

- `application.cfg`
 - `cloudhsm_client.cfg`
 - `cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg`
5. Copy your self-signed issuing certificate—the one that you used to sign the cluster certificate (p. 33)—to the `C:\ProgramData\Amazon\CloudHSM` folder.
 6. Run the following command to update your configuration files:

```
c:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM>configure.exe -a <HSM IP address>
```

7. Go to [Activate the Cluster \(p. 38\)](#).

Activate the Cluster

When you activate an AWS CloudHSM cluster, the cluster's state changes from initialized to active. You can then [manage the HSM's users \(p. 53\)](#) and [use the HSM \(p. 183\)](#).

To activate the cluster, log in to the HSM with the credentials of the [precrypto officer \(PRECO\) \(p. 10\)](#). This is a temporary user that exists only on the first HSM in an AWS CloudHSM cluster. The first HSM in a new cluster contains a PRECO user with a default user name and password. When you change the password, the PRECO user becomes a crypto officer (CO).

To activate a cluster

1. Connect to the client instance that you launched in previously. For more information, see [Launch an Amazon EC2 Client Instance \(p. 23\)](#). You can launch a Linux instance or a Windows Server.
2. Use the following command to start the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command line utility.

Note

If you are using an AMI that uses Amazon Linux 2, see [Known Issues for Amazon EC2 Instances Running Amazon Linux 2 \(p. 265\)](#).

Amazon Linux

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/cloudhsm_mgmt_util /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

Ubuntu

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/cloudhsm_mgmt_util /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

Windows

```
c:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM>cloudhsm_mgmt_util.exe c:\ProgramData\Amazon\CloudHSM\data\cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

3. Use the **enable_e2e** command to enable end-to-end encryption.

```
aws-cloudhsm>enable_e2e  
  
E2E enabled on server 0(server1)
```

4. (Optional) Use the **listUsers** command to display the existing users.

```
aws-cloudhsm>listUsers  
Users on server 0(server1):  
Number of users found:2
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
LoginFailureCnt	2FA		
1	PRECO	admin	NO
0	NO		
2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		

5. Use the **loginHSM** command to log in to the HSM as the PRECO user. This is a temporary user that exists on the first HSM in your cluster.

```
aws-cloudhsm>loginHSM PRECO admin password  
  
loginHSM success on server 0(server1)
```

6. Use the **changePswd** command to change the password for the PRECO user. When you change the password, the PRECO user becomes a crypto officer (CO).

```
aws-cloudhsm>changePswd PRECO admin <NewPassword>  
  
*****CAUTION*****  
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the  
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the  
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please  
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.  
*****  
  
Do you want to continue(y/n)?y  
Changing password for admin(PRECO) on 1 nodes
```

We recommend that you write down the new password on a password worksheet. Do not lose the worksheet. We recommend that you print a copy of the password worksheet, use it to record your critical HSM passwords, and then store it in a secure place. We also recommended that you store a copy of this worksheet in secure off-site storage.

7. (Optional) Use the **listUsers** command to verify that the user's type changed to [crypto officer \(CO\)](#) (p. 11).

```
aws-cloudhsm>listUsers
Users on server 0(server1):
Number of users found:2
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
1	CO	admin	NO
2	AU	app_user	NO

8. Use the **quit** command to stop the cloudhsm_mgmt_util tool.

```
aws-cloudhsm>quit
```

Reconfigure SSL with a New Certificate and Private Key (Optional)

AWS CloudHSM uses an SSL certificate to establish a connection to an HSM. A default key and SSL certificate are included when you install the client. You can, however, create and use your own. Note that you will need the self-signed certificate (*customerCA.crt*) that you created when you [initialized](#) (p. 33) your cluster.

To reconfigure SSL with a new certificate and private key

1. Create a private key using the following OpenSSL command:

```
openssl genrsa -out ssl-client.key 2048
Generating RSA private key, 2048 bit long modulus
.....+++
.....+++
e is 65537 (0x10001)
```

2. Use the following OpenSSL command to create a certificate signing request (CSR). You will be asked a series of questions for your certificate.

```
openssl req -new -sha256 -key ssl-client.key -out ssl-client.csr
Enter pass phrase for ssl-client.key:
You are about to be asked to enter information that will be incorporated
into your certificate request.
What you are about to enter is what is called a Distinguished Name or a DN.
There are quite a few fields but you can leave some blank
For some fields there will be a default value,
If you enter '.', the field will be left blank.
-----
Country Name (2 letter code) [XX]:
State or Province Name (full name) []:
Locality Name (eg, city) [Default City]:
Organization Name (eg, company) [Default Company Ltd]:
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:
Common Name (eg, your name or your server's hostname) []:
Email Address []:
```

```
Please enter the following 'extra' attributes
to be sent with your certificate request
A challenge password []:
An optional company name []:
```

3. Sign the CSR with the *customerCA.crt* certificate that you created when you initialized your cluster.

```
openssl x509 -req -days 3652 -in ssl-client.csr \
    -CA customerCA.crt \
    -CAkey customerCA.key \
    -CAcreateserial \
    -out ssl-client.crt
Signature ok
subject=/C=US/ST=WA/L=Seattle/O=Example Company/OU=sales
Getting CA Private Key
```

4. Copy your key and certificate to the appropriate directory. In Linux, use the following commands. The configure `--ssl` option became available with version 1.0.14 of the AWS CloudHSM client.

```
sudo cp ssl-client.crt /opt/cloudhsm/etc/
sudo cp ssl-client.key /opt/cloudhsm/etc/
sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure --ssl --pkey /opt/cloudhsm/etc/ssl-client.key --cert /
opt/cloudhsm/etc/ssl-client.crt
```

5. Add the *customerCA.crt* certificate to the trust store. Create a hash of the certificate subject name. This creates an index to allow the certificate to be looked up by that name. Create a file that contains the certificate with the hash name.

```
openssl x509 -in /opt/cloudhsm/etc/customerCA.crt -hash | head -n 1
1234abcd
sudo cp /opt/cloudhsm/etc/customerCA.crt /opt/cloudhsm/etc/certs/1234abcd.0
```

Managing AWS CloudHSM Clusters

You can manage your AWS CloudHSM clusters from the [AWS CloudHSM console](#) or one of the [AWS SDKs or command line tools](#). For more information, see the following topics.

To create a cluster, see [Getting Started \(p. 15\)](#).

Topics

- [Adding or Removing HSMs in an AWS CloudHSM Cluster \(p. 42\)](#)
- [Copying a Backup Across Regions \(p. 45\)](#)
- [Creating an AWS CloudHSM Cluster from a Previous Backup \(p. 46\)](#)
- [Deleting and Restoring an AWS CloudHSM Cluster Backup \(p. 47\)](#)
- [Deleting an AWS CloudHSM Cluster \(p. 48\)](#)
- [Tagging AWS CloudHSM Resources \(p. 49\)](#)

Adding or Removing HSMs in an AWS CloudHSM Cluster

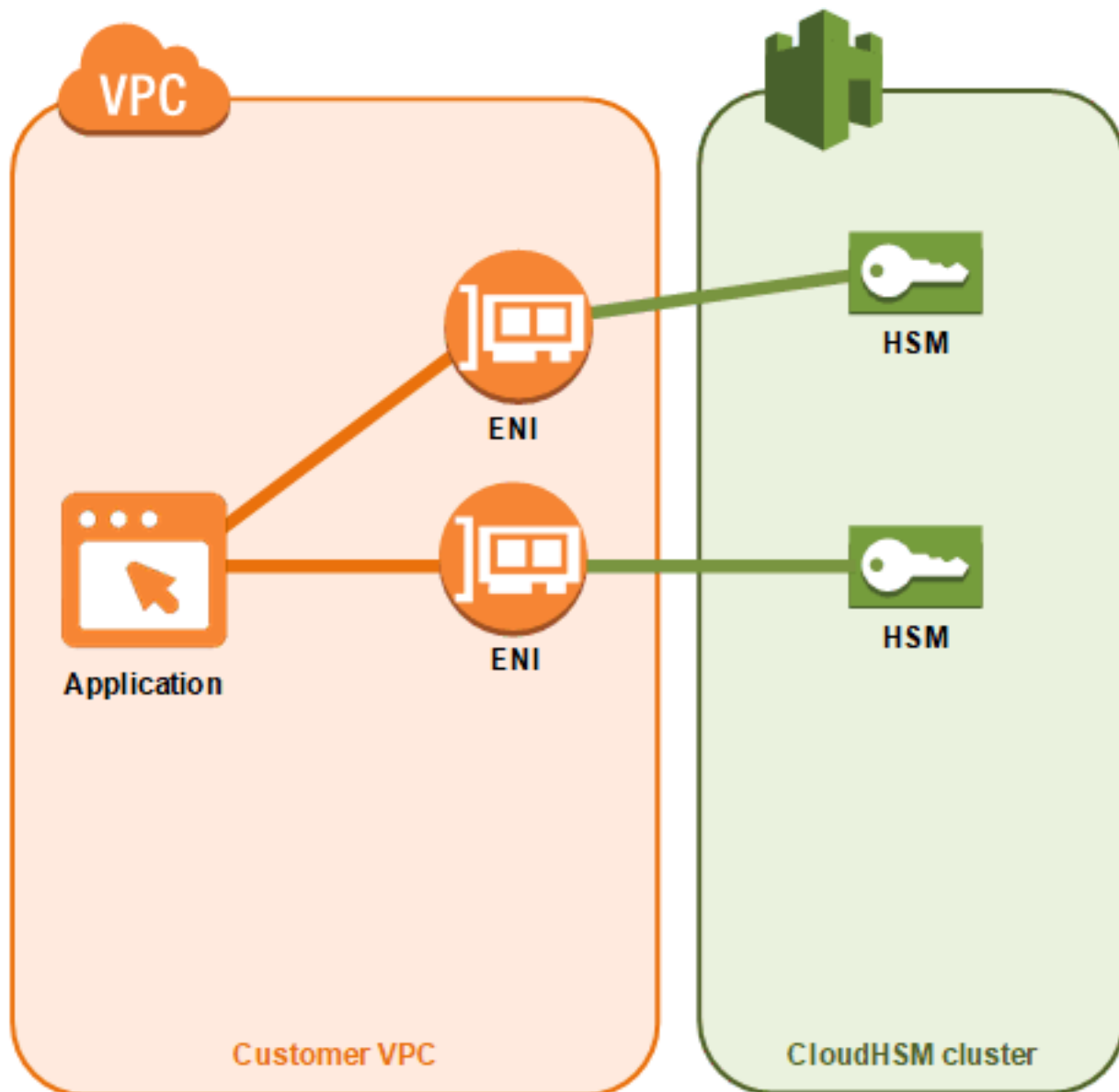
To scale up or down your AWS CloudHSM cluster, add or remove HSMs by using the [AWS CloudHSM console](#) or one of the [AWS SDKs or command line tools](#).

Topics

- [Adding an HSM \(p. 42\)](#)
- [Removing an HSM \(p. 44\)](#)

Adding an HSM

The following figure illustrates the events that occur when you add an HSM to a cluster.



1. You add a new HSM to a cluster. The following procedures explain how to do this from the [AWS CloudHSM console](#), the [AWS Command Line Interface \(AWS CLI\)](#), and the [AWS CloudHSM API](#).

This is the only action that you take. The remaining events occur automatically.

2. AWS CloudHSM makes a backup copy of an existing HSM in the cluster. For more information, see [Backups \(p. 6\)](#).
3. AWS CloudHSM restores the backup onto the new HSM. This ensures that the HSM is in sync with the others in the cluster.
4. The existing HSMs in the cluster notify the AWS CloudHSM client that there's a new HSM in the cluster.
5. The client establishes a connection to the new HSM.

To add an HSM (console)

1. Open the AWS CloudHSM console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudhsm/>.
2. Choose a cluster for the HSM that you are adding.
3. On the **HSMs** tab, choose **Create HSM**.
4. Choose an Availability Zone (AZ) for the HSM that you are creating. Then choose **Create**.

To add an HSM (AWS CLI)

- At a command prompt, issue the `create-hsm` command, specifying a cluster ID and an Availability Zone for the HSM that you are creating. If you don't know the cluster ID of your preferred cluster, issue the `describe-clusters` command. Specify the Availability Zone in the form of `us-east-2a`, `us-east-2b`, etc.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 create-hsm --cluster-id <cluster ID> --availability-zone <Availability Zone>
{
  "Hsm": {
    "State": "CREATE_IN_PROGRESS",
    "ClusterId": "cluster-5a73d5qzrdh",
    "HsmId": "hsm-1gavqitns2a",
    "SubnetId": "subnet-0e358c43",
    "AvailabilityZone": "us-east-2c",
    "EniId": "eni-bab18892",
    "EniIp": "10.0.3.10"
  }
}
```

To add an HSM (AWS CloudHSM API)

- Send a `CreateHsm` request, specifying the cluster ID and an Availability Zone for the HSM that you are creating.

Removing an HSM

You can remove an HSM by using the [AWS CloudHSM console](#), the [AWS CLI](#), or the AWS CloudHSM API.

To remove an HSM (console)

1. Open the AWS CloudHSM console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudhsm/>.
2. Choose the cluster that contains the HSM that you are removing.
3. On the **HSMs** tab, choose the HSM that you are removing. Then choose **Delete HSM**.
4. Confirm that you want to delete the HSM. Then choose **Delete**.

To remove an HSM (AWS CLI)

- At a command prompt, issue the `delete-hsm` command. Pass the ID of the cluster that contains the HSM that you are deleting and one of the following HSM identifiers:
 - The HSM ID (`--hsm-id`)
 - The HSM IP address (`--eni-ip`)
 - The HSM's elastic network interface ID (`--eni-id`)

If you don't know the values for these identifiers, issue the [describe-clusters](#) command.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 delete-hsm --cluster-id <cluster ID> --eni-ip <HSM IP address>
{
  "HsmId": "hsm-lgavqitns2a"
}
```

To remove an HSM (AWS CloudHSM API)

- Send a [DeleteHsm](#) request, specifying the cluster ID and an identifier for the HSM that you are deleting.

Copying a Backup Across Regions

AWS CloudHSM allows you to copy a backup of a cluster into a different region, where it can then be used to create a new cluster as a clone of the original. [AWS CloudHSM Cluster Backups \(p. 6\)](#) are packages of encrypted data that contain the elements of a particular cluster. In order to clone a cluster into a different region, first copy the cluster backup to the destination region and then create a new cluster from the copied backup. You may want to do this for a number of reasons, including simplification of the disaster recovery process.

You can copy a cluster backup across regions from the [AWS Command Line Interface \(AWS CLI\)](#), or the AWS CloudHSM API. Upon issuing the **copy-backup-to-region** command, the copied backup appears in the destination region with a `CREATE_IN_PROGRESS` status. Upon successful completion, the status of the copied backup is `READY`.

In the event that the **copy-backup-to-region** command cannot be successfully completed, the status of the copied backup is `DELETED`. Check your input parameters for errors and ensure that the specified source backup is not in a `DELETED` state before rerunning the operation.

For information on how to create a cluster from a backup, see [Creating an AWS CloudHSM Cluster from a Previous Backup \(p. 46\)](#).

Important

Note the following:

- To copy a cluster backup to a destination region, your account must have the proper IAM policy permissions. In order to copy the backup to a different region, your IAM policy must allow access to the source region in which the backup is located. Once copied across regions, your IAM policy must allow access to the destination region in order to interact with the copied backup, which includes using the [CreateCluster](#) operation. For more information, see [Restrict User Permissions to What's Necessary for AWS CloudHSM \(p. 15\)](#).
- The original cluster and the cluster that may be built from a backup in the destination region are not linked. You must manage each of these clusters independently. For more information, see [Managing AWS CloudHSM Clusters \(p. 42\)](#)
- Backups cannot be copied into or out of the AWS GovCloud (US), as it is a restricted region.

To copy a cluster backup to a different region (AWS CLI)

- At a command prompt, run the **copy-backup-to-region** command. Specify the destination region and either the cluster ID of the source cluster or the backup ID of the source backup. If you specify a backup ID, the associated backup is copied. If you specify a cluster ID, the most recent available

backup of the associated cluster is copied. If you provide both, the backup ID provided is used by default. If you don't know the cluster ID or backup ID, run the [describe-clusters](#) or [describe-backups](#) command respectively.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 copy-backup-to-region --destination-region <destination region> \
                                     --backup-id <backup ID>
{
  "DestinationBackup": {
    "CreateTimestamp": 1531742400,
    "SourceBackup": "backup-4kuraxsgetz",
    "SourceCluster": "cluster-kzlczlspnho",
    "SourceRegion": "us-east-1"
  }
}
```

To copy a cluster backup to a different region (AWS CloudHSM API)

- Send a [CopyBackupToRegion](#) request. Specify the destination region and the cluster ID or most recent backup ID of the cluster to be copied.

Creating an AWS CloudHSM Cluster from a Previous Backup

To restore an AWS CloudHSM cluster from a previous backup, you create a new cluster and specify the backup to restore. After you create the cluster, you don't need to initialize or activate it. You can just add an HSM to the cluster. This HSM contains the same users, key material, certificates, configuration, and policies that were in the backup that you restored. For more information about backups, see [Backups](#) (p. 6).

You can restore a cluster from a backup from the [AWS CloudHSM console](#), the [AWS Command Line Interface \(AWS CLI\)](#), or the AWS CloudHSM API.

To create a cluster from a previous backup (console)

1. Open the AWS CloudHSM console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudhsm/>.
2. Choose **Create cluster**.
3. In the **Cluster configuration** section, do the following:
 - a. For **VPC**, choose a VPC for the cluster that you are creating.
 - b. For **AZ(s)**, choose a private subnet for each Availability Zone that you are adding to the cluster.
4. In the **Cluster source** section, do the following:
 - a. Choose **Restore cluster from existing backup**.
 - b. Choose the backup that you are restoring.
5. Choose **Next: Review**.
6. Review your cluster configuration, then choose **Create cluster**.

To create a cluster from a previous backup (AWS CLI)

- At a command prompt, issue the [create-cluster](#) command. Specify the HSM instance type, the subnet IDs of the subnets where you plan to create HSMs, and the backup ID of the backup that you are restoring. If you don't know the backup ID, issue the [describe-backups](#) command.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 create-cluster --hsm-type hsm1.medium \
                                --subnet-ids <subnet ID 1> <subnet ID 2> <subnet ID N>
\
                                --source-backup-id <backup ID>
{
  "Cluster": {
    "HsmType": "hsm1.medium",
    "VpcId": "vpc-641d3c0d",
    "Hsms": [],
    "State": "CREATE_IN_PROGRESS",
    "SourceBackupId": "backup-rtq2dwi2gq6",
    "BackupPolicy": "DEFAULT",
    "SecurityGroup": "sg-640fab0c",
    "CreateTimestamp": 1504907311.112,
    "SubnetMapping": {
      "us-east-2c": "subnet-0e358c43",
      "us-east-2a": "subnet-f1d6e798",
      "us-east-2b": "subnet-40ed9d3b"
    },
    "Certificates": {
      "ClusterCertificate": "<certificate string>"
    },
    "ClusterId": "cluster-jxhlf7644ne"
  }
}
```

To create a cluster from a previous backup (AWS CloudHSM API)

- Send a [CreateCluster](#) request. Specify the HSM instance type, the subnet IDs of the subnets where you plan to create HSMs, and the backup ID of the backup that you are restoring.

To create an HSM that contains the same users, key material, certificates, configuration, and policies that were in the backup that you restored, [add an HSM \(p. 42\)](#) to the cluster.

Deleting and Restoring an AWS CloudHSM Cluster Backup

[AWS CloudHSM Cluster Backups \(p. 6\)](#) are packages of encrypted data that contain the elements of a particular cluster. Backups are generated once a day, as well as whenever an HSM is added to a cluster.

You may want to remove certain cryptographic materials from your AWS environment, such as an expired key or inactive user. In order to remove these materials, you first delete them from your HSMs. To ensure that deleted information is not restored when initializing a new cluster with an old backup, you must then delete all existing backups of the cluster. To do this, you use the [AWS Command Line Interface \(AWS CLI\)](#), or the [AWS CloudHSM API](#).

A backup must be in the `READY` state in order to be deleted. You can check the status of a backup by using the [describe-backups](#) command from the AWS CLI, or with the [DescribeBackups](#) API call.

Upon successful deletion, a backup is in the `PENDING_DELETION` state for 7 days, during which time it can be restored with the [restore-backup](#) command. After the deletion window has passed, the target backup can no longer be restored.

To delete and restore a backup (AWS CLI)

1. At a command prompt, run the **delete-backup** command, passing the ID of the backup to be deleted. If you don't know the backup ID, run the **describe-backups** command.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 delete-backup --backup-id <backup ID>
{
  "Backup": {
    "CreateTimestamp": 1534461854.64,
    "ClusterId": "cluster-dygnwhmscg5",
    "BackupId": "backup-ro5c4er4aac",
    "BackupState": "PENDING_DELETION",
    "DeleteTimestamp": 1536339805.522
  }
}
```

2. To restore a backup, issue the **restore-backup** command, passing the ID of a backup that is in the `PENDING_DELETION` state. You can check the status of a backup by issuing the **describe-backups** command with the ID of the target backup. If you would like to see a list of all backups in the `PENDING_DELETION` state, run the **describe-backups** command and include `states=PENDING_DELETION` as a filter.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 describe-backups --filters states=PENDING_DELETION
{
  "Backups": [
    {
      "BackupId": "backup-ro5c4er4aac",
      "BackupState": "PENDING_DELETION",
      "CreateTimestamp": 1534461854.64,
      "ClusterId": "cluster-dygnwhmscg5",
      "DeleteTimestamp": 1536339805.522,
    }
  ]
}
```

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 restore-backup --backup-id <backup ID>
{
  "Backup": {
    "ClusterId": "cluster-dygnwhmscg5",
    "CreateTimestamp": 1534461854.64,
    "BackupState": "READY",
    "BackupId": "backup-ro5c4er4aac"
  }
}
```

To delete and restore a backup (AWS CloudHSM API):

1. To delete a backup, send a **DeleteBackup** request, specifying the ID of the backup to be deleted.
2. To restore a backup, send a **RestoreBackup** request, specifying the ID of the backup to be restored.

Deleting an AWS CloudHSM Cluster

Before you can delete a cluster, you must remove all HSMs from the cluster. For more information, see [Removing an HSM \(p. 44\)](#).

After you remove all HSMs, you can delete a cluster by using the [AWS CloudHSM console](#), the [AWS Command Line Interface \(AWS CLI\)](#), or the AWS CloudHSM API.

To delete a cluster (console)

1. Open the AWS CloudHSM console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudhsm/>.
2. Choose the cluster that you are deleting. Then choose **Delete cluster**.
3. Confirm that you want to delete the cluster, then choose **Delete**.

To delete a cluster (AWS CLI)

- At a command prompt, issue the [delete-cluster](#) command, passing the ID of the cluster that you are deleting. If you don't know the cluster ID, issue the [describe-clusters](#) command.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 delete-cluster --cluster-id <cluster ID>
{
  "Cluster": {
    "Certificates": {
      "ClusterCertificate": "<certificate string>"
    },
    "SourceBackupId": "backup-rtq2dwi2gq6",
    "SecurityGroup": "sg-40399d28",
    "CreateTimestamp": 1504903546.035,
    "SubnetMapping": {
      "us-east-2a": "subnet-f1d6e798",
      "us-east-2c": "subnet-0e358c43",
      "us-east-2b": "subnet-40ed9d3b"
    },
    "ClusterId": "cluster-kdmrayrc7gi",
    "VpcId": "vpc-641d3c0d",
    "State": "DELETE_IN_PROGRESS",
    "HsmType": "hsm1.medium",
    "StateMessage": "The cluster is being deleted.",
    "Hsms": [],
    "BackupPolicy": "DEFAULT"
  }
}
```

To delete a cluster (AWS CloudHSM API)

- Send a [DeleteCluster](#) request, specifying the ID of the cluster that you are deleting.

Tagging AWS CloudHSM Resources

A tag is a label that you assign to an AWS resource. You can assign tags to your AWS CloudHSM clusters. Each tag consists of a tag key and a tag value, both of which you define. For example, the tag key might be **Cost Center** and the tag value might be **12345**. Tag keys must be unique for each cluster.

You can use tags for a variety of purposes. One common use is to categorize and track your AWS costs. You can apply tags that represent business categories (such as cost centers, application names, or owners) to organize your costs across multiple services. When you add tags to your AWS resources, AWS generates a cost allocation report with usage and costs aggregated by tags. You can use this report to view your AWS CloudHSM costs in terms of projects or applications, instead of viewing all AWS CloudHSM costs as a single line item.

For more information about using tags for cost allocation, see [Using Cost Allocation Tags](#) in the *AWS Billing and Cost Management User Guide*.

You can use the [AWS CloudHSM console](#) or one of the [AWS SDKs or command line tools](#) to add, update, list, and remove tags.

Topics

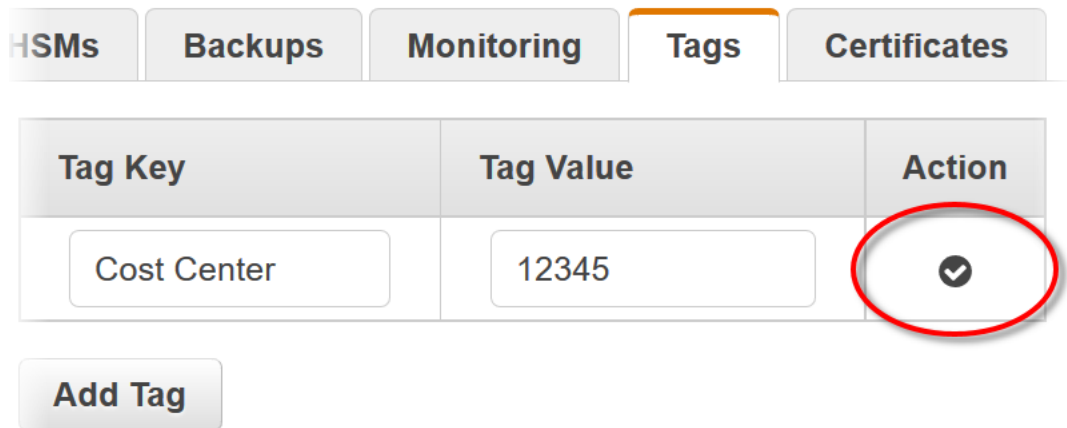
- [Adding or Updating Tags \(p. 50\)](#)
- [Listing Tags \(p. 51\)](#)
- [Removing Tags \(p. 52\)](#)


Adding or Updating Tags

You can add or update tags from the [AWS CloudHSM console](#), the [AWS Command Line Interface \(AWS CLI\)](#), or the AWS CloudHSM API.

To add or update tags (console)

1. Open the AWS CloudHSM console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudhsm/>.
2. Choose the cluster that you are tagging.
3. Choose **Tags**.
4. To add a tag, do the following:
 - a. Choose **Add Tag**.
 - b. For **Tag Key**, type a key for the tag.
 - c. (Optional) For **Tag Value**, type a value for the tag.
 - d. Choose the action for adding a tag, as shown in the following image.





Tag Key	Tag Value	Action
Cost Center	12345	

Add Tag

5. To update a tag, do the following:
 - a. Choose the tag value to update.

Note
If you update the tag key for an existing tag, the console deletes the existing tag and creates a new one.
 - b. Type the new tag value. Then choose the action for updating a tag, as shown in the following image.

HSMs
Backups
Monitoring
Tags
Certificates

Tag Key	Tag Value	Action
Cost Center	98765	 

Add Tag

To add or update tags (AWS CLI)

- At a command prompt, issue the **tag-resource** command, specifying the tags and the ID of the cluster that you are tagging. If you don't know the cluster ID, issue the **describe-clusters** command.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 tag-resource --resource-id <cluster ID> \
                             --tag-list Key="<tag key>",Value="<tag value>"
```

- To update tags, use the same command but specify an existing tag key. When you specify a new tag value for an existing tag, the tag is overwritten with the new value.

To add or update tags (AWS CloudHSM API)

- Send a **TagResource** request. Specify the tags and the ID of the cluster that you are tagging.

Listing Tags

You can list tags for a cluster from the [AWS CloudHSM console](#), the [AWS CLI](#), or the AWS CloudHSM API.

To list tags (console)

- Open the AWS CloudHSM console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudhsm/>.
- Choose the cluster whose tags you are listing.
- Choose **Tags**.

To list tags (AWS CLI)

- At a command prompt, issue the **list-tags** command, specifying the ID of the cluster whose tags you are listing. If you don't know the cluster ID, issue the **describe-clusters** command.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 list-tags --resource-id <cluster ID>
{
  "TagList": [
    {
      "Key": "Cost Center",
      "Value": "12345"
    }
  ]
}
```

```
}
```

To list tags (AWS CloudHSM API)

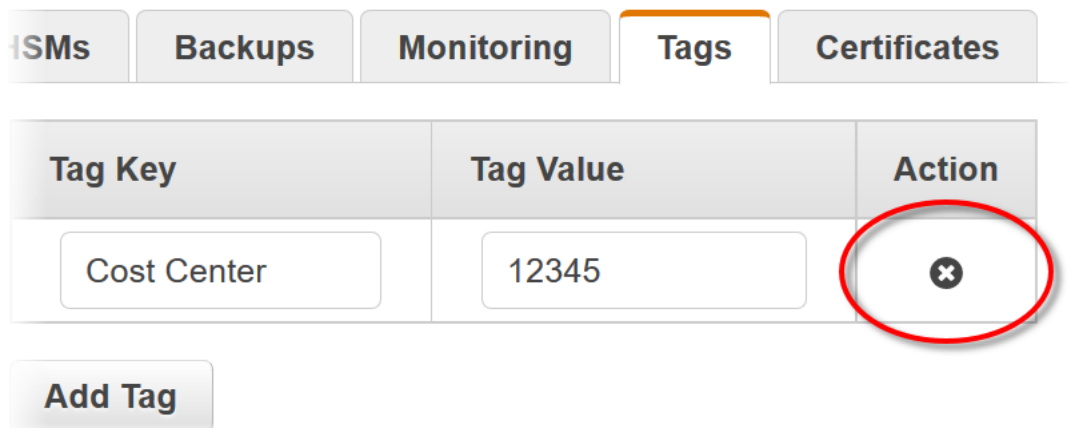
- Send a [ListTags](#) request, specifying the ID of the cluster whose tags you are listing.

Removing Tags

You can remove tags from a cluster by using the [AWS CloudHSM console](#), the [AWS CLI](#), or the AWS CloudHSM API.

To remove tags (console)

- Open the AWS CloudHSM console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/cloudhsm/>.
- Choose the cluster whose tags you are removing.
- Choose **Tags**.
- Next to the tag that you are removing, choose the action for deleting a tag, as shown in the following image.



To remove tags (AWS CLI)

- At a command prompt, issue the [untag-resource](#) command, specifying the tag keys of the tags that you are removing and the ID of the cluster whose tags you are removing. When you use the AWS CLI to remove tags, specify only the tag keys, not the tag values.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 untag-resource --resource-id <cluster ID> \  
                                --tag-key-list "<tag key>"
```

To remove tags (AWS CloudHSM API)

- Send an [UntagResource](#) request in the AWS CloudHSM API, specifying the ID of the cluster and the tags that you are removing.

Managing HSM Users and Keys in AWS CloudHSM

Before you can use your AWS CloudHSM cluster for cryptoprocessing, you must create users and keys on the HSMs in your cluster. See the following topics for more information about using the AWS CloudHSM command line tools to manage HSM users and keys. You can also learn how to use quorum authentication (also known as M of N access control).

Topics

- [Managing HSM Users in AWS CloudHSM \(p. 53\)](#)
- [Managing Keys in AWS CloudHSM \(p. 56\)](#)
- [Enforcing Quorum Authentication \(M of N Access Control\) \(p. 61\)](#)

Managing HSM Users in AWS CloudHSM

To manage users on the HSMs in your AWS CloudHSM cluster, use the AWS CloudHSM command line tool known as `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`. Before you can manage users, you must start `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`, enable end-to-end encryption, and log in to the HSMs. For more information, see [cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 74\)](#).

To manage HSM users, log in to the HSM with the user name and password of a [cryptographic officer \(p. 11\)](#) (CO). Only COs can manage other users. The HSM contains a default CO named admin. You set this user's password when you [activated the cluster \(p. 38\)](#).

Topics

- [Create Users \(p. 53\)](#)
- [List Users \(p. 54\)](#)
- [Change a User's Password \(p. 55\)](#)
- [Delete Users \(p. 55\)](#)

Create Users

Use the [createUser \(p. 85\)](#) command to create a user on the HSM. The following examples create new CO and CU users, respectively. For information about user types, see [HSM Users \(p. 10\)](#).

```
aws-cloudhsm>createUser CO example_officer <password>
*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****
Do you want to continue(y/n)?y
```

Creating User example_officer(CO) on 3 nodes

```
aws-cloudhsm>createUser CU example_user <password>
*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****

Do you want to continue(y/n)?y
Creating User example_user(CU) on 3 nodes
```

The following shows the syntax for the [createUser \(p. 85\)](#) command. User types and passwords are case-sensitive in cloudhsm_mgmt_util commands, but user names are not.

```
aws-cloudhsm>createUser <user type> <user name> <password>
```

List Users

Use the [listUsers \(p. 105\)](#) command to list the users on each HSM in the cluster. All [HSM user types \(p. 10\)](#) can use this command; it's not restricted to COs.

The PCO is the first ("primary") CO created on each HSM. It has the same permissions on the HSM as any other CO.

```
aws-cloudhsm>listUsers
Users on server 0(10.0.2.9):
Number of users found:4
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
LoginFailureCnt	2FA		
1	PCO	admin	NO
0	NO		
2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		
3	CO	example_officer	NO
0	NO		
4	CU	example_user	NO
0	NO		

```
Users on server 1(10.0.3.11):
Number of users found:4
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
LoginFailureCnt	2FA		
1	PCO	admin	NO
0	NO		
2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		
3	CO	example_officer	NO
0	NO		
4	CU	example_user	NO
0	NO		

```
Users on server 2(10.0.1.12):
Number of users found:4
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
LoginFailureCnt	2FA		
1	PCO	admin	NO
0	NO		

2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		
3	CO	example_officer	NO
0	NO		
4	CU	example_user	NO
0	NO		

Change a User's Password

Use the **changePswd** command to change the password for the any user. All [HSM user types \(p. 10\)](#) can issue this command, but only COs can change the password for other users. Crypto users (CUs) and appliance users (AUs) can change only their own password. The following examples change the password for the CO and CU users that were created in the [Create Users \(p. 53\)](#) examples.

```
aws-cloudhsm>changePswd CO example_officer <new password>
*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****

Do you want to continue(y/n)?y
Changing password for example_officer(CO) on 3 nodes
```

```
aws-cloudhsm>changePswd CU example_user <new password>
*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****

Do you want to continue(y/n)?y
Changing password for example_user(CU) on 3 nodes
```

The following shows the syntax for the **changePswd** command. User types and passwords are case-sensitive, but user names are not.

```
aws-cloudhsm>changePswd <user type> <user name> <new password>
```

Warning

The CO cannot change the password for a user (CO or CU) who is currently logged in.

Delete Users

Use the **deleteUser** command to delete a user. The following examples delete the CO and CU users that were created in the [Create Users \(p. 53\)](#) examples.

```
aws-cloudhsm>deleteUser CO example_officer
Deleting user example_officer(CO) on 3 nodes
deleteUser success on server 0(10.0.2.9)
deleteUser success on server 1(10.0.3.11)
deleteUser success on server 2(10.0.1.12)
```

```
aws-cloudhsm>deleteUser CU example_user
```

```
Deleting user example_user(CU) on 3 nodes
deleteUser success on server 0(10.0.2.9)
deleteUser success on server 1(10.0.3.11)
deleteUser success on server 2(10.0.1.12)
```

The following shows the syntax for the **deleteUser** command.

```
aws-cloudhsm>deleteUser <user type> <user name>
```

Warning

Deleting a CU user will orphan all of the keys owned by that CU and make them unusable. You will not receive any warning that the user you are about to delete still owns keys in the cluster.

Managing Keys in AWS CloudHSM

To manage keys on the HSMs in your AWS CloudHSM cluster, use the [key_mgmt_util](#) (p. 119) command line tool. Before you can manage keys, you must start the AWS CloudHSM client, start `key_mgmt_util`, and log in to the HSMs.

To manage keys, [log in to the HSM](#) (p. 122) with the user name and password of a crypto user (CU). Only CUs can create keys. Keys are inherently owned and managed by the CU who created them.

Topics

- [Generate Keys](#) (p. 56)
- [Import Keys](#) (p. 57)
- [Export Keys](#) (p. 59)
- [Delete Keys](#) (p. 60)
- [Share and Unshare Keys](#) (p. 60)

Generate Keys

To generate keys on the HSM, use the command that corresponds to the type of key that you want to generate.

Generate Symmetric Keys

Use the [genSymKey](#) (p. 151) command to generate AES, triple DES, and other types of symmetric keys. To see all available options, use the **genSymKey -h** command.

The following example creates a 256-bit AES key.

```
Command: genSymKey -t 31 -s 32 -l aes256
Cfm3GenerateSymmetricKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Symmetric Key Created.  Key Handle: 524295

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Generate RSA Key Pairs

To generate an RSA key pair, use the [genRSAKeyPair \(p. 146\)](#) command. To see all available options, use the **genRSAKeyPair -h** command.

The following example generates an RSA 2048-bit key pair.

```
Command: genRSAKeyPair -m 2048 -e 65537 -l rsa2048
Cfm3GenerateKeyPair returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3GenerateKeyPair:    public key handle: 524294    private key handle: 524296

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Generate ECC (Elliptic Curve Cryptography) Key Pairs

To generate an ECC key pair, use the [genECKKeyPair \(p. 142\)](#) command. To see all available options, including a list of the supported elliptic curves, use the **genECKKeyPair -h** command.

The following example generates an ECC key pair using the P-384 elliptic curve defined in [NIST FIPS publication 186-4](#).

```
Command: genECKKeyPair -i 14 -l ecc-p384
Cfm3GenerateKeyPair returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3GenerateKeyPair:    public key handle: 524297    private key handle: 524298

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Import Keys

To import secret keys—that is, symmetric keys and asymmetric private keys—into the HSM, you must first create a wrapping key on the HSM. You can import public keys directly without a wrapping key.

Import Secret Keys

Complete the following steps to import a secret key. Before you import a secret key, save it to a file. Save symmetric keys as raw bytes, and asymmetric private keys in PEM format.

This example shows how to import a plaintext secret key from a file into the HSM. To import an encrypted key from a file into the HSM, use the [unWrapKey \(p. 172\)](#) command.

To import a secret key

1. Use the [genSymKey \(p. 151\)](#) command to create a wrapping key. The following command creates a 128-bit AES wrapping key that is valid only for the current session. You can use a session key or a persistent key as a wrapping key.

```
Command: genSymKey -t 31 -s 16 -sess -l import-wrapping-key
Cfm3GenerateSymmetricKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Symmetric Key Created. Key Handle: 524299
```

```
Cluster Error Status
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

2. Use one of the following commands, depending on the type of secret key that you are importing.
 - To import a symmetric key, use the **imSymKey** command. The following command imports an AES key from a file named `aes256.key` using the wrapping key created in the previous step. To see all available options, use the **imSymKey -h** command.

```
Command: imSymKey -f aes256.key -t 31 -l aes256-imported -w 524299
Cfm3WrapHostKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3CreateUnwrapTemplate returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3UnWrapKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Symmetric Key Unwrapped. Key Handle: 524300

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

- To import an asymmetric private key, use the **importPrivateKey** command. The following command imports a private key from a file named `rsa2048.key` using the wrapping key created in the previous step. To see all available options, use the **importPrivateKey -h** command.

```
Command: importPrivateKey -f rsa2048.key -l rsa2048-imported -w 524299
BER encoded key length is 1216

Cfm3WrapHostKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3CreateUnwrapTemplate returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3UnWrapKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Private Key Unwrapped. Key Handle: 524301

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Import Public Keys

Use the **importPubKey** command to import a public key. To see all available options, use the **importPubKey -h** command.

The following example imports an RSA public key from a file named `rsa2048.pub`.

```
Command: importPubKey -f rsa2048.pub -l rsa2048-public-imported
Cfm3CreatePublicKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Public Key Handle: 524302

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```


Export Keys

To export secret keys—that is, symmetric keys and asymmetric private keys—from the HSM, you must first create a wrapping key. You can export public keys directly without a wrapping key.

Only the key owner can export a key. Users with whom the key is shared can use the key in cryptographic operations, but they cannot export it. When running this example, be sure to export a key that you created.

Important

The `exSymKey` (p. 129) command writes a plaintext (unencrypted) copy of the secret key to a file. The export process requires a wrapping key, but the key in the file is **not** a wrapped key. To export a wrapped (encrypted) copy of a key, use the `wrapKey` (p. 175) command.

Export Secret Keys

Complete the following steps to export a secret key.

To export a secret key

1. Use the `genSymKey` (p. 151) command to create a wrapping key. The following command creates a 128-bit AES wrapping key that is valid only for the current session.

```
Command: genSymKey -t 31 -s 16 -sess -l export-wrapping-key
Cfm3GenerateSymmetricKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Symmetric Key Created. Key Handle: 524304

Cluster Error Status
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

2. Use one of the following commands, depending on the type of secret key that you are exporting.
 - To export a symmetric key, use the `exSymKey` (p. 129) command. The following command exports an AES key to a file named `aes256.key.exp`. To see all available options, use the `exSymKey -h` command.

```
Command: exSymKey -k 524295 -out aes256.key.exp -w 524304
Cfm3WrapKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3UnWrapHostKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Wrapped Symmetric Key written to file "aes256.key.exp"
```

Note

The command's output says that a "Wrapped Symmetric Key" is written to the output file. However, the output file contains a plaintext (not wrapped) key. To export a wrapped (encrypted) key to a file, use the `wrapKey` (p. 175) command.

- To export a private key, use the `exportPrivateKey` command. The following command exports a private key to a file named `rsa2048.key.exp`. To see all available options, use the `exportPrivateKey -h` command.

```
Command: exportPrivateKey -k 524296 -out rsa2048.key.exp -w 524304
Cfm3WrapKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3UnWrapHostKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

```
PEM formatted private key is written to rsa2048.key.exp
```

Export Public Keys

Use the **exportPubKey** command to export a public key. To see all available options, use the **exportPubKey -h** command.

The following example exports an RSA public key to a file named `rsa2048.pub.exp`.

```
Command: exportPubKey -k 524294 -out rsa2048.pub.exp
PEM formatted public key is written to rsa2048.pub.key

Cfm3ExportPubKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Delete Keys

Use the [deleteKey \(p. 126\)](#) command to delete a key, as in the following example. Only the key owner can delete a key.

```
Command: deleteKey -k 524300
Cfm3DeleteKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Share and Unshare Keys

In AWS CloudHSM, the CU who creates the key owns it. The owner manages the key, can export and delete it, and can use the key in cryptographic operations. The owner can also share the key with other CU users. Users with whom the key is shared can use the key in cryptographic operations, but they cannot export or delete the key, or share it with other users.

You can share keys with other CU users when you create the key, such as by using the `-u` parameter of the [genSymKey \(p. 151\)](#) or [genRSAKeyPair \(p. 146\)](#) commands. To share existing keys with a different HSM user, use the [cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 74\)](#) command line tool. This is different from most of the tasks documented in this section, which use the [key_mgmt_util \(p. 119\)](#) command line tool.

Before you can share a key, you must start `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`, enable end-to-end encryption, and log in to the HSMs. To share a key, log in to the HSM as the crypto user (CU) that owns the key. Only key owners can share a key.

Use the **shareKey** command to share or unshare a key, specifying the handle of the key and the IDs of the user or users. To share or unshare with more than one user, specify a comma-separated list of user IDs. To share a key, use 1 as the command's last parameter, as in the following example. To unshare, use 0.

```
aws-cloudhsm>shareKey 524295 4 1
*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****
```

```
Do you want to continue(y/n)?y
shareKey success on server 0(10.0.2.9)
shareKey success on server 1(10.0.3.11)
shareKey success on server 2(10.0.1.12)
```

The following shows the syntax for the **shareKey** command.

```
aws-cloudhsm>shareKey <key handle> <user ID> <Boolean: 1 for share, 0 for unshare>
```

Enforcing Quorum Authentication (M of N Access Control)

The HSMs in your AWS CloudHSM cluster support quorum authentication, which is also known as M of N access control. With quorum authentication, no single user on the HSM can do quorum-controlled operations on the HSM. Instead, a minimum number of HSM users (at least 2) must cooperate to do these operations. With quorum authentication, you can add an extra layer of protection by requiring approvals from more than one HSM user.

Quorum authentication can control the following operations:

- HSM user management by [crypto officers \(COs\) \(p. 11\)](#) – Creating and deleting HSM users, and changing a different HSM user's password. For more information, see [Using Quorum Authentication for Crypto Officers \(p. 66\)](#).

The following topics provide more information about quorum authentication in AWS CloudHSM.

Topics

- [Overview of Quorum Authentication \(p. 61\)](#)
- [Additional Details about Quorum Authentication \(p. 62\)](#)
- [Using Quorum Authentication for Crypto Officers: First Time Setup \(p. 62\)](#)
- [Using Quorum Authentication for Crypto Officers \(p. 66\)](#)
- [Change the Quorum Minimum Value for Crypto Officers \(p. 72\)](#)

Overview of Quorum Authentication

The following steps summarize the quorum authentication processes. For the specific steps and tools, see [Using Quorum Authentication for Crypto Officers \(p. 66\)](#).

1. Each HSM user creates an asymmetric key for signing. He or she does this outside of the HSM, taking care to protect the key appropriately.
2. Each HSM user logs in to the HSM and registers the public part of his or her signing key (the public key) with the HSM.
3. When an HSM user wants to do a quorum-controlled operation, he or she logs in to the HSM and gets a *quorum token*.
4. The HSM user gives the quorum token to one or more other HSM users and asks for their approval.
5. The other HSM users approve by using their keys to cryptographically sign the quorum token. This occurs outside the HSM.
6. When the HSM user has the required number of approvals, he or she logs in to the HSM and gives the quorum token and approvals (signatures) to the HSM.

7. The HSM uses the registered public keys of each signer to verify the signatures. If the signatures are valid, the HSM approves the token.
8. The HSM user can now do a quorum-controlled operation.

Additional Details about Quorum Authentication

Note the following additional information about using quorum authentication in AWS CloudHSM.

- An HSM user can sign his or her own quorum token—that is, the requesting user can provide one of the required approvals for quorum authentication.
- You choose the minimum number of quorum approvers for quorum-controlled operations. The smallest number you can choose is two (2). For HSM user management operations by COs, the largest number you can choose is twenty (20).
- The HSM can store up to 1024 quorum tokens. If the HSM already has 1024 tokens when you try to create a new one, the HSM purges one of the expired tokens. By default, tokens expire ten minutes after their creation.

Using Quorum Authentication for Crypto Officers: First Time Setup

The following topics describe the steps that you must complete to configure your HSM so that [crypto officers \(COs\)](#) (p. 11) can use quorum authentication. You need to do these steps only once when you first configure quorum authentication for COs. After you complete these steps, see [Using Quorum Authentication for Crypto Officers](#) (p. 66).

Topics

- [Prerequisites](#) (p. 62)
- [Create and Register a Key for Signing](#) (p. 63)
- [Set the Quorum Minimum Value on the HSM](#) (p. 65)

Prerequisites

To understand this example, you should be familiar with the [cloudhsm_mgmt_util command line tool](#) (p. 74). In this example, the AWS CloudHSM cluster has two HSMs, each with the same COs, as shown in the following output from the `listUsers` command. For more information about creating users, see [Managing HSM Users](#) (p. 53).

```
aws-cloudhsm>listUsers
Users on server 0(10.0.2.14):
Number of users found:7
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
LoginFailureCnt	2FA		
1	PCO	admin	NO
0	NO		
2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		
3	CO	officer1	NO
0	NO		
4	CO	officer2	NO
0	NO		
5	CO	officer3	NO
0	NO		

6	CO	officer4	NO
0	NO		
7	CO	officer5	NO
0	NO		
Users on server 1(10.0.1.4):			
Number of users found:7			
User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
LoginFailureCnt	2FA		
1	PCO	admin	NO
0	NO		
2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		
3	CO	officer1	NO
0	NO		
4	CO	officer2	NO
0	NO		
5	CO	officer3	NO
0	NO		
6	CO	officer4	NO
0	NO		
7	CO	officer5	NO
0	NO		

Create and Register a Key for Signing

To use quorum authentication, each CO must create an asymmetric key for signing (a *signing key*). This is done outside of the HSM.

There are many different ways to create and protect a personal signing key. The following example shows how to do it with [OpenSSL](#).

Example – Create a personal signing key with OpenSSL

The following example demonstrates how to use OpenSSL to create a 2048-bit RSA key that is protected by a pass phrase. To use this example, replace *officer1.key* with the name of the file where you want to store the key.

```
$ openssl genrsa -out officer1.key -aes256 2048
Generating RSA private key, 2048 bit long modulus
.....+++
.+++
e is 65537 (0x10001)
Enter pass phrase for officer1.key:
Verifying - Enter pass phrase for officer1.key:
```

Each CO should create his or her own key.

After creating a key, the CO must register the public part of the key (the public key) with the HSM.

To register a public key with the HSM

1. Use the following command to start the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command line tool.

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/cloudhsm_mgmt_util /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

2. Use the **enable_e2e** command to establish end-to-end encrypted communication.
3. Use the **loginHSM** command to log in to the HSM as a CO. For more information, see [Log in to the HSMs \(p. 80\)](#).

4. Use the **registerMofnPubKey** command to register the public key. For more information, see the following example or use the **help registerMofnPubKey** command.

Example – Register a public key with the HSM

The following example shows how to use the **registerMofnPubKey** command in the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command line tool to register a CO's public key with the HSM. To use this command, the CO must be logged in to the HSM. Replace these values with your own:

- **key_match_string** – An arbitrary string that is used to match the public and private keys. You can use any string for this value. The `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command line tool encrypts this string with the private key, and then sends the encrypted blob and the plaintext string to the HSM. The HSM uses the public key to decrypt the encrypted blob, and then compares the decrypted string to the plaintext string. If the strings match, the HSM registers the public key; otherwise it doesn't.
- **officer1** – The user name of the CO who is registering the public key. This must be the same CO who is logged in to the HSM and is running this command.
- **officer1.key** – The name of the file that contains the CO's key. This file must contain the complete key (not just the public part) because the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command line tool uses the private key to encrypt the *key match string*.

When prompted, type the pass phrase that protects the CO's key.

```
aws-cloudhsm>registerMofnPubKey CO key_match_string officer1 officer1.key
*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****

Do you want to continue(y/n)?y
Enter PEM pass phrase:
registerMofnPubKey success on server 0(10.0.2.14)
registerMofnPubKey success on server 1(10.0.1.4)
```

Each CO must register his or her public key with the HSM. After all COs register their public keys, the output from the **listUsers** command shows this in the **MofnPubKey** column, as shown in the following example.

```
aws-cloudhsm>listUsers
Users on server 0(10.0.2.14):
Number of users found:7
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
1	PCO	admin	NO
0	NO		
2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		
3	CO	officer1	YES
0	NO		
4	CO	officer2	YES
0	NO		
5	CO	officer3	YES
0	NO		
6	CO	officer4	YES
0	NO		
7	CO	officer5	YES
0	NO		

Users on server 1(10.0.1.4):
Number of users found:7

User Id LoginFailureCnt	User Type 2FA	User Name	MofnPubKey
1 0	PCO NO	admin	NO
2 0	AU NO	app_user	NO
3 0	CO NO	officer1	YES
4 0	CO NO	officer2	YES
5 0	CO NO	officer3	YES
6 0	CO NO	officer4	YES
7 0	CO NO	officer5	YES

Set the Quorum Minimum Value on the HSM

To use quorum authentication for COs, a CO must log in to the HSM and then set the *quorum minimum value*, also known as the *m value*. This is the minimum number of CO approvals that are required to perform HSM user management operations. Any CO on the HSM can set the quorum minimum value, including COs that have not registered a key for signing. You can change the quorum minimum value at any time; for more information, see [Change the Quorum Value for Crypto Officers \(p. 72\)](#).

To set the quorum minimum value on the HSM

1. Use the following command to start the cloudhsm_mgmt_util command line tool.

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/cloudhsm_mgmt_util /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

2. Use the **enable_e2e** command to establish end-to-end encrypted communication.
3. Use the **loginHSM** command to log in to the HSM as a CO. For more information, see [Log in to the HSMs \(p. 80\)](#).
4. Use the **setMValue** command to set the quorum minimum value. For more information, see the following example or use the **help setMValue** command.

Example – Set the quorum minimum value on the HSM

This example uses a quorum minimum value of two. You can choose any value from two to twenty, up to the total number of COs on the HSM. In this example, the HSM has six COs (the [PCO user \(p. 11\)](#) is the same as a CO), so the maximum possible value is six.

To use the following example command, replace the final number (**2**) with the preferred quorum minimum value.

```
aws-cloudhsm>setMValue 3 2
*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****
Do you want to continue(y/n)?y
Setting M Value(2) for 3 on 2 nodes
```

In the preceding example, the first number (3) identifies the *HSM service* whose quorum minimum value you are setting.

The following table lists the HSM service identifiers along with their names, descriptions, and the commands that are included in the service.

Service Identifier	Service Name	Service Description	HSM Commands
3	USER_MGMT	HSM user management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• createUser• deleteUser• changePswd (applies only when changing the password of a different HSM user)
4	MISC_CO	Miscellaneous CO service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• setMValue

To get the quorum minimum value for a service, use the **getMValue** command, as in the following example.

```
aws-cloudhsm>getMValue 3
MValue of service 3[USER_MGMT] on server 0 : [2]
MValue of service 3[USER_MGMT] on server 1 : [2]
```

The output from the preceding **getMValue** command shows that the quorum minimum value for HSM user management operations (service 3) is now two.

After you complete these steps, see [Using Quorum Authentication for Crypto Officers \(p. 66\)](#).

Using Quorum Authentication for Crypto Officers

A [crypto officer \(CO\) \(p. 11\)](#) on the HSM can configure quorum authentication for the following operations on the HSM:

- Creating HSM users
- Deleting HSM users
- Changing another HSM user's password

After the HSM is configured for quorum authentication, COs cannot perform HSM user management operations on their own. The following example shows the output when a CO attempts to create a new user on the HSM. The command fails with a `RET_MXN_AUTH_FAILED` error, which indicates that quorum authentication failed.

```
aws-cloudhsm>createUser CU user1 password
*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****

Do you want to continue(y/n)?y
Creating User user1(CU) on 2 nodes
```



```
createUser failed: RET_MXN_AUTH_FAILED
creating user on server 0(10.0.2.14) failed

Retry/Ignore/Abort?(R/I/A):A
```

To perform an HSM user management operation, a CO must complete the following tasks:

1. [Get a quorum token \(p. 67\)](#).
2. [Get approvals \(signatures\) from other COs \(p. 68\)](#).
3. [Approve the token on the HSM \(p. 68\)](#).
4. [Perform the HSM user management operation \(p. 70\)](#).

If you have not yet configured the HSM for quorum authentication for COs, do that now. For more information, see [First Time Setup for Crypto Officers \(p. 62\)](#).

Get a Quorum Token

First the CO must use the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command line tool to request a *quorum token*.

To get a quorum token

1. Use the following command to start the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command line tool.

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/cloudhsm_mgmt_util /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

2. Use the **enable_e2e** command to establish end-to-end encrypted communication.
3. Use the **loginHSM** command to log in to the HSM as a CO. For more information, see [Log in to the HSMs \(p. 80\)](#).
4. Use the **getToken** command to get a quorum token. For more information, see the following example or use the **help getToken** command.

Example – Get a quorum token

This example gets a quorum token for the CO with user name `officer1` and saves the token to a file named `officer1.token`. To use the example command, replace these values with your own:

- **officer1** – The name of the CO who is getting the token. This must be the same CO who is logged in to the HSM and is running this command.
- **officer1.token** – The name of the file to use for storing the quorum token.

In the following command, 3 identifies the *service* for which you can use the token that you are getting. In this case, the token is for HSM user management operations (service 3). For more information, see [Set the Quorum Minimum Value on the HSM \(p. 65\)](#).

```
aws-cloudhsm>getToken 3 officer1 officer1.token
getToken success on server 0(10.0.2.14)
Token:
Id:1
Service:3
Node:1
Key Handle:0
User:officer1
getToken success on server 1(10.0.1.4)
Token:
```

```
Id:1
Service:3
Node:0
Key Handle:0
User:officer1
```

Get Signatures from Approving COs

A CO who has a quorum token must get the token approved by other COs. To give their approval, the other COs use their signing key to cryptographically sign the token. They do this outside the HSM.

There are many different ways to sign the token. The following example shows how to do it with [OpenSSL](#). To use a different signing tool, make sure that the tool uses the CO's private key (signing key) to sign a SHA-256 digest of the token.

Example – Get signatures from approving COs

In this example, the CO that has the token (officer1) needs at least two approvals. The following example commands show how two COs can use OpenSSL to cryptographically sign the token.

In the first command, officer1 signs his or her own token. To use the following example commands, replace these values with your own:

- *officer1.key* and *officer2.key* – The name of the file that contains the CO's signing key.
- *officer1.token.sig1* and *officer1.token.sig2* – The name of the file to use for storing the signature. Make sure to save each signature in a different file.
- *officer1.token* – The name of the file that contains the token that the CO is signing.

```
$ openssl dgst -sha256 -sign officer1.key -out officer1.token.sig1 officer1.token
Enter pass phrase for officer1.key:
```

In the following command, officer2 signs the same token.

```
$ openssl dgst -sha256 -sign officer2.key -out officer1.token.sig2 officer1.token
Enter pass phrase for officer2.key:
```

Approve the Signed Token on the HSM

After a CO gets the minimum number of approvals (signatures) from other COs, he or she must approve the signed token on the HSM.

To approve the signed token on the HSM

1. Create a token approval file. For more information, see the following example.
2. Use the following command to start the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command line tool.

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/cloudhsm_mgmt_util /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

3. Use the **enable_e2e** command to establish end-to-end encrypted communication.
4. Use the **loginHSM** command to log in to the HSM as a CO. For more information, see [Log in to the HSMs \(p. 80\)](#).
5. Use the **approveToken** command to approve the signed token, passing the token approval file. For more information, see the following example.

Example – Create a token approval file and approve the signed token on the HSM

The token approval file is a text file in a particular format that the HSM requires. The file contains information about the token, its approvers, and the approvers' signatures. The following shows an example token approval file.

```
# For "Multi Token File Path", type the path to the file that contains
# the token. You can type the same value for "Token File Path", but
# that's not required. The "Token File Path" line is required in any
# case, regardless of whether you type a value.
Multi Token File Path = officer1.token;
Token File Path = ;

# Total number of approvals
Number of Approvals = 2;

# Approver 1
# Type the approver's type, name, and the path to the file that
# contains the approver's signature.
Approver Type = 2; # 2 for CO, 1 for CU
Approver Name = officer1;
Approval File = officer1.token.sig1;

# Approver 2
# Type the approver's type, name, and the path to the file that
# contains the approver's signature.
Approver Type = 2; # 2 for CO, 1 for CU
Approver Name = officer2;
Approval File = officer1.token.sig2;
```

After creating the token approval file, the CO uses the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command line tool to log in to the HSM. The CO then uses the **approveToken** command to approve the token, as shown in the following example. Replace *approval.txt* with the name of the token approval file.

```
aws-cloudhsm>approveToken approval.txt
approveToken success on server 0(10.0.2.14)
approveToken success on server 1(10.0.1.4)
```

When this command succeeds, the HSM has approved the quorum token. To check the status of a token, use the **listTokens** command, as shown in the following example. The command's output shows that the token has the required number of approvals.

The token validity time indicates how long the token is guaranteed to persist on the HSM. Even after the token validity time elapses (zero seconds), you can still use the token.

```
aws-cloudhsm>listTokens

=====
      Server 0(10.0.2.14)
=====
----- Token - 0 -----
Token:
Id:1
Service:3
Node:1
Key Handle:0
User:officer1
Token Validity: 506 sec
Required num of approvers : 2
Current num of approvals : 2
Approver-0: officer1
```

```
Approver-1: officer2
Num of tokens = 1

=====
      Server 1(10.0.1.4)
=====
----- Token - 0 -----
Token:
Id:1
Service:3
Node:0
Key Handle:0
User:officer1
Token Validity: 506 sec
Required num of approvers : 2
Current num of approvals : 2
Approver-0: officer1
Approver-1: officer2
Num of tokens = 1

listTokens success
```

Use the Token for User Management Operations

After a CO has a token with the required number of approvals, as shown in the previous section, the CO can perform one of the following HSM user management operations:

- Create an HSM user with the [createUser \(p. 85\)](#) command
- Delete an HSM user with the **deleteUser** command
- Change a different HSM user's password with the **changePswd** command

For more information about using these commands, see [Managing HSM Users \(p. 53\)](#).

The CO can use the token for only one operation. When that operation succeeds, the token is no longer valid. To do another HSM user management operation, the CO must get a new quorum token, get new signatures from approvers, and approve the new token on the HSM.

In the following example command, the CO creates a new user on the HSM.

```
aws-cloudhsm>createUser CU user1 password
*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****

Do you want to continue(y/n)?y
Creating User user1(CU) on 2 nodes
```

After the previous command succeeds, a subsequent **listUsers** command shows the new user.

```
aws-cloudhsm>listUsers
Users on server 0(10.0.2.14):
Number of users found:8
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
LoginFailureCnt	2FA		
1	PCO	admin	NO
0	NO		

2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		
3	CO	officer1	YES
0	NO		
4	CO	officer2	YES
0	NO		
5	CO	officer3	YES
0	NO		
6	CO	officer4	YES
0	NO		
7	CO	officer5	YES
0	NO		
8	CU	user1	NO
0	NO		

Users on server 1(10.0.1.4):
Number of users found:8

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
LoginFailureCnt	2FA		
1	PCO	admin	NO
0	NO		
2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		
3	CO	officer1	YES
0	NO		
4	CO	officer2	YES
0	NO		
5	CO	officer3	YES
0	NO		
6	CO	officer4	YES
0	NO		
7	CO	officer5	YES
0	NO		
8	CU	user1	NO
0	NO		

If the CO tries to perform another HSM user management operation, it fails with a quorum authentication error, as shown in the following example.

```
aws-cloudhsm>deleteUser CU user1
Deleting user user1(CU) on 2 nodes
deleteUser failed: RET_MXN_AUTH_FAILED
deleteUser failed on server 0(10.0.2.14)

Retry/rollBack/Ignore?(R/B/I):I
deleteUser failed: RET_MXN_AUTH_FAILED
deleteUser failed on server 1(10.0.1.4)

Retry/rollBack/Ignore?(R/B/I):I
```

The **listTokens** command shows that the CO has no approved tokens, as shown in the following example. To perform another HSM user management operation, the CO must get a new quorum token, get new signatures from approvers, and approve the new token on the HSM.

```
aws-cloudhsm>listTokens

=====
Server 0(10.0.2.14)
=====
Num of tokens = 0

=====
Server 1(10.0.1.4)
```

```
=====
Num of tokens = 0

listTokens success
```

Change the Quorum Minimum Value for Crypto Officers

After you [set the quorum minimum value \(p. 65\)](#) so that [crypto officers \(COs\) \(p. 11\)](#) can use quorum authentication, you might want to change the quorum minimum value. The HSM allows you to change the quorum minimum value only when the number of approvers is the same or higher than the current quorum minimum value. For example, if the quorum minimum value is two, at least two COs must approve to change the quorum minimum value.

To get quorum approval to change the quorum minimum value, you need a *quorum token* for the **setMValue** command (service 4). To get a quorum token for the **setMValue** command (service 4), the quorum minimum value for service 4 must be higher than one. This means that before you can change the quorum minimum value for COs (service 3), you might need to change the quorum minimum value for service 4.

The following table lists the HSM service identifiers along with their names, descriptions, and the commands that are included in the service.

Service Identifier	Service Name	Service Description	HSM Commands
3	USER_MGMT	HSM user management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• createUser• deleteUser• changePswd (applies only when changing the password of a different HSM user)
4	MISC_CO	Miscellaneous CO service	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• setMValue

To change the quorum minimum value for crypto officers

1. Use the following command to start the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command line tool.

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/cloudhsm_mgmt_util /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

2. Use the **enable_e2e** command to establish end-to-end encrypted communication.
3. Use the **loginHSM** command to log in to the HSM as a CO. For more information, see [Log in to the HSMs \(p. 80\)](#).
4. Use the **getMValue** command to get the quorum minimum value for service 3. For more information, see the following example.
5. Use the **getMValue** command to get the quorum minimum value for service 4. For more information, see the following example.
6. If the quorum minimum value for service 4 is lower than the value for service 3, use the **setMValue** command to change the value for service 4. Change the value for service 4 to one that is the same or higher than the value for service 3. For more information, see the following example.
7. [Get a quorum token \(p. 67\)](#), taking care to specify service 4 as the service for which you can use the token.

8. [Get approvals \(signatures\) from other COs \(p. 68\).](#)
9. [Approve the token on the HSM \(p. 68\).](#)
10. Use the **setMValue** command to change quorum minimum value for service 3 (user management operations performed by COs).

Example – Get quorum minimum values and change the value for service 4

The following example command shows that the quorum minimum value for service 3 is currently two.

```
aws-cloudhsm>getMValue 3
MValue of service 3[USER_MGMT] on server 0 : [2]
MValue of service 3[USER_MGMT] on server 1 : [2]
```

The following example command shows that the quorum minimum value for service 4 is currently one.

```
aws-cloudhsm>getMValue 4
MValue of service 4[MISC_CO] on server 0 : [1]
MValue of service 4[MISC_CO] on server 1 : [1]
```

To change the quorum minimum value for service 4, use the **setMValue** command, setting a value that is the same or higher than the value for service 3. The following example sets the quorum minimum value for service 4 to two (2), the same value that is set for service 3.

```
aws-cloudhsm>setMValue 4 2
*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****

Do you want to continue(y/n)?y
Setting M Value(2) for 4 on 2 nodes
```

The following commands show that the quorum minimum value is now two for service 3 and service 4.

```
aws-cloudhsm>getMValue 3
MValue of service 3[USER_MGMT] on server 0 : [2]
MValue of service 3[USER_MGMT] on server 1 : [2]
```

```
aws-cloudhsm>getMValue 4
MValue of service 4[MISC_CO] on server 0 : [2]
MValue of service 4[MISC_CO] on server 1 : [2]
```

AWS CloudHSM Command Line Tools

AWS CloudHSM provides command line tools for managing and using AWS CloudHSM.

Topics

- [cloudhsm_mgmt_util](#) (p. 74)
- [key_mgmt_util](#) (p. 119)
- [Configure Tool](#) (p. 179)

Manage Clusters and HSMs

These tools get, create, delete, and tag AWS CloudHSM clusters and HSMs:

- [CloudHSMv2 commands in AWS Command Line Interface \(AWS CLI\)](#). To use these commands, you need to [install](#) and [configure](#) AWS CLI.
- HSM2 PowerShell cmdlets in the [AWSPowerShell module](#). These cmdlets are available in a Windows PowerShell module and a cross-platform PowerShell Core module.

Manage Users

This tool creates and deletes HSM users, including implementing quorum authentication of user management tasks:

- [cloudhsm_mgmt_util](#) (p. 74). This tool is included in the AWS CloudHSM client software.

Manage Keys

This tool creates, deletes, imports, and exports symmetric keys and asymmetric key pairs:

- [key_mgmt_util](#) (p. 119). This tool is included in the AWS CloudHSM client software.

Helper Tools

These tools help you to use the tools and software libraries.

- [configure](#) (p. 179) updates your CloudHSM client configuration files. This enables the AWS CloudHSM to synchronize the HSMs in a cluster.
- [pkpspeed](#) (p. 270) measures the performance of your HSM hardware independent of software libraries.

cloudhsm_mgmt_util

The **cloudhsm_mgmt_util** command line tool helps crypto officers manage users in the HSMs. It includes tools that create, delete, and list users, and change user passwords.

cloudhsm_mgmt_util also includes commands that allow crypto users (CUs) to share keys and get and set key attributes. These commands complement the key management commands in the primary key management tool, [key_mgmt_util](#) (p. 119).

For a quick start, see [Getting Started with cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 75\)](#). For detailed information about the cloudhsm_mgmt_util commands and examples of using the commands, see [cloudhsm_mgmt_util Command Reference \(p. 80\)](#).

Topics

- [Getting Started with cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 75\)](#)
- [cloudhsm_mgmt_util Command Reference \(p. 80\)](#)

Getting Started with cloudhsm_mgmt_util

AWS CloudHSM includes two command line tools with the [AWS CloudHSM client software \(p. 35\)](#). The [cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 80\)](#) tool includes commands to manage HSM users. The [key_mgmt_util \(p. 122\)](#) tool includes commands to manage keys. To get started with the cloudhsm_mgmt_util command line tool, see the following topics.

Topics

- [Prepare to run cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 75\)](#)
- [Basic Usage of cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 78\)](#)

Prepare to run cloudhsm_mgmt_util

Complete the following steps before you use cloudhsm_mgmt_util. You need to do these steps the first time you use cloudhsm_mgmt_util and after you add or remove HSMs in your cluster. The steps update the HSM list in the configuration files that the AWS CloudHSM client and command line tools use. Keeping these files updated helps AWS CloudHSM to synchronize data and maintain consistency across all HSMs in the cluster.

Topics

- [Step 1: Stop the AWS CloudHSM Client \(p. 75\)](#)
- [Step 2: Update the AWS CloudHSM Configuration Files \(p. 76\)](#)
- [Step 3: Start the AWS CloudHSM Client \(p. 77\)](#)
- [Step 4: Update the cloudhsm_mgmt_util Configuration File \(p. 77\)](#)

Step 1: Stop the AWS CloudHSM Client

Before you update the configuration files that the AWS CloudHSM and command line tools use, stop the AWS CloudHSM client. If the client is already stopped, running the stop command has no harmful effect.

Amazon Linux

```
$ sudo stop cloudhsm-client
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client stop
```

CentOS 6

```
$ sudo stop cloudhsm-client
```

CentOS 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client stop
```

RHEL 6

```
$ sudo stop cloudhsm-client
```

RHEL 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client stop
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client stop
```

Windows

You can use **Ctrl+C** to stop the client.

Step 2: Update the AWS CloudHSM Configuration Files

This step uses the `-a` parameter of the [Configure tool \(p. 179\)](#) to add the elastic network interface (ENI) IP address of one of the HSMs in the cluster to the configuration file.

Amazon Linux

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -a <HSM ENI IP>
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -a <HSM ENI IP>
```

CentOS 6

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -a <HSM ENI IP>
```

CentOS 7

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -a <HSM ENI IP>
```

RHEL 6

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -a <HSM ENI IP>
```

RHEL 7

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -a <HSM ENI IP>
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -a <HSM ENI IP>
```

Windows

```
c:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM>configure.exe -a <HSM ENI IP>
```

To get the ENI IP address of an HSM in your cluster, you can use the [DescribeClusters](#) command, the [describe-clusters](#) CLI operation, or the [Get-HSM2Cluster](#) PowerShell cmdlet. Type only one ENI IP address. It does not matter which ENI IP address you use.

Step 3: Start the AWS CloudHSM Client

Next, start or restart the AWS CloudHSM client. When the AWS CloudHSM client starts, it uses the ENI IP address in its configuration file to query the cluster. Then it adds the ENI IP addresses of all HSMs in the cluster to the cluster information file.

Amazon Linux

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

CentOS 6

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

CentOS 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

RHEL 6

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

RHEL 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

Windows

```
C:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM>start "cloudhsm_client" cloudhsm_client.exe C:  
\ProgramData\Amazon\CloudHSM\data\cloudhsm_client.cfg
```

Step 4: Update the cloudhsm_mgmt_util Configuration File

The final step uses the `-m` parameter of the [Configuration tool](#) (p. 179) to copy the updated ENI IP addresses from the cluster information file to the configuration file that `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` uses. If you skip this step, you might run into synchronization problems, such as [inconsistent user data](#) (p. 270) in your cluster's HSMs.

Amazon Linux

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -m
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -m
```

CentOS 6

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -m
```

CentOS 7

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -m
```

RHEL 6

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -m
```

RHEL 7

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -m
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -m
```

Windows

```
c:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM>configure.exe -m
```

When this step is complete, you are ready to start `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`. If you add or delete HSMs at any time, be sure to repeat this procedure before using `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`.

Basic Usage of `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`

See the following topics for the basic usage of the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` tool.

Note

The `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` tool doesn't support autocompleting commands with the **Tab** key. Don't use the **Tab** key with `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`, because that can make the tool unresponsive.

Topics

- [Start `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` \(p. 78\)](#)
- [Enable End-to-End Encryption \(p. 79\)](#)
- [Log in to the HSMs \(p. 80\)](#)
- [Log Out from the HSMs \(p. 80\)](#)
- [Stop `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` \(p. 80\)](#)

Start `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`

Use the following command to start `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`.

Amazon Linux

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/cloudhsm_mgmt_util /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/cloudhsm_mgmt_util /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

CentOS 6

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/cloudhsm_mgmt_util /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

CentOS 7

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/cloudhsm_mgmt_util /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

RHEL 6

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/cloudhsm_mgmt_util /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

RHEL 7

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/cloudhsm_mgmt_util /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/cloudhsm_mgmt_util /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

Windows

```
C:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM>cloudhsm_mgmt_util.exe C:\ProgramData\Amazon\CloudHSM  
\data\cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

Output should be similar to the following depending on how many HSMs you have.

```
Connecting to the server(s), it may take time  
depending on the server(s) load, please wait...  
  
Connecting to server '10.0.2.9': hostname '10.0.2.9', port 2225...  
Connected to server '10.0.2.9': hostname '10.0.2.9', port 2225.  
  
Connecting to server '10.0.3.11': hostname '10.0.3.11', port 2225...  
Connected to server '10.0.3.11': hostname '10.0.3.11', port 2225.  
  
Connecting to server '10.0.1.12': hostname '10.0.1.12', port 2225...  
Connected to server '10.0.1.12': hostname '10.0.1.12', port 2225.
```

The prompt changes to `aws-cloudhsm>` when `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` is running.

Enable End-to-End Encryption

Use the **enable_e2e** command to establish end-to-end encrypted communication between `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` and the HSMs in your cluster. You should enable end-to-end encryption each time you start `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`.

```
aws-cloudhsm>enable_e2e
E2E enabled on server 0(10.0.2.9)
E2E enabled on server 1(10.0.3.11)
E2E enabled on server 2(10.0.1.12)
```

Log in to the HSMs

Use the **loginHSM** command to log in to the HSMs. Any user of any type can use this command to log in to the HSMs.

The command in the following example logs in *admin*, which is the default [crypto officer \(CO\)](#) (p. 10). You set this user's password when you [activated the cluster](#) (p. 38). The output shows that the command logged in the *admin* user to all of the HSMs in the cluster.

Warning

When you log in to `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`, verify that the ENI IP addresses in the success messages *exactly match* the ENI IP addresses of all HSMs in the cluster. If they do not, stop and run all steps in the [the section called "Prepare to run cloudhsm_mgmt_util"](#) (p. 75) procedure.

To get the ENI IP addresses of the HSMs in your cluster, the [DescribeClusters](#) operation, the `describe-clusters` command, or the `Get-HSM2Cluster` PowerShell cmdlet.

```
aws-cloudhsm>loginHSM CO admin <password>
loginHSM success on server 0(10.0.2.9)
loginHSM success on server 1(10.0.3.11)
loginHSM success on server 2(10.0.1.12)
```

The following shows the syntax for the **loginHSM** command.

```
aws-cloudhsm>loginHSM <user type> <user name> <password>
```

Log Out from the HSMs

Use the **logoutHSM** command to log out of the HSMs.

```
aws-cloudhsm>logoutHSM
logoutHSM success on server 0(10.0.2.9)
logoutHSM success on server 1(10.0.3.11)
logoutHSM success on server 2(10.0.1.12)
```

Stop cloudhsm_mgmt_util

Use the **quit** command to stop `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`.

```
aws-cloudhsm>quit

disconnecting from servers, please wait...
```

cloudhsm_mgmt_util Command Reference

The `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command line tool helps crypto officers manage users in the HSMs. It also includes commands that allow crypto users (CUs) to share keys, and get and set key attributes. These commands complement the primary key management commands in the [key_mgmt_util](#) (p. 119) command line tool.

For a quick start, see [Getting Started with cloudhsm_mgmt_util](#) (p. 75).

Before you run any cloudhsm_mgmt_util command, you must [start cloudhsm_mgmt_util](#) (p. 78), [enable end-to-end encryption](#) (p. 79), and [log in](#) (p. 80) to the HSM. Be sure that you log in with the user account type that can run the commands you plan to use.

To list all cloudhsm_mgmt_util commands, run the following command:

```
aws-cloudhsm> help
```

To get the syntax for a cloudhsm_mgmt_util command, run the following command:

```
aws-cloudhsm> help <command-name>
```

To run a command, enter the command name, or enough of the name to distinguish it from the names of other cloudhsm_mgmt_util commands.

For example, to get a list of users on the HSMs, enter **listUsers** or **listU**.

```
aws-cloudhsm> listUsers
```

To end your cloudhsm_mgmt_util session, run the following command:

```
aws-cloudhsm> quit
```

For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference](#) (p. 176).

The following topics describe commands in cloudhsm_mgmt_util.

Note

Some commands in key_mgmt_util and cloudhsm_mgmt_util have the same names. However, the commands typically have different syntax, different output, and slightly different functionality.

Command	Description	User Type
changePswd (p. 82)	Changes the passwords of users on the HSMs. Any user can change their own password. COs can change anyone's password.	CO
createUser (p. 85)	Creates users of all types on the HSMs.	CO
deleteUser (p. 88)	Deletes users of all types from the HSMs.	CO
findAllKeys (p. 91)	Gets the keys that a user owns or shares. Also gets a hash of the key ownership and sharing data for all keys on each HSM.	CO, AU
getAttribute (p. 94)	Gets an attribute value for an AWS CloudHSM key and writes it to a file or stdout (standard output).	CU

Command	Description	User Type
getCert (p. 96)	Gets the certificate of a particular HSM and saves it in a desired certificate format.	All.
getHSMInfo (p. 98)	Gets information about the hardware on which an HSM is running.	All. Login is not required.
getKeyInfo (p. 98)	Gets owners, shared users, and the quorum authentication status of a key.	All. Login is not required.
info (p. 102)	Gets information about an HSM, including the IP address, hostname, port, and current user.	All. Login is not required.
listUsers (p. 105)	Gets the users in each of the HSMs, their user type and ID, and other attributes.	All. Login is not required.
loginHSM and logoutHSM (p. 106)	Log in and log out of an HSM.	All.
quit (p. 112)	Quits cloudhsm_mgmt_util.	All. Login is not required.
server (p. 108)	Enters and exits server mode on an HSM.	All.
setAttribute (p. 109)	Changes the values of the label, encrypt, decrypt, wrap, and unwrap attributes of an existing key.	CU
shareKey (p. 112)	Shares an existing key with other users.	CU
syncKey (p. 115)	Syncs a key across cloned AWS CloudHSM clusters.	CU, CO

changePswd

The `changePswd` command in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` changes the password of an existing user on the HSMs in the cluster.

Any user can change their own password. Crypto officers (COs and PCOs) can also change the password of any other user. You do not need to enter the current password to make the change. However, you cannot change the password of a user who is logged into the AWS CloudHSM client or `key_mgmt_util`.

Before you run any `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command, you must [start cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 78\)](#) and [log in \(p. 80\)](#) to the HSM. Be sure that you log in with the user account type that can run the commands you plan to use.

If you add or delete HSMs, [update the configuration files \(p. 75\)](#) that the AWS CloudHSM client and the command line tools use. Otherwise, the changes that you make might not be effective for all HSMs in the cluster.

User Type

The following users can run this command.

- Crypto officers (CO)
- Crypto users (CU)

Syntax

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

```
changePswd <user-type> <user-name> <password>
```

Examples

These examples show how to use `changePassword` to create new users in your HSMs.

Example : Change Your Password

Any user on the HSMs can use `changePswd` to change their own password.

The first command uses [info \(p. 102\)](#) to get the current user. The output shows that the current user, bob, is a crypto user (CU).

```
aws-cloudhsm> info server 0
Id      Name      Hostname      Port      State      Partition
LoginState
0       10.0.3.10    10.0.3.10     2225     Connected  hsm-aaaabbbbccc  Logged
in as 'bob(CU)'
```

```
aws-cloudhsm> info server 1
Id      Name      Hostname      Port      State      Partition
LoginState
0       10.0.3.10    10.0.3.10     2225     Connected  hsm-ccccaaaabbbb  Logged
in as 'bob(CU)'
```

To change his password, bob runs `changePswd` with a new password, `newPassword`.

When the command completes, the password change is effective.

```
aws-cloudhsm> createUser CU bob newPassword

*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****

Do you want to continue(y/n)?y
Changing password for bob(CU) on 2 nodes
```

Example : Change the Password of Another User

This example shows how to change the password of a different user. Any crypto officer (CO, PCO) can change the password of any user on the HSMs without specifying the existing password.

The first command uses [info \(p. 102\)](#) to confirm that `alice`, a CO, is logged into the HSMs in the cluster.

```
aws-cloudhsm>info server 0
Id      Name      Hostname      Port  State      Partition
LoginState
0       10.0.3.10    10.0.3.10     2225  Connected  hsm-aaaabbbbccc Logged in
as 'alice(CO)'
```

```
aws-cloudhsm>info server 1
Id      Name      Hostname      Port  State      Partition
LoginState
0       10.0.3.10    10.0.3.10     2225  Connected  hsm-ccccaaaabbb Logged in
as 'alice(CO)'
```

This command uses `changePswd` to change the password of `officer1`, another CO on the HSMs. In this case, the command resets the password to `defaultPassword`, the password that this fictitious enterprise uses as its default. Later, `officer1` can reset their password to a more secure value.

```
aws-cloudhsm>changePswd CO officer1 defaultPassword

*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****

Do you want to continue(y/n)?y
Changing password for officer1(CO) on 2 nodes
```

Arguments

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

```
changePswd <user-type> <user-name> <password> [1FA | 2FA]
```

<user-type>

Specifies the current type of the user whose password you are changing. You cannot use `changePswd` to change the user type.

Valid values are CO, CU, AU, PCO, and PRECO.

To get the user type, use [listUsers \(p. 105\)](#). For detailed information about the user types on an HSM, see [HSM Users \(p. 10\)](#).

Required: Yes

<user-name>

Specifies the user's friendly name. This parameter is not case-sensitive. You cannot use `changePswd` to change the user name.

Required: Yes

<password>

Specifies a new password for the user. Enter a string of 7 to 32 characters. This value is case sensitive. The password appears in plaintext when you type it.

Required: Yes

1FA | 2FA

Enables or disables dual-factor authentication for the new user. Enter 1FA or 2FA.

This parameter is valid only when the cluster has been configured for dual-factor authentication.

Required: No

Default: 1FA. Dual factor authentication is not enabled.

Related Topics

- [listUsers](#) (p. 105)
- [createUser](#) (p. 85)
- [deleteUser](#) (p. 88)

createUser

The **createUser** command in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` creates a user on the HSMs. Only crypto officers (COs and PCOs) can run this command. When you create a user, you specify the user type (CO or CU), a user name, and a password. When the command succeeds, it creates the user in all HSMs in the cluster.

However, if your HSM configuration is inaccurate, the user might not be created on all HSMs. To add the user to any HSMs in which it is missing, use the **createUser** command only on the HSMs that are missing that user. To prevent configuration errors, run the **configure** tool with the `-m` option.

Before you run any `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command, you must [start cloudhsm_mgmt_util](#) (p. 78) and [log in](#) (p. 80) to the HSM. Be sure that you log in with the user account type that can run the commands you plan to use.

If you add or delete HSMs, [update the configuration files](#) (p. 75) that the AWS CloudHSM client and the command line tools use. Otherwise, the changes that you make might not be effective for all HSMs in the cluster.

User Type

The following types of users can run this command.

- Crypto officers (CO, PCO)

Syntax

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

User Type: Crypto officer (CO, PCO)

```
createUser <user-type> <user-name> <password> [1FA | 2FA]
```

Examples

These examples show how to use **createUser** to create new users in your HSMs.

Example : Create a Crypto Officer

This example creates a crypto officer (CO) on the HSMs in a cluster. The first command uses **loginHSM** to log in to the HSM as a crypto officer.

```
aws-cloudhsm> loginHSM CO admin 735782961

loginHSM success on server 0(10.0.0.1)
loginHSM success on server 1(10.0.0.2)
loginHSM success on server 1(10.0.0.3)
```

The second command uses the **createUser** command to create **alice**, a new crypto officer on the HSM.

The caution message explains that the command creates users on all of the HSMs in the cluster. But, if the command fails on any HSMs, the user will not exist on those HSMs. To continue, type **y**.

The output shows that the new user was created on all three HSMs in the cluster.

```
aws-cloudhsm> createUser CO alice 391019314

*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****

Do you want to continue(y/n)?Invalid option, please type 'y' or 'n'

Do you want to continue(y/n)?y
Creating User alice(CO) on 3 nodes
```

When the command completes, **alice** has the same permissions on the HSM as the **admin** CO user, including changing the password of any user on the HSMs.

The final command uses the **listUsers** (p. 105) command to verify that **alice** exists on all three HSMs on the cluster. The output also shows that **alice** is assigned user ID 3.. You use the user ID to identify **alice** in other commands, such as **findAllKeys** (p. 91).

```
aws-cloudhsm> listUsers
Users on server 0(10.0.0.1):
Number of users found:3
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
1	PCO	admin	YES
0	NO		
2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		
3	CO	alice	NO
0	NO		

```
Users on server 1(10.0.0.2):
Number of users found:3
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
1	PCO	admin	YES
0	NO		
2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		
3	CO	alice	NO
0	NO		

```
Users on server 1(10.0.0.3):
Number of users found:3
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
LoginFailureCnt	2FA		
1	PCO	admin	YES
0	NO		
2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		
3	CO	alice	NO
0	NO		

Example : Create a Crypto User

This example creates a crypto user (CU), bob, on the HSM. Crypto users can create and manage keys, but they cannot manage users.

After you type *y* to respond to the caution message, the output shows that bob was created on all three HSMs in the cluster. The new CU can log in to the HSM to create and manage keys.

The command used a password value of `defaultPassword`. Later, bob or any CO can use the [changePswd \(p. 82\)](#) command to change his password.

```
aws-cloudhsm> createUser CU bob defaultPassword

*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****

Do you want to continue(y/n)?Invalid option, please type 'y' or 'n'

Do you want to continue(y/n)?y
Creating User bob(CU) on 3 nodes
```

Arguments

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

```
createUser <user-type> <user-name> <password> [ 1FA | 2FA ]
```

<user-type>

Specifies the type of user. This parameter is required.

For detailed information about the user types on an HSM, see [HSM Users \(p. 10\)](#).

Valid values:

- **CO**: Crypto officers can manage users, but they cannot manage keys.
- **CU**: Crypto users can create and manage keys and use keys in cryptographic operations.
- **AU**: Appliance users can clone and synchronize operations. One AU is created for you on each HSM that you install.

PCO, PRECO, and preCO are also valid values, but they are rarely used. A PCO is functionally identical to a CO user. A PRECO user is a temporary type that is created automatically on each HSM. The PRECO is converted to a PCO when you assign a password during [HSM activation \(p. 38\)](#).

Required: Yes

<user-name>

Specifies a friendly name for the user. The maximum length is 31 characters. The only special character permitted is an underscore (_).

You cannot change the name of a user after it is created. In `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` commands, the user type and password are case-sensitive, but the user name is not.

Required: Yes

<password>

Specifies a password for the user. Enter a string of 7 to 32 characters. This value is case-sensitive. The password appears in plaintext when you type it.

To change a user password, use **changePswd**. Any HSM user can change their own password, but CO users can change the password of any user (of any type) on the HSMs.

Required: Yes

1FA | 2FA

Enables or disables dual-factor authentication for the new user. Enter 1FA or 2FA.

This parameter is valid only when the cluster has been configured for dual-factor authentication.

Required: No

Default: 1FA: Dual factor authentication is not enabled.

Related Topics

- [listUsers](#) (p. 105)
- [deleteUser](#) (p. 88)
- [changePswd](#) (p. 82)

deleteUser

The **deleteUser** command in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` deletes a user from the HSMs. Only crypto officers (COs and PCOs) can run this command, but any CO user can delete any user of any type from the HSMs. However, you cannot delete a user who is logged into the AWS CloudHSM client, `key_mgmt_util`, or `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`.

Warning

When you delete a crypto user (CU), all keys that the user owned are deleted, even if the keys were shared with other users. To make accidental or malicious deletion of users less likely, use [quorum authentication](#) (p. 66).

Before you run any `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command, you must [start cloudhsm_mgmt_util](#) (p. 78) and [log in](#) (p. 80) to the HSM. Be sure that you log in with the user account type that can run the commands you plan to use.

If you add or delete HSMs, [update the configuration files](#) (p. 75) that the AWS CloudHSM client and the command line tools use. Otherwise, the changes that you make might not be effective for all HSMs in the cluster.

User Type

The following types of users can run this command.

- Crypto officers (CO, PCO)

Syntax

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

```
deleteUser <user-type> <user-name>
```

Example

This example deletes a crypto officer (CO) from the HSMs in a cluster. The first command uses **listUsers** to list all users on the HSMs.

The output shows that user 3, *alice*, is a CO on the HSMs.

```
aws-cloudhsm> listUsers
Users on server 0(10.0.0.1):
Number of users found:3
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
1	PCO	admin	YES
0	NO		
2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		
3	CO	alice	NO
0	NO		

```
Users on server 1(10.0.0.2):
Number of users found:3
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
1	PCO	admin	YES
0	NO		
2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		
3	CO	alice	NO
0	NO		

```
Users on server 1(10.0.0.3):
Number of users found:3
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
1	PCO	admin	YES
0	NO		
2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		
3	CO	alice	NO
0	NO		

The second command uses the **deleteUser** command to delete *alice* from the HSMs.

The output shows that the command succeeded on all three HSMs in the cluster.

```
aws-cloudhsm> deleteUser CO alice
Deleting user alice(CO) on 3 nodes
deleteUser success on server 0(10.0.0.1)
deleteUser success on server 0(10.0.0.2)
```

```
deleteUser success on server 0(10.0.0.3)
```

The final command uses the [listUsers \(p. 105\)](#) command to verify that `alice` is deleted from all three of the HSMs on the cluster.

```
aws-cloudhsm> listUsers
Users on server 0(10.0.0.1):
Number of users found:2
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
1	PCO	admin	YES
0	NO		
2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		

```
Users on server 1(10.0.0.2):
Number of users found:2
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
1	PCO	admin	YES
0	NO		
2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		

```
Users on server 1(10.0.0.3):
Number of users found:2
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey
1	PCO	admin	YES
0	NO		
2	AU	app_user	NO
0	NO		

Arguments

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

```
deleteUser <user-type> <user-name>
```

<user-type>

Specifies the type of user. This parameter is required.

Warning

When you delete a crypto user (CU), all keys that the user owned are deleted, even if the keys were shared with other users. To make accidental or malicious deletion of users less likely, use [quorum authentication \(p. 66\)](#).

Valid values are **CO**, **CU**, **AU**, **PCO**, and **PRECO**.

To get the user type, use [listUsers \(p. 105\)](#). For detailed information about the user types on an HSM, see [HSM Users \(p. 10\)](#).

Required: Yes

<user-name>

Specifies a friendly name for the user. The maximum length is 31 characters. The only special character permitted is an underscore (`_`).

You cannot change the name of a user after it is created. In `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` commands, the user type and password are case-sensitive, but the user name is not.

Required: Yes

Related Topics

- [listUsers](#) (p. 105)
- [createUser](#) (p. 85)
- `syncUser`
- [changePswd](#) (p. 82)

findAllKeys

The `findAllKeys` command in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` gets the keys that a specified crypto user (CU) owns or shares. It also returns a hash of the user data on each of the HSMs. You can use the hash to determine at a glance whether the users, key ownership, and key sharing data are the same on all HSMs in the cluster.

`findAllKeys` returns public keys only when the specified CU owns the key, even though all CUs on the HSM can use any public key. This behavior is different from [findKey](#) (p. 133) in `key_mgmt_util`, which returns public keys for all CU users.

Only crypto officers (COs and PCOs) and appliance users (AUs) can run this command. Crypto users (CUs) can run the following commands:

- [listUsers](#) (p. 105) to find all users
- [findKey](#) (p. 133) in `key_mgmt_util` to find the keys that they can use
- [getKeyInfo](#) (p. 159) in `key_mgmt_util` to find the owner and shared users of a particular key they own or share

Before you run any `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command, you must [start cloudhsm_mgmt_util](#) (p. 78) and [log in](#) (p. 80) to the HSM. Be sure that you log in with the user account type that can run the commands you plan to use.

If you add or delete HSMs, [update the configuration files](#) (p. 75) that the AWS CloudHSM client and the command line tools use. Otherwise, the changes that you make might not be effective for all HSMs in the cluster.

User Type

The following users can run this command.

- Crypto officers (CO, PCO)
- Appliance users (AU)

Syntax

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

```
findAllKeys <user id> <key hash (0/1)> [<output file>]
```

Examples

These examples show how to use `findAllKeys` to find all keys for a user and get a hash of key user information on each of the HSMs.

Example : Find the Keys for a CU

This example uses `findAllKeys` to find the keys in the HSMs that user 4 owns and shares. The command uses a value of 0 for the second argument to suppress the hash value. Because it omits the optional file name, the command writes to stdout (standard output).

The output shows that user 4 can use 6 keys: 8, 9, 17, 262162, 19, and 31. The output uses an (s) to indicate that keys 8, 9, and 262162 are explicitly shared, although it does not indicate whether user 4 owns or shares them. The keys that are not marked with (s) include symmetric and private keys that the user 4 owns and does not share, and public keys that are available to all crypto users.

```
aws-cloudhsm> findAllKeys 4 0
Keys on server 0(10.0.0.1):
Number of keys found 6
number of keys matched from start index 0::6
8(s),9(s),17,262162(s),19,31
findAllKeys success on server 0(10.0.0.1)

Keys on server 1(10.0.0.2):
Number of keys found 6
number of keys matched from start index 0::6
8(s),9(s),17,262162(s),19,31
findAllKeys success on server 1(10.0.0.2)

Keys on server 1(10.0.0.3):
Number of keys found 6
number of keys matched from start index 0::6
8(s),9(s),17,262162(s),19,31
findAllKeys success on server 1(10.0.0.3)
```

Example : Verify That User Data Is Synchronized

This example uses `findAllKeys` to verify that all of the HSMs in the cluster contain the same users, key ownership, and key sharing values. To do this, it gets a hash of the key user data on each HSM and compares the hash values.

To get the key hash, the command uses a value of 1 in the second argument. The optional file name is omitted, so the command writes the key hash to stdout.

The example specifies user 6, but the hash value will be the same for any user that owns or shares any of the keys on the HSMs. If the specified user does not own or share any keys, such as a CO, the command does not return a hash value.

The output shows that the key hash is identical to both of the HSMs in the cluster. If one of the HSM had different users, different key owners, or different shared users, the key hash values would not be equal.

```
aws-cloudhsm> findAllKeys 6 1
Keys on server 0(10.0.0.1):
Number of keys found 3
number of keys matched from start index 0::3
8(s),9(s),11,17(s)
Key Hash:
55655676c95547fd4e82189a072ee1100eccfca6f10509077a0d6936a976bd49

findAllKeys success on server 0(10.0.0.1)
```

```
Keys on server 1(10.0.0.2):
Number of keys found 3
number of keys matched from start index 0::3
8(s),9(s),11,17(s)
Key Hash:
55655676c95547fd4e82189a072ee1100eccfca6f10509077a0d6936a976bd49

findAllKeys success on server 1(10.0.0.2)
```

This command demonstrates that the hash value represents the user data for all keys on the HSM. The command uses the `findAllKeys` for user 3. Unlike user 6, who owns or shares just 3 keys, user 3 own or shares 17 keys, but the key hash value is the same.

```
aws-cloudhsm> findAllKeys 3 1
Keys on server 0(10.0.0.1):
Number of keys found 17
number of keys matched from start index 0::17
6,7,8(s),11,12,14,262159,262160,17(s),262162(s),19(s),20,21,262177,262179,262180,262181
Key Hash:
55655676c95547fd4e82189a072ee1100eccfca6f10509077a0d6936a976bd49

findAllKeys success on server 0(10.0.0.1)
Keys on server 1(10.0.0.2):
Number of keys found 17
number of keys matched from start index 0::17
6,7,8(s),11,12,14,262159,262160,17(s),262162(s),19(s),20,21,262177,262179,262180,262181
Key Hash:
55655676c95547fd4e82189a072ee1100eccfca6f10509077a0d6936a976bd49

findAllKeys success on server 1(10.0.0.2)
```

Arguments

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

```
findAllKeys <user id> <key hash (0/1)> [<output file>]
```

<user id>

Gets all keys that the specified user owns or shares. Enter the user ID of a user on the HSMs. To find the user IDs of all users, use [listUsers](#) (p. 105).

All user IDs are valid, but `findAllKeys` returns keys only for crypto users (CUs).

Required: Yes

<key hash>

Includes (1) or excludes (0) a hash of the user ownership and sharing data for all keys in each HSM.

When the `user id` argument represents a user who owns or shares keys, the key hash is populated. The key hash value is identical for all users who own or share keys on the HSM, even though they own and share different keys. However, when the `user id` represents a user who does not own or share any keys, such as a CO, the hash value is not populated.

Required: Yes

<output file>

Writes the output to the specified file.

Required: No

Default: Stdout

Related Topics

- [changePswd \(p. 82\)](#)
- [deleteUser \(p. 88\)](#)
- [listUsers \(p. 105\)](#)
- [syncUser](#)
- [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) in `key_mgmt_util`
- [getKeyInfo \(p. 159\)](#) in `key_mgmt_util`

getAttribute

The `getAttribute` command in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` gets one attribute value for a key from all HSMs in the cluster and writes it to stdout (standard output) or to a file. Only crypto users (CUs) can run this command.

Key attributes are properties of a key. They include characteristics, like the key type, class, label, and ID, and values that represent actions that you can perform on the key, like encrypt, decrypt, wrap, sign, and verify.

You can use `getAttribute` only on keys that you own and key that are shared with you. You can run this command or the [getAttribute \(p. 94\)](#) command in `key_mgmt_util`, which writes one or all of the attribute values of a key to a file.

To get a list of attributes and the constants that represent them, use the [listAttributes \(p. 168\)](#) command. To change the attribute values of existing keys, use [setAttribute \(p. 170\)](#) in `key_mgmt_util` and [setAttribute \(p. 109\)](#) in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`. For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#).

Before you run any `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command, you must [start cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 78\)](#) and [log in \(p. 80\)](#) to the HSM. Be sure that you log in with the user account type that can run the commands you plan to use.

If you add or delete HSMs, [update the configuration files \(p. 75\)](#) that the AWS CloudHSM client and the command line tools use. Otherwise, the changes that you make might not be effective for all HSMs in the cluster.

User Type

The following users can run this command.

- Crypto users (CU)

Syntax

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

```
getAttribute <key handle> <attribute id> [<filename>]
```

Example

This example gets the value of the extractable attribute for a key in the HSMs. You can use a command like this to determine whether you can export a key from the HSMs.

The first command uses `listAttributes` to find the constant that represents the extractable attribute. The output shows that the constant for `OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE` is 354. You can also find this information with descriptions of the attributes and their values in the [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#).

```
aws-cloudhsm> listAttributes
```

Following are the possible attribute values for `getAttribute`:

<code>OBJ_ATTR_CLASS</code>	= 0
<code>OBJ_ATTR_TOKEN</code>	= 1
<code>OBJ_ATTR_PRIVATE</code>	= 2
<code>OBJ_ATTR_LABEL</code>	= 3
<code>OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE</code>	= 256
<code>OBJ_ATTR_ENCRYPT</code>	= 260
<code>OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT</code>	= 261
<code>OBJ_ATTR_WRAP</code>	= 262
<code>OBJ_ATTR_UNWRAP</code>	= 263
<code>OBJ_ATTR_SIGN</code>	= 264
<code>OBJ_ATTR_VERIFY</code>	= 266
<code>OBJ_ATTR_LOCAL</code>	= 355
<code>OBJ_ATTR_MODULUS</code>	= 288
<code>OBJ_ATTR_MODULUS_BITS</code>	= 289
<code>OBJ_ATTR_PUBLIC_EXPONENT</code>	= 290
<code>OBJ_ATTR_VALUE_LEN</code>	= 353
<code>OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE</code>	= 354
<code>OBJ_ATTR_KCV</code>	= 371

The second command uses `getAttribute` to get the value of the extractable attribute for the key with key handle 262170 in the HSMs. To specify the extractable attribute, the command uses 354, the constant that represents the attribute. Because the command does not specify a file name, `getAttribute` writes the output to stdout.

The output shows that the value of the extractable attribute is 1 on all of the HSM. This value indicates that the owner of the key can export it. When the value is 0 (0x0), it cannot be exported from the HSMs. You set the value of the extractable attribute when you create a key, but you cannot change it.

```
aws-cloudhsm> getAttribute 262170 354
```

Attribute Value on server 0(10.0.1.10):

```
OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE  
0x00000001
```

Attribute Value on server 1(10.0.1.12):

```
OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE  
0x00000001
```

Attribute Value on server 2(10.0.1.7):

```
OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE  
0x00000001
```

Arguments

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

```
getAttribute <key handle> <attribute id> [<filename>]
```

<key-handle>

Specifies the key handle of the target key. You can specify only one key in each command. To get the key handle of a key, use [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) in `key_mgmt_util`.

You must own the specified key or it must be shared with you. To find the users of a key, use [getKeyInfo \(p. 159\)](#) in `key_mgmt_util`.

Required: Yes

<attribute id>

Identifies the attribute. Enter a constant that represents an attribute, or 512, which represents all attributes. For example, to get the key type, enter 256, which is the constant for the `OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE` attribute.

To list the attributes and their constants, use [listAttributes \(p. 168\)](#). For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#).

Required: Yes

<filename>

Writes the output to the specified file. Enter a file path.

If the specified file exists, `getAttribute` overwrites the file without warning.

Required: No

Default: Stdout

Related Topics

- [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#) in `key_mgmt_util`
- [listAttributes \(p. 103\)](#)
- [setAttribute \(p. 109\)](#) in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`
- [setAttribute \(p. 170\)](#) in `key_mgmt_util`
- [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#)

getCert

With the `getCert` command in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`, you can retrieve the certificates of a particular HSM in a cluster. When you run the command, you designate the type of certificate to retrieve. To do that, you use one of the corresponding integers as described in the [Arguments \(p. 97\)](#) section below. To learn about the role of each of these certificates, see [Verify HSM Identity \(p. 25\)](#).

Before you run any `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command, you must [start cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 78\)](#) and [log in \(p. 80\)](#) to the HSM. Be sure that you log in with the user account type that can run the commands you plan to use.

If you add or delete HSMs, [update the configuration files \(p. 75\)](#) that the AWS CloudHSM client and the command line tools use. Otherwise, the changes that you make might not be effective for all HSMs in the cluster.

User Type

The following users can run this command.

- All users.

Prerequisites

Before you begin, you must enter server mode on the target HSM. For more information, see [server](#) (p. 108).

Syntax

To use the `getCert` command once in server mode:

```
server> getCert <file-name> <certificate-type>
```

Example

First, enter server mode. This command enters server mode on an HSM with server number 0.

```
aws-cloudhsm> server 0  
  
Server is in 'E2' mode...
```

Then, use the `getCert` command. In this example, we use `/tmp/PO.crt` as the name of the file to which the certificate will be saved and 4 (Customer Root Certificate) as the desired certificate type:

```
server0> getCert /tmp/PO.crt 4  
getCert Success
```

Arguments

```
getCert <file-name> <certificate-type>
```

<file-name>

Specifies the name of the file to which the certificate is saved.

Required: Yes

<certificate-type>

An integer that specifies the type of certificate to retrieve. The integers and their corresponding certificate types are as follows:

- 1 – Manufacturer Root Certificate
- 2 – Manufacturer Hardware Certificate
- 4 – Customer Root Certificate
- 8 – Cluster Certificate (signed by Customer Root Certificate)
- 16 – Cluster Certificate (chained to the Manufacturer Root Certificate)

Required: Yes

Related Topics

- [Start cloudhsm_mgmt_util](#) (p. 78)
- [server](#) (p. 108)

getHSMInfo

The **getHSMInfo** command in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` gets information about the hardware on which each HSM runs, including the model, serial number, FIPS state, memory, temperature, and the version numbers of the hardware and firmware. The information also includes the server ID that `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` uses to refer to the HSM.

Before you run any `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command, you must [start `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`](#) (p. 78) and [log in](#) (p. 80) to the HSM. Be sure that you log in with the user account type that can run the commands you plan to use.

If you add or delete HSMs, [update the configuration files](#) (p. 75) that the AWS CloudHSM client and the command line tools use. Otherwise, the changes that you make might not be effective for all HSMs in the cluster.

User Type

The following types of users can run this command.

- All users. You do not have to be logged in to run this command.

Syntax

This command has no parameters.

```
getHSMInfo
```

Example

This example uses **getHSMInfo** to get information about the HSMs in the cluster.

```
aws-cloudhsm> getHSMInfo
Getting HSM Info on 3 nodes
*** Server 0 HSM Info ***

Label           :cavium
Model           :NITROX-III CNN35XX-NFBE

Serial Number   :3.0A0101-ICM000001
HSM Flags       :0
FIPS state      :2 [FIPS mode with single factor authentication]

Manufacturer ID :
Device ID       :10
Class Code      :100000
System vendor ID :177D
SubSystem ID    :10

TotalPublicMemory :560596
FreePublicMemory  :294568
TotalPrivateMemory :0
FreePrivateMemory :0

Hardware Major   :3
Hardware Minor   :0

Firmware Major   :2
Firmware Minor   :03
```



```

Temperature      :56 C
Build Number     :13
Firmware ID      :xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
...

```

Related Topics

- [info \(p. 102\)](#)
- [loginHSM](#)

getKeyInfo

The **getKeyInfo** command in the `key_mgmt_util` returns the HSM user IDs of users who can use the key, including the owner and crypto users (CU) with whom the key is shared. When quorum authentication is enabled on a key, **getKeyInfo** also returns the number of users who must approve cryptographic operations that use the key. You can run **getKeyInfo** only on keys that you own and keys that are shared with you.

When you run **getKeyInfo** on public keys, **getKeyInfo** returns only the key owner, even though all users of the HSM can use the public key. To find the HSM user IDs of users in your HSMs, use [listUsers \(p. 169\)](#). To find the keys for a particular user, use [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) `-u` in `key_mgmt_util`. Crypto officers can use [findAllKeys \(p. 91\)](#) in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`.

You own the keys that you create. You can share a key with other users when you create it. Then, to share or unshare an existing key, use [shareKey \(p. 112\)](#) in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`.

Before you run any `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command, you must [start cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 78\)](#) and [log in \(p. 80\)](#) to the HSM. Be sure that you log in with the user account type that can run the commands you plan to use.

If you add or delete HSMs, [update the configuration files \(p. 75\)](#) that the AWS CloudHSM client and the command line tools use. Otherwise, the changes that you make might not be effective for all HSMs in the cluster.

User Type

The following types of users can run this command.

- Crypto users (CU)

Syntax

```
getKeyInfo -k <key-handle> [<output_file>]
```

Examples

These examples show how to use **getKeyInfo** to get information about the users of a key.

Example : Get the Users for an Asymmetric Key

This command gets the users who can use the AES (asymmetric) key with key handle 262162. The output shows that user 3 owns the key and has shares it with users 4 and 6.

Only users 3, 4, and 6 can run **getKeyInfo** on key 262162.

```
aws-cloudhsm>getKeyInfo 262162
Key Info on server 0(10.0.0.1):

    Token/Flash Key,

    Owned by user 3

    also, shared to following 2 user(s):

        4
        6
Key Info on server 1(10.0.0.2):

    Token/Flash Key,

    Owned by user 3

    also, shared to following 2 user(s):

        4
        6
```

Example : Get the Users for a Symmetric Key Pair

These commands use **getKeyInfo** to get the users who can use the keys in an [ECC \(symmetric\) key pair \(p. 151\)](#). The public key has key handle 262179. The private key has key handle 262177.

When you run **getKeyInfo** on the private key (262177), it returns the key owner (3) and crypto users (CUs) 4, with whom the key is shared.

```
aws-cloudhsm>getKeyInfo -k 262177
Key Info on server 0(10.0.0.1):

    Token/Flash Key,

    Owned by user 3

    also, shared to following 1 user(s):

        4
Key Info on server 1(10.0.0.2):

    Token/Flash Key,

    Owned by user 3

    also, shared to following 1 user(s):

        4
```

When you run **getKeyInfo** on the public key (262179), it returns only the key owner, user 3.

```
aws-cloudhsm>getKeyInfo -k 262179
Key Info on server 0(10.0.3.10):

    Token/Flash Key,

    Owned by user 3

Key Info on server 1(10.0.3.6):
```

```
Token/Flash Key,
Owned by user 3
```

To confirm that user 4 can use the public key (and all public keys on the HSM), use the `-u` parameter of [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) in `key_mgmt_util`.

The output shows that user 4 can use both the public (262179) and private (262177) key in the key pair. User 4 can also use all other public keys and any private keys that they have created or that have been shared with them.

```
Command: findKey -u 4

Total number of keys present 8

  number of keys matched from start index 0::7
11, 12, 262159, 262161, 262162, 19, 20, 21, 262177, 262179

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3FindKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Example : Get the Quorum Authentication Value (m_value) for a Key

This example shows how to get the `m_value` for a key. The `m_value` is the number of users in the quorum who must approve any cryptographic operations that use the key and operations to share the unshare the key.

When quorum authentication is enabled on a key, a quorum of users must approve any cryptographic operations that use the key. To enable quorum authentication and set the quorum size, use the `-m_value` parameter when you create the key.

This command uses [genSymKey \(p. 151\)](#) to create a 256-bit AES key that is shared with user 4. It uses the `m_value` parameter to enable quorum authentication and set the quorum size to two users. The number of users must be large enough to provide the required approvals.

The output shows that the command created key 10.

```
Command: genSymKey -t 31 -s 32 -l aes256m2 -u 4 -m_value 2

Cfm3GenerateSymmetricKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Symmetric Key Created. Key Handle: 10

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

This command uses `getKeyInfo` in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` to get information about the users of key 10. The output shows that the key is owned by user 3 and shared with user 4. It also shows that a quorum of two users must approve every cryptographic operation that uses the key.

```
aws-cloudhsm>getKeyInfo 10

Key Info on server 0(10.0.0.1):

Token/Flash Key,
```

```

Owned by user 3

also, shared to following 1 user(s):

    4
    2 Users need to approve to use/manage this key
Key Info on server 1(10.0.0.2):

Token/Flash Key,

Owned by user 3

also, shared to following 1 user(s):

    4
    2 Users need to approve to use/manage this key

```

Arguments

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

```
getKeyInfo -k <key-handle> <output file>
```

<key-handle>

Specifies the key handle of one key in the HSM. Enter the key handle of a key that you own or share. This parameter is required.

Required: Yes

<output file>

Writes the output to the specified file, instead of stdout. If the file exists, the command overwrites it without warning.

Required: No

Default: stdout

Related Topics

- [getKeyInfo \(p. 159\)](#) in key_mgmt_util
- [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) in key_mgmt_util
- [findAllKeys \(p. 91\)](#) in cloudhsm_mgmt_util
- [listUsers \(p. 105\)](#)
- [shareKey \(p. 112\)](#)

info

The **info** command in cloudhsm_mgmt_util gets information about each of the HSMs in the cluster, including the host name, port, IP address and the name and type of the user who is logged in to cloudhsm_mgmt_util on the HSM.

Before you run any cloudhsm_mgmt_util command, you must [start cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 78\)](#) and [log in \(p. 80\)](#) to the HSM. Be sure that you log in with the user account type that can run the commands you plan to use.

If you add or delete HSMs, [update the configuration files \(p. 75\)](#) that the AWS CloudHSM client and the command line tools use. Otherwise, the changes that you make might not be effective for all HSMs in the cluster.

User Type

The following types of users can run this command.

- All users. You do not have to be logged in to run this command.

Syntax

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

```
info server <server ID>
```

Example

This example uses **info** to get information about an HSM in the cluster. The command uses 0 to refer to the first HSM in the cluster. The output shows the IP address, port, and the type and name of the current user.

```
aws-cloudhsm> info server 0
```

Id	Name	Hostname	Port	State	Partition
	LoginState				
0	10.0.0.1	10.0.0.1	2225	Connected	hsm-udw0tkfg1ab
	Logged in as 'testuser(CU)'				

Arguments

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

```
info server <server ID>
```

<server id>

Specifies the server ID of the HSM. The HSMs are assigned ordinal numbers that represent the order in which they are added to the cluster, beginning with 0. To find the server ID of an HSM, use `getHSMInfo`.

Required: Yes

Related Topics

- [getHSMInfo \(p. 98\)](#)
- [loginHSM and logoutHSM \(p. 106\)](#)

listAttributes

The `listAttributes` command in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` lists the attributes of an AWS CloudHSM key and the constants that represent them. You use these constants to identify the attributes in [getAttribute \(p. 94\)](#) and [setAttribute \(p. 109\)](#) commands.

For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#).

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start key_mgmt_util \(p. 121\)](#) and [login \(p. 122\)](#) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

User Type

The following users can run this command.

- All users. You do not have to be logged in to run this command.

Syntax

```
listAttributes [-h]
```

Example

This command lists the key attributes that you can get and change in `key_mgmt_util` and the constants that represent them. For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#). To represent all attributes, use 512.

Command: **listAttributes**

```
Description
=====
```

The following are all of the possible attribute values for `getAttribute`.

OBJ_ATTR_CLASS	= 0
OBJ_ATTR_TOKEN	= 1
OBJ_ATTR_PRIVATE	= 2
OBJ_ATTR_LABEL	= 3
OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE	= 256
OBJ_ATTR_ID	= 258
OBJ_ATTR_SENSITIVE	= 259
OBJ_ATTR_ENCRYPT	= 260
OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT	= 261
OBJ_ATTR_WRAP	= 262
OBJ_ATTR_UNWRAP	= 263
OBJ_ATTR_SIGN	= 264
OBJ_ATTR_VERIFY	= 266
OBJ_ATTR_LOCAL	= 355
OBJ_ATTR_MODULUS	= 288
OBJ_ATTR_MODULUS_BITS	= 289
OBJ_ATTR_PUBLIC_EXPONENT	= 290
OBJ_ATTR_VALUE_LEN	= 353
OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE	= 354
OBJ_ATTR_KCV	= 371

Parameters

-h

Displays help for the command.

Required: Yes

Related Topics

- [getAttribute \(p. 94\)](#)

- [setAttribute](#) (p. 109)
- [Key Attribute Reference](#) (p. 176)

listUsers

The **listUsers** command in the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` gets the users in each of the HSMs, along with their user type and other attributes. All types of users can run this command. You do not even need to be logged in to `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` to run this command.

Before you run any `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command, you must [start cloudhsm_mgmt_util](#) (p. 78) and [log in](#) (p. 80) to the HSM. Be sure that you log in with the user account type that can run the commands you plan to use.

If you add or delete HSMs, [update the configuration files](#) (p. 75) that the AWS CloudHSM client and the command line tools use. Otherwise, the changes that you make might not be effective for all HSMs in the cluster.

User Type

The following types of users can run this command.

- All users. You do not need to be logged in to run this command.

Syntax

This command has no parameters.

```
listUsers
```

Example

This command lists the users on each of the HSMs in the cluster and displays their attributes. You can use the `User ID` attribute to identify users in other commands, such as **deleteUser**, **changePswd**, and **findAllKeys**.

```
aws-cloudhsm> listUsers
Users on server 0(10.0.0.1):
Number of users found:6
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey	LoginFailureCnt
2FA				
1	PCO	admin	YES	0
NO				
2	AU	app_user	NO	0
NO				
3	CU	crypto_user1	NO	0
NO				
4	CU	crypto_user2	NO	0
NO				
5	CO	officer1	YES	0
NO				
6	CO	officer2	NO	0
NO				

```
Users on server 1(10.0.0.2):
Number of users found:5
```

User Id	User Type	User Name	MofnPubKey	LoginFailureCnt
2FA				

1	PCO	admin	YES	0
NO				
2	AU	app_user	NO	0
NO				
3	CU	crypto_user1	NO	0
NO				
4	CU	crypto_user2	NO	0
NO				
5	CO	officer1	YES	0
NO				

The output includes the following user attributes:

- **User ID:** Identifies the user in `key_mgmt_util` and `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` (p. 74) commands.
- **User type** (p. 10): Determines the operations that the user can perform on the HSM.
- **User Name:** Displays the user-defined friendly name for the user.
- **MofnPubKey:** Indicates whether the user has registered a key pair for signing [quorum authentication tokens](#) (p. 61).
- **LoginFailureCnt:** Indicates the number of times the user has unsuccessfully logged in.
- **2FA:** Indicates that the user has enabled multi-factor authentication.

Related Topics

- [listUsers](#) (p. 169) in `key_mgmt_util`
- [createUser](#) (p. 85)
- [deleteUser](#) (p. 88)
- [changePswd](#) (p. 82)

loginHSM and logoutHSM

You can use the `loginHSM` and `logoutHSM` commands in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` to log in and out of each HSM in a cluster. Any user of any type can use these commands.

Before you run these `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` commands, you must [start cloudhsm_mgmt_util](#) (p. 78).

If you add or delete HSMs, [update the configuration files](#) (p. 75) that the AWS CloudHSM client and the command line tools use. Otherwise, the changes that you make might not be effective on all HSMs in the cluster.

User Type

The following users can run these commands.

- Precrypto officer (PRECO)
- Crypto officer (CO)
- Crypto user (CU)
- Appliance user (AU)

Syntax

Because these commands do not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagrams.


```
loginHSM <user type> <user name> <password>
```

```
logoutHSM
```

Examples

These examples show how to use `loginHSM` and `logoutHSM` to log in and out of all HSMs in a cluster.

Example : Log In to the HSMs in a Cluster

This command logs in to all HSMs in a cluster with the credentials of a CO user named `admin` and a password of `co12345`. The output shows that the command was successful and that the user has connected to the HSMs (which, in this case, are `server 0` and `server 1`).

```
aws-cloudhsm>loginHSM CO admin co12345  
loginHSM success on server 0(10.0.2.9)  
loginHSM success on server 1(10.0.3.11)
```

Example : Log Out of an HSM

This command logs out of the HSMs that you are currently logged in to (which, in this case, are `server 0` and `server 1`). The output shows that the command was successful and that the user has disconnected from the HSMs.

```
aws-cloudhsm>logoutHSM  
logoutHSM success on server 0(10.0.2.9)  
logoutHSM success on server 1(10.0.3.11)
```

Arguments

Because these commands do not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagrams.

```
loginHSM <user type> <user name> <password>
```

<user type>

Specifies the type of user who is logging in to the HSMs. For more information, see [User Type \(p. 106\)](#) above.

Required: Yes

<user name>

Specifies the user name of the user who is logging in to the HSMs.

Required: Yes

<password>

Specifies the password of the user who is logging in to the HSMs.

Required: Yes

Related Topics

- [Getting Started with cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 75\)](#)
- [Activate the Cluster \(p. 38\)](#)

server

Normally, when you issue a command in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`, the command effects all HSMs in the designated cluster (*global mode*). However, there may be circumstances for which you need to issue commands to a single HSM. For instance, in the event that automatic synchronization fails, you may need to sync keys and users on an HSM in order to maintain consistency across the cluster. You can use the `server` command in the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` to enter *server mode* and interact directly with a particular HSM instance.

Upon successful initiation, the `aws-cloudhsm>` command prompt is replaced with the `server>` command prompt.

In order to exit server mode, use the `exit` command. Upon successful exit, you will be returned to the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command prompt.

Before you run any `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command, you must [start cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 78\)](#).

User Type

The following users can run this command.

- All users.

Prerequisites

In order to enter server mode, you must first know the server number of the target HSM. Server numbers are listed in the trace output generated by `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` upon initiation. Server numbers are assigned in the same order that the HSMs appear in the configuration file. For this example, we assume that `server 0` is the server that corresponds to the desired HSM.

Syntax

To start server mode:

```
server <server-number>
```

To exit server mode:

```
server> exit
```

Example

This command enters server mode on an HSM with server number 0.

```
aws-cloudhsm> server 0
```

```
Server is in 'E2' mode...
```

In order to exit server mode, use the `exit` command.

```
server0> exit
```

Arguments

```
server <server-number>
```

<server-number>

Specifies the server number of the target HSM.

Required: Yes

There are no arguments for the `exit` command.

Related Topics

- [Start `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` \(p. 78\)](#)
- [syncKey \(p. 115\)](#)
- [createUser \(p. 85\)](#)
- [deleteUser \(p. 88\)](#)

setAttribute

The `setAttribute` command in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` changes the value of the label, encrypt, decrypt, wrap, and unwrap attributes of a key in the HSMs. You can also use the [setAttribute \(p. 170\)](#) command in `key_mgmt_util` to convert a session key to a persistent key. You can only change the attributes of keys that you own.

Before you run any `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command, you must [start `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` \(p. 78\)](#) and [log in \(p. 80\)](#) to the HSM. Be sure that you log in with the user account type that can run the commands you plan to use.

If you add or delete HSMs, [update the configuration files \(p. 75\)](#) that the AWS CloudHSM client and the command line tools use. Otherwise, the changes that you make might not be effective for all HSMs in the cluster.

User Type

The following users can run this command.

- Crypto users (CU)

Syntax

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

```
setAttribute <key handle> <attribute id>
```

Example

This example shows how to disable the decrypt functionality of a symmetric key. You can use a command like this one to configure a wrapping key, which should be able to wrap and unwrap other keys but not encrypt or decrypt data.

The first step is to create the wrapping key. This command uses [genSymKey \(p. 151\)](#) in `key_mgmt_util` to generate a 256-bit AES symmetric key. The output shows that the new key has key handle 14.

```
$ genSymKey -t 31 -s 32 -l aes256

Cfm3GenerateSymmetricKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

    Symmetric Key Created.  Key Handle: 14

    Cluster Error Status
    Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Next, we want to confirm the current value of the decrypt attribute. To get the attribute ID of the decrypt attribute, use [listAttributes \(p. 103\)](#). The output shows that the constant that represents the `OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT` attribute is 261. For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#).

```
aws-cloudhsm> listAttributes

Following are the possible attribute values for getAttribute:

    OBJ_ATTR_CLASS           = 0
    OBJ_ATTR_TOKEN           = 1
    OBJ_ATTR_PRIVATE         = 2
    OBJ_ATTR_LABEL           = 3
    OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE        = 256
    OBJ_ATTR_ENCRYPT          = 260
    OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT          = 261
    OBJ_ATTR_WRAP            = 262
    OBJ_ATTR_UNWRAP          = 263
    OBJ_ATTR_SIGN            = 264
    OBJ_ATTR_VERIFY          = 266
    OBJ_ATTR_LOCAL           = 355
    OBJ_ATTR_MODULUS         = 288
    OBJ_ATTR_MODULUS_BITS    = 289
    OBJ_ATTR_PUBLIC_EXPONENT = 290
    OBJ_ATTR_VALUE_LEN       = 353
    OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE     = 354
    OBJ_ATTR_KCV             = 371
```

To get the current value of the decrypt attribute for key 14, the next command uses [getAttribute \(p. 94\)](#) in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`.

The output shows that the value of the decrypt attribute is true (1) on both HSMs in the cluster.

```
aws-cloudhsm> getAttribute 14 261

Attribute Value on server 0(10.0.0.1):
OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT
0x00000001

Attribute Value on server 1(10.0.0.2):
OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT
0x00000001
```

This command uses `setAttribute` to change the value of the decrypt attribute (attribute 261) of key 14 to 0. This disables the decrypt functionality on the key.

The output shows that the command succeeded on both HSMs in the cluster.

```
aws-cloudhsm> setAttribute 14 261 0
*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****

Do you want to continue(y/n)? y
setAttribute success on server 0(10.0.0.1)
setAttribute success on server 1(10.0.0.2)
```

The final command repeats the `getAttribute` command. Again, it gets the decrypt attribute (attribute 261) of key 14.

This time, the output shows that the value of the decrypt attribute is false (0) on both HSMs in the cluster.

```
aws-cloudhsm>getAttribute 14 261
Attribute Value on server 0(10.0.3.6):
OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT
0x00000000

Attribute Value on server 1(10.0.1.7):
OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT
0x00000000
```

Arguments

```
setAttribute <key handle> <attribute id>
```

<key-handle>

Specifies the key handle of a key that you own. You can specify only one key in each command. To get the key handle of a key, use [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) in `key_mgmt_util`. To find the users of a key, use [getKeyInfo \(p. 99\)](#).

Required: Yes

<attribute id>

Specifies the constant that represents the attribute that you want to change. You can specify only one attribute in each command. To get the attributes and their integer values, use [listAttributes \(p. 168\)](#). For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#).

Valid values:

- **3** – `OBJ_ATTR_LABEL`.
- **260** – `OBJ_ATTR_ENCRYPT`.
- **261** – `OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT`.
- **262** – `OBJ_ATTR_WRAP`.
- **263** – `OBJ_ATTR_UNWRAP`.

Required: Yes

Related Topics

- [setAttribute \(p. 170\)](#) in `key_mgmt_util`
- [getAttribute \(p. 94\)](#)
- [listAttributes \(p. 103\)](#)
- [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#)

quit

The **quit** command in the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` exits the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`. Any user of any type can use this command.

Before you run any `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command, you must [start cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 78\)](#).

User Type

The following users can run this command.

- All users. You do not need to be logged in to run this command.

Syntax

```
quit
```

Example

This command exits `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`. Upon successful completion, you are returned to your regular command line. This command has no output parameters.

```
aws-cloudhsm> quit  
disconnecting from servers, please wait...
```

Related Topics

- [Getting Started with cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 75\)](#)
- [Start cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 78\)](#)

shareKey

The **shareKey** command in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` shares and unshares keys that you own with other crypto users. Only the key owner can share and unshare a key. You can also share a key when you create it.

Users who share the key can use the key in cryptographic operations, but they cannot delete, export, share, or unshare the key, or change its attributes. When quorum authentication is enabled on a key, the quorum must approve any operations that share or unshare the key.

Before you run any `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command, you must [start cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 78\)](#) and [log in \(p. 80\)](#) to the HSM. Be sure that you log in with the user account type that can run the commands you plan to use.

If you add or delete HSMs, [update the configuration files \(p. 75\)](#) that the AWS CloudHSM client and the command line tools use. Otherwise, the changes that you make might not be effective for all HSMs in the cluster.

User Type

The following types of users can run this command.

- Crypto users (CU)

Syntax

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

User Type: Crypto user (CU)

```
shareKey <key handle> <user id> <(share/unshare key?) 1/0>
```

Example

The following examples show how to use `shareKey` to share and unshare keys that you own with other crypto users.

Example : Share a Key

This example uses `shareKey` to share an [ECC private key \(p. 151\)](#) that the current user owns with another crypto user on the HSMs. Public keys are available to all users of the HSM, so you cannot share or unshare them.

The first command uses [getKeyInfo \(p. 99\)](#) to get the user information for key 262177, an ECC private key on the HSMs.

The output shows that key 262177 is owned by user 3, but is not shared.

```
aws-cloudhsm>getKeyInfo 262177
Key Info on server 0(10.0.3.10):
    Token/Flash Key,
    Owned by user 3
Key Info on server 1(10.0.3.6):
    Token/Flash Key,
    Owned by user 3
```

This example uses `shareKey` to share key 262177 with user 4, another crypto user on the HSMs. The final argument uses a value of 1 to indicate a share operation.

The output shows that the operation succeeded on both HSMs in the cluster.

```
aws-cloudhsm>shareKey 262177 4 1
*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
```

```
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****

Do you want to continue(y/n)?y
shareKey success on server 0(10.0.3.10)
shareKey success on server 1(10.0.3.6)
```

To verify that the operation succeeded, the example repeats the first **getKeyInfo** command.

The output shows that key 262177 is now shared with user 4.

```
aws-cloudhsm>getKeyInfo 262177

Key Info on server 0(10.0.3.10):

    Token/Flash Key,

    Owned by user 3

    also, shared to following 1 user(s):

        4
Key Info on server 1(10.0.3.6):

    Token/Flash Key,

    Owned by user 3

    also, shared to following 1 user(s):

        4
```

Example : Unshare a Key

This example unshares a symmetric key, that is, it removes a crypto user from the list of shared users for the key.

This command uses **shareKey** to remove user 4 from the list of shared users for key 6. The final argument uses a value of 0 to indicate an unshare operation.

The output shows that the command succeeded on both HSMs. As a result, user 4 can no longer use key 6 in cryptographic operations.

```
aws-cloudhsm>shareKey 6 4 0
*****CAUTION*****
This is a CRITICAL operation, should be done on all nodes in the
cluster. Cav server does NOT synchronize these changes with the
nodes on which this operation is not executed or failed, please
ensure this operation is executed on all nodes in the cluster.
*****

Do you want to continue(y/n)?y
shareKey success on server 0(10.0.3.10)
shareKey success on server 1(10.0.3.6)
```

Arguments

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.


```
shareKey <key handle> <user id> <(share/unshare key?) 1/0>
```

<key-handle>

Specifies the key handle of a key that you own. You can specify only one key in each command. To get the key handle of a key, use [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) in `key_mgmt_util`. To verify that you own a key, use [getKeyInfo \(p. 99\)](#).

Required: Yes

<user id>

Specifies the user ID the crypto user (CU) with whom you are sharing or unsharing the key. To find the user ID of a user, use [listUsers \(p. 105\)](#).

Required: Yes

<share 1 or unshare 0>

To share the key with the specified user, type 1. To unshare the key, that is, to remove the specified user from the list of shared users for the key, type 0.

Required: Yes

Related Topics

- [getKeyInfo \(p. 99\)](#)

syncKey

You can use the **syncKey** command in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` to manually synchronize keys across HSM instances within a cluster or across cloned clusters. In general, you will not need to use this command, as HSM instances within a cluster sync keys automatically. However, key synchronization across cloned clusters must be done manually. Cloned clusters are usually created in different AWS Regions in order to simplify the global scaling and disaster recovery processes.

You cannot use `syncKey` to synchronize keys across arbitrary clusters: one of the clusters must have been created from a backup of the other. Additionally, both clusters must have consistent CO and CU credentials in order for the operation to be successful. For more information, see [HSM Users \(p. 10\)](#).

To use `syncKey`, you must first create an AWS CloudHSM configuration file that specifies one HSM from the source cluster and one from the destination cluster. This will allow `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` to connect to both HSM instances. Use this configuration file to [start cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 78\)](#). Then [log in \(p. 80\)](#) with the credentials of a CO or a CU who owns the keys you want to synchronize. For further instructions on how to create this configuration file, see the [configuration file instructions \(p. 118\)](#) below.

User Type

The following types of users can run this command.

- Crypto officers (CO)
- Crypto users (CU)

Note

COs can use `syncKey` on any keys, while CUs can only use this command on keys that they own. For more information, see

Most operations that you perform on the HSM require the credentials of an *HSM user*. The HSM authenticates each HSM user by means of a user name and password.

Each HSM user has a *type* that determines which operations the user is allowed to perform on the HSM. The following topics explain the types of HSM users.

Topics

- [Precrypto Officer \(PRECO\) \(p. 11\)](#)
- [Crypto Officer \(CO\) \(p. 11\)](#)
- [Crypto User \(CU\) \(p. 11\)](#)
- [Appliance User \(AU\) \(p. 11\)](#)
- [HSM User Permissions Table \(p. 11\)](#)

Precrypto Officer (PRECO)

The precrypto officer (PRECO) is a temporary user that exists only on the first HSM in an AWS CloudHSM cluster. The first HSM in a new cluster contains a PRECO user with a default user name and password. To activate a cluster (p. 38), you log in to the HSM and change the PRECO user's password. When you change the password, the PRECO user becomes a crypto officer (CO). The PRECO user can only change its own password and perform read-only operations on the HSM.

Crypto Officer (CO)

A crypto officer (CO) can perform user management operations. For example, a CO can create and delete users and change user passwords. For more information, see the [HSM User Permissions Table \(p. 11\)](#). When you activate a new cluster (p. 38), the user changes from a Precrypto Officer (p. 11) (PRECO) to a crypto officer (CO).

Crypto User (CU)

A crypto user (CU) can perform the following key management and cryptographic operations.

- **Key management** – Create, delete, share, import, and export cryptographic keys.
- **Cryptographic operations** – Use cryptographic keys for encryption, decryption, signing, verifying, and more.

For more information, see the [HSM User Permissions Table \(p. 11\)](#).

Appliance User (AU)

The appliance user (AU) can perform cloning and synchronization operations. AWS CloudHSM uses the AU to synchronize the HSMs in an AWS CloudHSM cluster. The AU exists on all HSMs provided by AWS CloudHSM, and has limited permissions. For more information, see the [HSM User Permissions Table \(p. 11\)](#).

AWS uses the AU to perform cloning and synchronization operations on your cluster's HSMs. AWS cannot perform any operations on your HSMs except those granted to the AU and unauthenticated users. AWS cannot view or modify your users or keys and cannot perform any cryptographic operations using those keys.

HSM User Permissions Table

The following table lists HSM operations and whether each type of HSM user can perform them.

Get basic cluster info ¹	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zeroize an HSM ²	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Change own password	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not applicable
Change any user's password	Yes	No	No	No
Add, remove users	Yes	No	No	No
Get sync status ³	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Extract, insert masked objects ⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Create, share, delete keys	No	Yes	No	No
Encrypt, decrypt	No	Yes	No	No
Sign, verify	No	Yes	No	No
Generate digests and HMACs	No	Yes	No	No
	Crypto Officer (CO)	Crypto User (CU)	Appliance User (AU)	Unauthenticated User

¹Basic cluster information includes the number of HSMs in the cluster and each HSM's IP address, model, serial number, device ID, firmware ID, etc.

²When an HSM is zeroized, all keys, certificates, and other data on the HSM is destroyed. You can use your cluster's security group to prevent an unauthenticated user from zeroizing your HSM. For more information, see [Create a Cluster](#) (p. 21).

³The user can get a set of digests (hashes) that correspond to the keys on the HSM. An application can compare these sets of digests to understand the synchronization status of HSMs in a cluster.

⁴Masked objects are keys that are encrypted before they leave the HSM. They cannot be decrypted outside of the HSM. They are only decrypted after they are inserted into an HSM that is in the same cluster as the HSM from which they were extracted. An application can extract and insert masked objects to synchronize the HSMs in a cluster.

(p. 10).

Prerequisites

Before you begin, you must know the `key handle` of the key on the source HSM to be synchronized with the destination HSM. To find the `key handle`, use the [listUsers \(p. 105\)](#) command to list all identifiers for named users. Then, use the [findAllKeys \(p. 91\)](#) command to find all keys that belong to a particular user. In this example, we assume that the key handle to be synchronized is 261251.

You also need to know the `server IDs` assigned to the source and destination HSMs, which are shown in the trace output returned by `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` upon initiation. These are assigned in the same order that the HSMs appear in the configuration file. For this example, we assume that `server 0` is the source HSM, and `server 1` is the destination HSM.

Create a Configuration File for `syncKey` Across Cloned Clusters

Create a copy of your current config file (`/opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_config.cfg`). For this example, change the copy's name to `clustersync.cfg`.

Edit `clustersync.cfg` to include the Elastic Network Interface (ENI) IPs of the two HSMs to be synced. We recommend that you specify the source HSM first, followed by the destination HSM. To find the ENI IP of an HSM, use the [describe-clusters](#) CLI command.

Initialize `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` with the new config file by issuing the following command:

```
aws-cloudhsm> /opt/cloudhsm/bin/cloudhsm_mgmt_util /opt/cloudhsm/etc/clustersync.cfg
```

Check the status messages returned to ensure that the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` is connected to both HSMs and determine which of the returned ENI IPs corresponds to each cluster. Then, enter server mode on the source HSM by issuing the `server` command. In this example, `server 0` is the HSM instance from the source cluster, and `server 1` is the HSM instance from the destination cluster.

Syntax

Note

To run `syncKey`, first enter server mode on the HSM, which contains the key to be synchronized.

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

User Type: Crypto user (CU)

```
syncKey <key handle> <destination hsm>
```

Example

Run the `server` command to log into the source HSM and enter server mode.

```
aws-cloudhsm> server 0
```

Now run the **syncKey** command.

```
aws-cloudhsm> syncKey 261251 1
syncKey success
```

Arguments

Because this command does not have named parameters, you must enter the arguments in the order specified in the syntax diagram.

```
syncKey <key handle> <destination hsm>
```

<key handle>

Specifies the key handle of the key to sync. You can specify only one key in each command. To get the key handle of a key, use [findAllKeys \(p. 91\)](#) while logged in to an HSM server.

Required: Yes

<destination hsm>

Specifies the number of the server to which you are syncing a key.

Required: Yes

Related Topics

- [listUsers \(p. 105\)](#)
- [findAllKeys \(p. 91\)](#)
- [describe-clusters](#) in AWS CLI

key_mgmt_util

The **key_mgmt_util** command line tool helps Crypto Users (CU) manage keys in the HSMs. It includes multiple commands that generate, delete, import, and export keys, get and set attributes, find keys, and perform cryptographic operations.

For a quick start, see [Getting Started with key_mgmt_util \(p. 119\)](#). For detailed information about the commands, see [key_mgmt_util Command Reference \(p. 122\)](#). For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#).

To use **key_mgmt_util** if you are using Linux, connect to your client instance and then see [Install and Configure the AWS CloudHSM Client \(Linux\) \(p. 35\)](#). If you are using Windows, see [Install and Configure the AWS CloudHSM Client \(Windows\) \(p. 37\)](#).

Topics

- [Getting Started with key_mgmt_util \(p. 119\)](#)
- [key_mgmt_util Command Reference \(p. 122\)](#)

Getting Started with key_mgmt_util

AWS CloudHSM includes two command line tools with the [AWS CloudHSM client software \(p. 35\)](#). The [cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 80\)](#) tool includes commands to manage HSM users. The

[key_mgmt_util](#) (p. 122) tool includes commands to manage keys. To get started with the `key_mgmt_util` command line tool, see the following topics.

Topics

- [Set Up `key_mgmt_util`](#) (p. 120)
- [Basic Usage of `key_mgmt_util`](#) (p. 121)

If you encounter an error message or unexpected outcome for a command, see the [Troubleshooting AWS CloudHSM](#) (p. 263) topics for help. For details about the `key_mgmt_util` commands, see [key_mgmt_util Command Reference](#) (p. 122).

Set Up `key_mgmt_util`

Complete the following setup before you use `key_mgmt_util`.

Start the AWS CloudHSM Client

Before you use `key_mgmt_util`, you must start the AWS CloudHSM client. The client is a daemon that establishes end-to-end encrypted communication with the HSMs in your cluster. The `key_mgmt_util` tool uses the client connection to communicate with the HSMs in your cluster. Without it, `key_mgmt_util` doesn't work.

To start the AWS CloudHSM client

Use the following command to start the AWS CloudHSM client.

Amazon Linux

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

CentOS 6

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

CentOS 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

RHEL 6

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

RHEL 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

Windows

```
C:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM>start "cloudhsm_client" cloudhsm_client.exe C:\ProgramData\Amazon\CloudHSM\data\cloudhsm_client.cfg
```

Start key_mgmt_util

After you start the AWS CloudHSM client, use the following command to start key_mgmt_util.

Amazon Linux

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/key_mgmt_util
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/key_mgmt_util
```

RHEL 6

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/key_mgmt_util
```

RHEL 7

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/key_mgmt_util
```

CentOS 6

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/key_mgmt_util
```

CentOS 7

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/key_mgmt_util
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/key_mgmt_util
```

Windows

```
c:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM>key_mgmt_util.exe
```

The prompt changes to **Command:** when key_mgmt_util is running.

If the command fails, such as returning a `Daemon socket connection error` message, try [updating your configuration file](#) (p. 268).

Basic Usage of key_mgmt_util

See the following topics for the basic usage of the key_mgmt_util tool.

Topics

- [Log In to the HSMs \(p. 122\)](#)
- [Log Out from the HSMs \(p. 122\)](#)
- [Stop key_mgmt_util \(p. 122\)](#)

Log In to the HSMs

Use the **loginHSM** command to log in to the HSMs. The following command logs in as a [crypto user \(CU\)](#) (p. 10) named `example_user`. The output indicates a successful login for all three HSMs in the cluster.

```
Command: loginHSM -u CU -s example_user -p <password>
Cfm3LoginHSM returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

The following shows the syntax for the **loginHSM** command.

```
Command: loginHSM -u <user type> -s <username> -p <password>
```

Log Out from the HSMs

Use the **logoutHSM** command to log out from the HSMs.

```
Command: logoutHSM
Cfm3LogoutHSM returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Stop key_mgmt_util

Use the **exit** command to stop `key_mgmt_util`.

```
Command: exit
```

key_mgmt_util Command Reference

The **key_mgmt_util** command line tool helps you to manage keys in the HSMs in your cluster, including creating, deleting, and finding keys and their attributes. It includes multiple commands, each of which is described in detail in this topic.

For a quick start, see [Getting Started with key_mgmt_util \(p. 119\)](#). For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#). For information about the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command line tool, which includes commands to manage the HSM and users in your cluster, see [cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 74\)](#).

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start key_mgmt_util \(p. 121\)](#) and [login \(p. 122\)](#) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

To list all key_mgmt_util commands, type:

Command: **help**

To get help for a particular key_mgmt_util command, type:

Command: **<command-name> -h**

To end your key_mgmt_util session, type:

Command: **exit**

The following topics describe commands in key_mgmt_util.

Note

Some commands in key_mgmt_util and cloudhsm_mgmt_util have the same names. However, the commands typically have different syntax, different output, and slightly different functionality.

Command	Description
aesWrapUnwrap (p. 124)	Encrypts and decrypts the contents of a key in a file on disk.
deleteKey (p. 126)	Deletes a key from the HSMs.
Error2String (p. 128)	Gets the error that corresponds to a key_mgmt_util hexadecimal error code.
exSymKey (p. 129)	Exports a plaintext copy of a symmetric key from the HSMs to a file on disk.
findKey (p. 133)	Search for keys by key attribute value.
findSingleKey (p. 137)	Verifies that a key exists on all HSMs in the cluster.
genDSAKeyPair (p. 137)	Generates a Digital Signing Algorithm (DSA) key pair in your HSMs.
genECCKeyPair (p. 142)	Generates an Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC) key pair in your HSMs.
genPBEKey (p. 146)	(This command is not supported on the FIPS-validated HSMs.)
genRSAKeyPair (p. 146)	Generates an RSA asymmetric key pair in your HSMs.
genSymKey (p. 151)	Generates a symmetric key in your HSMs
getAttribute (p. 156)	Gets the attribute values for an AWS CloudHSM key and writes them to a file.
getKeyInfo (p. 159)	Gets the HSM user IDs of users who can use the key. If the key is quorum controlled, it gets the number of users in the quorum.

Command	Description
imSymKey (p. 162)	Imports a plaintext copy of a symmetric key from a file into the HSM.
listAttributes (p. 168)	Lists the attributes of an AWS CloudHSM key and the constants that represent them.
listUsers (p. 169)	Gets the users in the HSMs, their user type and ID, and other attributes.
setAttribute (p. 170)	Converts a session key to a persistent key.
unwrapKey (p. 172)	Imports a wrapped (encrypted) key from a file into the HSMs.
wrapKey (p. 175)	Exports an encrypted copy of a key from the HSM to a file on disk

aesWrapUnwrap

The **aesWrapUnwrap** command encrypts or decrypts the contents of a file on disk. This command is designed to wrap and unwrap encryption keys, but you can use it on any file that contains less than 4 KB (4096 bytes) of data.

aesWrapUnwrap uses [AES Key Wrap](#). It uses an AES key on the HSM as the wrapping or unwrapping key. Then it writes the result to another file on disk.

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start key_mgmt_util \(p. 121\)](#) and [login \(p. 122\)](#) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Syntax

```
aesWrapUnwrap -h

aesWrapUnwrap -m <wrap-unwrap mode>
                -f <file-to-wrap-unwrap>
                -w <wrapping-key-handle>
                [-i <wrapping-IV>]
                [-out <output-file>]
```

Examples

These examples show how to use **aesWrapUnwrap** to encrypt and decrypt an encryption key in a file.

Example : Wrap an Encryption Key

This command uses **aesWrapUnwrap** to wrap a Triple DES symmetric key that was [exported from the HSM in plaintext \(p. 129\)](#) into the `3DES.key` file. You can use a similar command to wrap any key saved in a file.

The command uses the `-m` parameter with a value of 1 to indicate wrap mode. It uses the `-w` parameter to specify an AES key in the HSM (key handle 6) as the wrapping key. It writes the resulting wrapped key to the `3DES.key.wrapped` file.

The output shows that the command was successful and that the operation used the default IV, which is preferred.

```
Command: aesWrapUnwrap -f 3DES.key -w 6 -m 1 -out 3DES.key.wrapped

Warning: IV (-i) is missing.
0xA6A6A6A6A6A6A6A6 is considered as default IV
result data:
49 49 E2 D0 11 C1 97 22
17 43 BD E3 4E F4 12 75
8D C1 34 CF 26 10 3A 8D
6D 0A 7B D5 D3 E8 4D C2
79 09 08 61 94 68 51 B7

result written to file 3DES.key.wrapped

Cfm3WrapHostKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Example : Unwrap an Encryption Key

This example shows how to use **aesWrapUnwrap** to unwrap (decrypt) a wrapped (encrypted) key in a file. You might want to do an operation like this one before importing a key to the HSM. For example, if you try to use the [imSymKey \(p. 162\)](#) command to import an encrypted key, it returns an error because the encrypted key doesn't have the format that is required for a plaintext key of that type.

The command unwraps the key in the `3DES.key.wrapped` file and writes the plaintext to the `3DES.key.unwrapped` file. The command uses the `-m` parameter with a value of 0 to indicate unwrap mode. It uses the `-w` parameter to specify an AES key in the HSM (key handle 6) as the wrapping key. It writes the resulting wrapped key to the `3DES.key.unwrapped` file.

```
Command: aesWrapUnwrap -m 0 -f 3DES.key.wrapped -w 6 -out 3DES.key.unwrapped

Warning: IV (-i) is missing.
0xA6A6A6A6A6A6A6A6 is considered as default IV
result data:
14 90 D7 AD D6 E4 F5 FA
A1 95 6F 24 89 79 F3 EE
37 21 E6 54 1F 3B 8D 62

result written to file 3DES.key.unwrapped

Cfm3UnWrapHostKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Parameters

-h

Displays help for the command.

Required: Yes

-m

Specifies the mode. To wrap (encrypt) the file content, type 1; to unwrap (decrypt) the file content, type 0.

Required: Yes

-f

Specifies the file to wrap. Enter a file that contains less than 4 KB (4096 bytes) of data. This operation is designed to wrap and unwrap encryption keys.

Required: Yes

-w

Specifies the wrapping key. Type the key handle of an AES key on the HSM. This parameter is required. To find key handles, use the [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) command.

To create a wrapping key, use [genSymKey \(p. 151\)](#) to create an AES key (type 31). To verify that a key can be used as a wrapping key, use [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#) to get the value of the `OBJ_ATTR_WRAP` attribute, which is represented by constant 262.

Note

Key handle 4 represents an unsupported internal key. We recommend that you use an AES key that you create and manage as the wrapping key.

Required: Yes

-i

Specifies an alternate initial value (IV) for the algorithm. Use the default value unless you have a special condition that requires an alternative.

Default: 0xA6A6A6A6A6A6A6A6. The default value is defined in the [AES Key Wrap](#) algorithm specification.

Required: No

-out

Specifies an alternate name for the output file that contains the wrapped or unwrapped key. The default is `wrapped_key` (for wrap operations) and `unwrapped_key` (for unwrap operations) in the local directory.

If the file exists, the **aesWrapUnwrap** overwrites it without warning. If the command fails, **aesWrapUnwrap** creates an output file with no contents.

Default: For wrap: `wrapped_key`. For unwrap: `unwrapped_key`.

Required: No

Related Topics

- [exSymKey \(p. 129\)](#)
- [imSymKey \(p. 162\)](#)
- [unWrapKey \(p. 172\)](#)
- [wrapKey \(p. 175\)](#)

deleteKey

The **deleteKey** command in `key_mgmt_util` deletes a key from the HSM. You can only delete one key at a time. Deleting one key in a key pair has no effect on the other key in the pair.

Only the key owner can delete a key. Users who share the key can use it in cryptographic operations, but not delete it.

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start key_mgmt_util \(p. 121\)](#) and [login \(p. 122\)](#) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Syntax

```
deleteKey -h
```

```
deleteKey -k
```

Examples

These examples show how to use **deleteKey** to delete keys from your HSMs.

Example : Delete a Key

This command deletes the key with key handle 6. When the command succeeds, **deleteKey** returns success messages from each HSM in the cluster.

```
Command: deleteKey -k 6

Cfm3DeleteKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Example : Delete a Key (Failure)

When the command fails because no key has the specified key handle, **deleteKey** returns an invalid object handle error message.

```
Command: deleteKey -k 252126

Cfm3FindKey returned: 0xa8 : HSM Error: Invalid object handle is passed to this
operation

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x000000a8 : HSM Error: Invalid object handle is passed to
this operation
Node id 2 and err state 0x000000a8 : HSM Error: Invalid object handle is passed to
this operation
```

When the command fails because the current user is not the owner of the key, the command returns an access denied error.

```
Command: deleteKey -k 262152

Cfm3DeleteKey returned: 0xc6 : HSM Error: Key Access is denied.
```

Parameters

-h

Displays command line help for the command.

Required: Yes

-k

Specifies the key handle of the key to delete. To find the key handles of keys in the HSM, use [findKey](#) (p. 133).

Required: Yes

Related Topics

- [findKey](#) (p. 133)

Error2String

The **Error2String** helper command in `key_mgmt_util` returns the error that corresponds to a `key_mgmt_util` hexadecimal error code. You can use this command when troubleshooting your commands and scripts.

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start key_mgmt_util](#) (p. 121) and [login](#) (p. 122) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Syntax

```
Error2String -h  
Error2String -r <response-code>
```

Examples

These examples show how to use **Error2String** to get the error string for a `key_mgmt_util` error code.

Example : Get an Error Description

This command gets the error description for the `0xdb` error code. The description explains that an attempt to log in to `key_mgmt_util` failed because the user has the wrong user type. Only crypto users (CU) can log in to `key_mgmt_util`.

```
Command: Error2String -r 0xdb  
  
Error Code db maps to HSM Error: Invalid User Type.
```

Example : Find the Error Code

This example shows where to find the error code in a `key_mgmt_util` error. The error code, `0xc6`, appears after the string: `Cfm3command-name` returned: .

In this example, [getKeyInfo](#) (p. 159) indicates that the current user (user 4) can use the key in cryptographic operations. Nevertheless, when the user tries to use [deleteKey](#) (p. 126) to delete the key, the command returns error code `0xc6`.

```
Command: deleteKey -k 262162  
  
Cfm3DeleteKey returned: 0xc6 : HSM Error: Key Access is denied  
  
Cluster Error Status  
  
Command: getKeyInfo -k 262162  
  
Cfm3GetKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS  
  
Owned by user 3  
  
also, shared to following 1 user(s):
```

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If the 0xc6 error is reported to you, you can use an **Error2String** command like this one to look up the error. In this case, the `deleteKey` command failed with an access denied error because the key is shared with the current user but owned by a different user. Only key owners have permission to delete a key.

```
Command: Error2String -r 0xa8  
  
Error Code c6 maps to HSM Error: Key Access is denied
```

Parameters

-h

Displays help for the command.

Required: Yes

-r

Specifies a hexadecimal error code. The 0x hexadecimal indicator is required.

Required: Yes

exSymKey

The **exSymKey** command in the `key_mgmt_util` tool exports a plaintext copy of a symmetric key from the HSM and saves it in a file on disk. To export an encrypted (wrapped) copy of a key, use [wrapKey](#) (p. 175). To import a plaintext key, like the ones that **exSymKey** exports, use [imSymKey](#) (p. 162).

During the export process, **exSymKey** uses an AES key that you specify (the *wrapping key*) to *wrap* (encrypt) and then *unwrap* (decrypt) the key to be exported. However, the result of the export operation is a plaintext (*unwrapped*) key on disk.

Only the owner of a key, that is, the CU user who created the key, can export it. Users who share the key can use it in cryptographic operations, but they cannot export it.

The **exSymKey** operation copies the key material to a file that you specify, but it does not remove the key from the HSM, change its [key attributes](#) (p. 176), or prevent you from using the key in cryptographic operations. You can export the same key multiple times.

exSymKey exports only symmetric keys. To export public keys, use **exPubKey**. To export private keys, use **exportPrivateKey**.

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start key_mgmt_util](#) (p. 121) and [login](#) (p. 122) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Syntax

```
exSymKey -h  
  
exSymKey -k <key-to-export>  
          -w <wrapping-key>  
          -out <key-file>  
          [-m 4]  
          [-wk <unwrapping-key-file> ]
```

Examples

These examples show how to use **exSymKey** to export symmetric keys that you own from your HSMs.

Example : Export a 3DES Symmetric Key

This command exports a Triple DES (3DES) symmetric key (key handle 7). It uses an existing AES key (key handle 6) in the HSM as the wrapping key. Then it writes the plaintext of the 3DES key to the `3DES.key` file.

The output shows that key 7 (the 3DES key) was successfully wrapped and unwrapped, and then written to the `3DES.key` file.

Warning

Although the output says that a "Wrapped Symmetric Key" was written to the output file, the output file contains a plaintext (unwrapped) key.

```
Command: exSymKey -k 7 -w 6 -out 3DES.key

Cfm3WrapKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3UnWrapHostKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Wrapped Symmetric Key written to file "3DES.key"
```

Example : Exporting with Session-Only Wrapping Key

This example shows how to use a key that exists only in the session as the wrapping key. Because the key to be exported is wrapped, immediately unwrapped, and delivered as plaintext, there is no need to retain the wrapping key.

This series of commands exports an AES key with key handle 8 from the HSM. It uses an AES session key created especially for the purpose.

The first command uses [genSymKey \(p. 151\)](#) to create a 256-bit AES key. It uses the `-sess` parameter to create a key that exists only in the current session.

The output shows that the HSM creates key 262168.

```
Command: genSymKey -t 31 -s 32 -l AES-wrapping-key -sess

Cfm3GenerateSymmetricKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Symmetric Key Created. Key Handle: 262168

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Next, the example verifies that key 8, the key to be exported, is a symmetric key that is extractable. It also verifies that the wrapping key, key 262168, is an AES key that exists only in the session. You can use the [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) command, but this example exports the attributes of both keys to files and then uses `grep` to find the relevant attribute values in the file.

These commands use `getAttribute` with an `-a` value of 512 (all) to get all attributes for keys 8 and 262168. For information about the key attributes, see the [the section called "Key Attribute Reference" \(p. 176\)](#).

```
getAttribute -o 8 -a 512 -out attributes/attr_8
getAttribute -o 262168 -a 512 -out attributes/attr_262168
```


These commands use `grep` to verify the attributes of the key to be exported (key 8) and the session-only wrapping key (key 262168).

```
// Verify that the key to be exported is a symmetric key.
$ grep -A 1 "OBJ_ATTR_CLASS" attributes/attr_8
OBJ_ATTR_CLASS
0x04

// Verify that the key to be exported is extractable.
$ grep -A 1 "OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE" attributes/attr_8
OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE
0x00000001

// Verify that the wrapping key is an AES key
$ grep -A 1 "OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE" attributes/attr_262168
OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE
0x1f

// Verify that the wrapping key is a session key
$ grep -A 1 "OBJ_ATTR_TOKEN" attributes/attr_262168
OBJ_ATTR_TOKEN
0x00

// Verify that the wrapping key can be used for wrapping
$ grep -A 1 "OBJ_ATTR_WRAP" attributes/attr_262168
OBJ_ATTR_WRAP
0x00000001
```

Finally, we use an **exSymKey** command to export key 8 using the session key (key 262168) as the wrapping key.

When the session ends, key 262168 no longer exists.

```
Command:  exSymKey -k 8 -w 262168 -out aes256_H8.key

Cfm3WrapKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3UnWrapHostKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Wrapped Symmetric Key written to file "aes256_H8.key"
```

Example : Use an External Unwrapping Key

This example shows how to use an external unwrapping key to export a key from the HSM.

When you export a key from the HSM, you specify an AES key on the HSM to be the wrapping key. By default, that wrapping key is used to wrap and unwrap the key to be exported. However, you can use the `-wk` parameter to tell **exSymKey** to use an external key in a file on disk for unwrapping. When you do, the key specified by the `-w` parameter wraps the target key, and the key in the file specified by the `-wk` parameter unwraps the key.

Because the wrapping key must be an AES key, which is symmetric, the wrapping key in the HSM and unwrapping key on disk must have the same key material. To do this, you must import the wrapping key to the HSM or export the wrapping key from the HSM before the export operation.

This example creates a key outside of the HSM and imports it into the HSM. It uses the internal copy of the key to wrap a symmetric key that is being exported, and the copy of key in the file to unwrap it.

The first command uses OpenSSL to generate a 256-bit AES key. It saves the key to the `aes256-forImport.key` file. The OpenSSL command does not return any output, but you can use several

commands to confirm its success. This example uses the **wc** (wordcount) tool, which confirms that the file that contains 32 bytes of data.

```
$ openssl rand -out keys/aes256-forImport.key 32

$ wc keys/aes256-forImport.key
0  2 32 keys/aes256-forImport.key
```

This command uses the **imSymKey** command to import the AES key from the `aes256-forImport.key` file to the HSM. When the command completes, the key exists in the HSM with key handle 262167 and in the `aes256-forImport.key` file.

```
Command:  imSymKey -f keys/aes256-forImport.key -t 31 -l aes256-imported -w 6

Cfm3WrapHostKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3CreateUnwrapTemplate returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3UnWrapKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Symmetric Key Unwrapped.  Key Handle: 262167

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

This command uses the key in an export operation. The command uses **exSymKey** to export key 21, a 192-bit AES key. To wrap the key, it uses key 262167, which is the copy that was imported into the HSM. To unwrap the key, it uses the same key material in the `aes256-forImport.key` file. When the command completes, key 21 is exported to the `aes192_h21.key` file.

```
Command:  exSymKey -k 21 -w 262167 -out aes192_H21.key -wk aes256-forImport.key

Cfm3WrapKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Wrapped Symmetric Key written to file "aes192_H21.key"
```

Parameters

-h

Displays help for the command.

Required: Yes

-k

Specifies the key handle of the key to export. This parameter is required. Enter the key handle of a symmetric key that you own. This parameter is required. To find key handles, use the [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) command.

To verify that a key can be exported, use the [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#) command to get the value of the `OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE` attribute, which is represented by constant 354. Also, you can export only keys that you own. To find the owner of a key, use the [getKeyInfo \(p. 159\)](#) command.

Required: Yes

-w

Specifies the key handle of the wrapping key. This parameter is required. To find key handles, use the [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) command.

A *wrapping key* is a key in the HSM that is used to encrypt (wrap) and then decrypt (unwrap) the key to be exported. Only AES keys can be used as wrapping keys.

You can use any AES key (of any size) as a wrapping key. Because the wrapping key wraps, and then immediately unwraps, the target key, you can use as session-only AES key as a wrapping key. To determine whether a key can be used as a wrapping key, use [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#) to get the value of the `OBJ_ATTR_WRAP` attribute, which is represented by the constant 262. To create a wrapping key, use [genSymKey \(p. 151\)](#) to create an AES key (type 31).

If you use the `-wk` parameter to specify an external unwrapping key, the `-w` wrapping key is used to wrap, but not to unwrap, the key during export.

Note

Key 4 represents an unsupported internal key. We recommend that you use an AES key that you create and manage as the wrapping key.

Required: Yes

-out

Specifies the path and name of the output file. When the command succeeds, this file contains the exported key in plaintext. If the file already exists, the command overwrites it without warning.

Required: Yes

-m

Specifies the wrapping mechanism. The only valid value is 4, which represents the `NIST_AES_WRAP` mechanism.

Required: No

Default: 4

-wk

Use the AES key in the specified file to unwrap the key that is being exported. Enter the path and name of a file that contains a plaintext AES key.

When you include this parameter, `exSymKey` uses the key in the HSM that is specified by the `-w` parameter to wrap the key that is being exported and it uses the key in the `-wk` file to unwrap it. The `-w` and `-wk` parameter values must resolve to the same plaintext key.

Required: No

Default: Use the wrapping key on the HSM to unwrap.

Related Topics

- [genSymKey \(p. 151\)](#)
- [imSymKey \(p. 162\)](#)
- [wrapKey \(p. 175\)](#)

findKey

Use the **findKey** command in `key_mgmt_util` to search for keys by the values of the key attributes. When a key matches all the criteria that you set, **findKey** returns the key handle. With no parameters, **findKey** returns the key handles of all the keys that you can use in the HSM. To find the attribute values of a particular key, use [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#).

Like all `key_mgmt_util` commands, **findKey** is user specific. It returns only the keys that the current user can use in cryptographic operations. This includes keys that current user owns and keys that have been shared with the current user.

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start `key_mgmt_util`](#) (p. 121) and [login](#) (p. 122) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Syntax

```
findKey -h

findKey [-c <key class>]
        [-t <key type>]
        [-l <key label>]
        [-id <key ID>]
        [-sess (0 | 1)]
        [-u <user-ids>]
        [-m <modulus>]
        [-kcv <key_check_value>]
```

Examples

These examples show how to use **findKey** to find and identify keys in your HSMs.

Example : Find All Keys

This command finds all keys for the current user in the HSM. The output includes keys that the user owns and shares, and all public keys in the HSMs.

To get the attributes of a key with a particular key handle, use [getAttribute](#) (p. 156). To determine whether the current user owns or shares a particular key, use [getKeyInfo](#) (p. 159) or [findAllKeys](#) (p. 91) in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`.

```
Command: findKey

Total number of keys present 13

number of keys matched from start index 0::12
6, 7, 524296, 9, 262154, 262155, 262156, 262157, 262158, 262159, 262160, 262161, 262162

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3FindKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Example : Find Keys by Type, User, and Session

This command finds persistent AES keys that the current user and user 3 can use. (User 3 might be able to use other keys that the current user cannot see.)

```
Command: findKey -t 31 -sess 0 -u 3
```

Example : Find Keys by Class and Label

This command finds all public keys for the current user with the `2018-sept` label.

```
Command: findKey -c 2 -l 2018-sept
```

Example : Find RSA Keys by Modulus

This command finds RSA keys (type 0) for the current user that were created by using the modulus in the `m4.txt` file.

```
Command: findKey -t 0 -m m4.txt
```

Parameters

-h

Displays help for the command.

Required: Yes

-t

Finds keys of the specified type. Enter the constant that represents the key class. For example, to find 3DES keys, type `-t 21`.

Valid values:

- 0: [RSA](#)
- 1: [DSA](#)
- 3: [EC](#)
- 16: [GENERIC_SECRET](#)
- 18: [RC4](#)
- 21: [Triple DES \(3DES\)](#)
- 31: [AES](#)

Required: No

-c

Finds keys in the specified class. Enter the constant that represents the key class. For example, to find public keys, type `-c 2`.

Valid values for each key type:

- 2: Public. This class contains the public keys of public–private key pairs.
- 3: Private. This class contains the private keys of public–private key pairs.
- 4: Secret. This class contains all symmetric keys.

Required: No

-l

Finds keys with the specified label. Type the exact label. You cannot use wildcard characters or regular expressions in the `--l` value.

Required: No

-id

Finds the key with the specified ID. Type the exact ID string. You cannot use wildcard characters or regular expressions in the `-id` value.

Required: No

-sess

Finds keys by session status. To find keys that are valid only in the current session, type 1. To find persistent keys, type 0.

Required: No

-u

Finds keys the specified users and the current user share. Type a comma-separated list of HSM user IDs, such as `-u 3` or `-u 4, 7`. To find the IDs of users on an HSM, use [listUsers](#) (p. 169).

When you specify one user ID, **findKey** returns the keys for that user. When you specify multiple user IDs, **findKey** returns the keys that all the specified users can use.

Because **findKey** only returns keys that the current user can use, the `-u` results are always identical to or a subset of the current user's keys. To get all keys that are owned by or shared with any user, crypto officers (COs) can use [findAllKeys](#) (p. 91) in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`.

Required: No

-m

Finds keys that were created by using the RSA modulus in the specified file. Type the path to file that stores the modulus.

Required: No

-kcv

Finds keys with the specified key check value.

The *key check value* (KCV) is an 8-byte hash or checksum of a key. The HSM calculates a KCV when it generates the key. You can also calculate a KCV outside of the HSM, such as after you export a key. You can then compare the KCV values to confirm the identity and integrity of the key. To get the KCV of a key, use [getAttribute](#) (p. 156).

AWS CloudHSM uses the following standard method to generate a key check value:

- **Symmetric keys:** First 8 bytes of the result of encrypting 16 zero-filled bytes with the key.
- **Asymmetric key pairs:** First 8 bytes of the modulus hash.

Required: No

Output

The **findKey** output lists the total number of matching keys and their key handles.

```
Command: findKey
Total number of keys present 10

number of keys matched from start index 0::9
6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 262156, 262157, 262158, 262159

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3FindKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Related Topics

- [findSingleKey](#) (p. 137)
- [getKeyInfo](#) (p. 159)
- [getAttribute](#) (p. 156)
- [findAllKeys](#) (p. 91) in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`

- [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#)

findSingleKey

The **findSingleKey** command in the `key_mgmt_util` tool verifies that a key exists on all HSMs in the cluster.

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start `key_mgmt_util` \(p. 121\)](#) and [login \(p. 122\)](#) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Syntax

```
findSingleKey -h  
findSingleKey -k <key-handle>
```

Example

Example

This command verifies that key 252136 exists on all three HSMs in the cluster.

```
Command: findSingleKey -k 252136  
Cfm3FindKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS  
  
Cluster Error Status  
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS  
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS  
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Parameters

-h

Displays help for the command.

Required: Yes

-k

Specifies the key handle of one key in the HSM. This parameter is required.

To find key handles, use the [findKey \(p. 169\)](#) command.

Required: Yes

Related Topics

- [findKey \(p. 169\)](#)
- [getKeyInfo \(p. 169\)](#)
- [getAttribute \(p. 133\)](#)

genDSAKeyPair

The **genDSAKeyPair** command in the `key_mgmt_util` tool generates a [Digital Signing Algorithm \(DSA\)](#) key pair in your HSMs. You must specify the modulus length; the command generates the modulus value.

You can also assign an ID, share the key with other HSM users, create nonextractable keys, and create keys that expire when the session ends. When the command succeeds, it returns the *key handles* that the HSM assigns to the public and private keys. You can use the key handles to identify the keys to other commands.

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start `key_mgmt_util`](#) (p. 121) and [login](#) (p. 122) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Tip

To find the attributes of a key that you have created, such as the type, length, label, and ID, use [getAttribute](#) (p. 156). To find the keys for a particular user, use [getKeyInfo](#) (p. 159). To find keys based on their attribute values, use [findKey](#) (p. 133).

Syntax

```
genDSAKeyPair -h

genDSAKeyPair -m <modulus length>
               -l <label>
               [-id <key ID>]
               [-min_srv <minimum number of servers>]
               [-m_value <0..8>]
               [-nex]
               [-sess]
               [-timeout <number of seconds> ]
               [-u <user-ids>]
               [-attest]
```

Examples

These examples show how to use `genDSAKeyPair` to create a DSA key pair.

Example : Create a DSA Key Pair

This command creates a DSA key pair with a DSA label. The output shows that the key handle of the public key is 19 and the handle of the private key is 21.

```
Command: genDSAKeyPair -m 2048 -l DSA

Cfm3GenerateKeyPair: returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3GenerateKeyPair:   public key handle: 19   private key handle: 21

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Example : Create a Session-Only DSA Key Pair

This command creates a DSA key pair that is valid only in the current session. The command assigns a unique ID of `DSA_temp_pair` in addition to the required (nonunique) label. You might want to create a key pair like this to sign and verify a session-only token. The output shows that the key handle of the public key is 12 and the handle of the private key is 14.

```
Command: genDSAKeyPair -m 2048 -l DSA-temp -id DSA_temp_pair -sess

Cfm3GenerateKeyPair: returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3GenerateKeyPair:   public key handle: 12   private key handle: 14

Cluster Error Status
```



```
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

To confirm that the key pair exists only in the session, use the `-sess` parameter of [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) with a value of 1 (true).

```
Command: findKey -sess 1

Total number of keys present 2

number of keys matched from start index 0::1
12, 14

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3FindKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Example : Create a Shared, Nonextractable DSA Key Pair

This command creates a DSA key pair. The private key is shared with three other users, and it cannot be exported from the HSM. Public keys can be used by any user and can always be extracted.

```
Command: genDSAKeyPair -m 2048 -l DSA -id DSA_shared_pair -nex -u 3,5,6

Cfm3GenerateKeyPair: returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3GenerateKeyPair:    public key handle: 11    private key handle: 19

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Example : Create a Quorum-Controlled Key Pair

This command creates a DSA key pair with the label `DSA-mV2`. The command uses the `-u` parameter to share the private key with user 4 and 6. It uses the `-m_value` parameter to require a quorum of at least two approvals for any cryptographic operations that use the private key. The command also uses the `-attest` parameter to verify the integrity of the firmware on which the key pair is generated.

The output shows that the command generates a public key with key handle 12 and a private key with key handle 17, and that the attestation check on the cluster firmware passed.

```
Command: genDSAKeyPair -m 2048 -l DSA-mV2 -m_value 2 -u 4,6 -attest

Cfm3GenerateKeyPair: returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3GenerateKeyPair:    public key handle: 12    private key handle: 17

Attestation Check : [PASS]

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

This command uses [getKeyInfo \(p. 159\)](#) on the private key (key handle 17). The output confirms that the key is owned by the current user (user 3) and that it is shared with users 4 and 6 (and no others). The output also shows that quorum authentication is enabled and the quorum size is two.

```
Command: getKeyInfo -k 17

Cfm3GetKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Owned by user 3

also, shared to following 2 user(s):

    4
    6
2 Users need to approve to use/manage this key
```

Parameters

-h

Displays help for the command.

Required: Yes

-m

Specifies the length of the modulus in bits. The only valid value is 2048.

Required: Yes

-l

Specifies a user-defined label for the key pair. Type a string. The same label applies to both keys in the pair

You can use any phrase that helps you to identify the key. Because the label does not have to be unique, you can use it to group and categorize keys.

Required: Yes

-id

Specifies a user-defined identifier for the key pair. Type a string that is unique in the cluster. The default is an empty string. The ID that you specify applies to both keys in the pair.

Default: No ID value.

Required: No

-min_srv

Specifies the minimum number of HSMs on which the key is synchronized before the value of the `-timeout` parameter expires. If the key is not synchronized to the specified number of servers in the time allotted, it is not created.

AWS CloudHSM automatically synchronizes every key to every HSM in the cluster. To speed up your process, set the value of `min_srv` to less than the number of HSMs in the cluster and set a low timeout value. Note, however, that some requests might not generate a key.

Default: 1

Required: No

-m_value

Specifies the number of users who must approve any cryptographic operation that uses the private key in the pair. Type a value from 0 to 8.

This parameter establishes a quorum authentication requirement for the private key. The default value, 0, disables the quorum authentication feature for the key. When quorum authentication is enabled, the specified number of users must sign a token to approve cryptographic operations that use the private key, and operations that share or unshare the private key.

To find the `m_value` of a key, use [getKeyInfo](#) (p. 159).

This parameter is valid only when the `-u` parameter in the command shares the key pair with enough users to satisfy the `m_value` requirement.

Default: 0

Required: No

-nex

Makes the private key nonextractable. The private key that is generated cannot be [exported from the HSM](#) (p. 59). Public keys are always extractable.

Default: Both the public and private keys in the key pair are extractable.

Required: No

-sess

Creates a key that exists only in the current session. The key cannot be recovered after the session ends.

Use this parameter when you need a key only briefly, such as a wrapping key that encrypts, and then quickly decrypts, another key. Do not use a session key to encrypt data that you might need to decrypt after the session ends.

To change a session key to a persistent (token) key, use [setAttribute](#) (p. 170).

Default: The key is persistent.

Required: No

-timeout

Specifies how long (in seconds) the command waits for a key to be synchronized to the number of HSMs specified by the `min_srv` parameter.

This parameter is valid only when the `min_srv` parameter is also used in the command.

Default: No timeout. The command waits indefinitely and returns only when the key is synchronized to the minimum number of servers.

Required: No

-u

Shares the private key in the pair with the specified users. This parameter gives other HSM crypto users (CUs) permission to use the private key in cryptographic operations. Public keys can be used by any user without sharing.

Type a comma-separated list of HSM user IDs, such as `-u 5, 6`. Do not include the HSM user ID of the current user. To find HSM user IDs of CUs on the HSM, use [listUsers](#) (p. 169). To share and unshare existing keys, use **shareKey**.

Default: Only the current user can use the private key.

Required: No

-attest

Runs an integrity check that verifies that the firmware on which the cluster runs has not been tampered with.

Default: No attestation check.

Required: No

Related Topics

- [genRSAKeyPair](#) (p. 146)
- [genSymKey](#) (p. 151)
- [genECCKeyPair](#) (p. 142)

genECCKeyPair

The `genECCKeyPair` command in the `key_mgmt_util` tool generates an [Elliptic Curve Cryptography](#) (ECC) key pair in your HSMs. You must specify the elliptic curve type and a label for the keys. You can also share the private key with other CU users, create non-extractable keys, quorum-controlled keys, and keys that expire when the session ends. When the command succeeds, it returns the key handles that the HSM assigns to the public and private ECC keys. You can use the key handles to identify the keys to other commands.

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start key_mgmt_util](#) (p. 121) and [login](#) (p. 122) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Tip

To find the attributes of a key that you have created, such as the type, length, label, and ID, use [getAttribute](#) (p. 156). To find the keys for a particular user, use [getKeyInfo](#) (p. 159). To find keys based on their attribute values, use [findKey](#) (p. 133).

Syntax

```
genECCKeyPair -h

genECCKeyPair -i <EC curve id>
                -l <label>
                [-id <key ID>]
                [-min_srv <minimum number of servers>]
                [-m_value <0..8>]
                [-nex]
                [-sess]
                [-timeout <number of seconds> ]
                [-u <user-ids>]
                [-attest]
```

Examples

These examples show how to use **genECCKeyPair** to create ECC key pairs in your HSMs.

Example : Create and Examine an ECC Key Pair

This command creates an ECC key pair using an NID_sect571r1 elliptic curve and an ecc12 label. The output shows that the key handle of the private key is 262177 and the key handle of the public key is 262179. The label applies to both the public and private keys.

```
Command: genECCKeyPair -i 12 -l ecc12
```

```
Cfm3GenerateKeyPair returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

```
Cfm3GenerateKeyPair:    public key handle: 262179    private key handle: 262177
```

```
Cluster Error Status
```

```
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

```
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

```
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

After generating the key, you might want to examine its attributes. The next command uses [getAttribute](#) (p. 156) to write all of the attributes (represented by the constant 512) of the new ECC private key to the `attr_262177` file.

```
Command: getAttribute -o 262177 -a 512 -out attr_262177
```

```
got all attributes of size 529 attr cnt 19
```

```
Attributes dumped into attr_262177
```

```
Cfm3GetAttribute returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

This command gets the content of the `attr_262177` attribute file. The output shows that the key is an elliptic curve private key that can be used for signing, but not for encrypting, decrypting, wrapping, unwrapping, or verifying. The key is persistent and exportable.

```
$ cat attr_262177
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_CLASS
```

```
0x03
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE
```

```
0x03
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_TOKEN
```

```
0x01
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_PRIVATE
```

```
0x01
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_ENCRYPT
```

```
0x00
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT
```

```
0x00
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_WRAP
```

```
0x00
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_UNWRAP
```

```
0x00
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_SIGN
```

```
0x01
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_VERIFY
```

```
0x00
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_LOCAL
```

```
0x01
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_SENSITIVE
```

```
0x01
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE
```

```
0x01
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_LABEL
```

```
ecc2
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_ID
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_VALUE_LEN
```

```
0x0000008a
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_KCV
```

```
0xbbb32a
```

```
OBJ_ATTR_MODULUS
```

```
044a0f9d01d10f7437d9fa20995f0cc742552e5ba16d3d7e9a65a33e20ad3e569e68eb62477a9960a87911e6121d112b698e469
OBJ_ATTR_MODULUS_BITS
0x0000019f
```

Example Using an Invalid EEC Curve

This command attempts to create an ECC key pair by using an NID_X9_62_prime192v1 curve. Because this elliptic curve is not valid for FIPS-mode HSMs, the command fails. The message reports that a server in the cluster is unavailable, but this does not typically indicate a problem with the HSMs in the cluster.

```
Command:  genECCKeyPair -i 1 -l ecc1

          Cfm3GenerateKeyPair returned: 0xb3 : HSM Error: This operation violates the current
          configured/FIPS policies

          Cluster Error Status
          Node id 0 and err state 0x30000085 : HSM CLUSTER ERROR: Server in cluster is
          unavailable
```

Parameters

-h

Displays help for the command.

Required: Yes

-i

Specifies the identifier for the elliptic curve. Enter an identifier (1 - 15).

Valid values:

- 1: NID_X9_62_prime192v1
- 2: NID_X9_62_prime256v1
- 3: NID_sect163k1
- 4: NID_sect163r2
- 5: NID_sect233k1
- 6: NID_sect233r1
- 7: NID_sect283k1
- 8: NID_sect283r1
- 9: NID_sect409k1
- 10: NID_sect409r1
- 11: NID_sect571k1
- 12: NID_sect571r1
- 13: NID_secp224r1
- 14: NID_secp384r1
- 15: NID_secp521r1

Required: Yes

-l

Specifies a user-defined label for the key pair. Type a string. The same label applies to both keys in the pair

You can use any phrase that helps you to identify the key. Because the label does not have to be unique, you can use it to group and categorize keys.

Required: Yes

-id

Specifies a user-defined identifier for the key pair. Type a string that is unique in the cluster. The default is an empty string. The ID that you specify applies to both keys in the pair.

Default: No ID value.

Required: No

-min_srv

Specifies the minimum number of HSMs on which the key is synchronized before the value of the `-timeout` parameter expires. If the key is not synchronized to the specified number of servers in the time allotted, it is not created.

AWS CloudHSM automatically synchronizes every key to every HSM in the cluster. To speed up your process, set the value of `min_srv` to less than the number of HSMs in the cluster and set a low timeout value. Note, however, that some requests might not generate a key.

Default: 1

Required: No

-m_value

Specifies the number of users who must approve any cryptographic operation that uses the private key in the pair. Type a value from 0 to 8.

This parameter establishes a quorum authentication requirement for the private key. The default value, 0, disables the quorum authentication feature for the key. When quorum authentication is enabled, the specified number of users must sign a token to approve cryptographic operations that use the private key, and operations that share or unshare the private key.

To find the `m_value` of a key, use [getKeyInfo](#) (p. 159).

This parameter is valid only when the `-u` parameter in the command shares the key pair with enough users to satisfy the `m_value` requirement.

Default: 0

Required: No

-nex

Makes the private key nonextractable. The private key that is generated cannot be [exported from the HSM](#) (p. 59). Public keys are always extractable.

Default: Both the public and private keys in the key pair are extractable.

Required: No

-sess

Creates a key that exists only in the current session. The key cannot be recovered after the session ends.

Use this parameter when you need a key only briefly, such as a wrapping key that encrypts, and then quickly decrypts, another key. Do not use a session key to encrypt data that you might need to decrypt after the session ends.

To change a session key to a persistent (token) key, use [setAttribute](#) (p. 170).

Default: The key is persistent.

Required: No

-timeout

Specifies how long (in seconds) the command waits for a key to be synchronized to the number of HSMs specified by the `min_srv` parameter.

This parameter is valid only when the `min_srv` parameter is also used in the command.

Default: No timeout. The command waits indefinitely and returns only when the key is synchronized to the minimum number of servers.

Required: No

-u

Shares the private key in the pair with the specified users. This parameter gives other HSM crypto users (CUs) permission to use the private key in cryptographic operations. Public keys can be used by any user without sharing.

Type a comma-separated list of HSM user IDs, such as `-u 5, 6`. Do not include the HSM user ID of the current user. To find HSM user IDs of CUs on the HSM, use [listUsers](#) (p. 169). To share and unshare existing keys, use **shareKey**.

Default: Only the current user can use the private key.

Required: No

-attest

Runs an integrity check that verifies that the firmware on which the cluster runs has not been tampered with.

Default: No attestation check.

Required: No

Related Topics

- [genSymKey](#) (p. 151)
- [genRSAKeyPair](#) (p. 146)
- [genDSAKeyPair](#) (p. 137)

genPBEKey

The **genPBEKey** command in the `key_mgmt_util` tool generates a Triple DES (3DES) symmetric key based on a password. This command is not supported on the FIPS-validated HSMs that AWS CloudHSM provides.

To create symmetric keys, use [genSymKey](#) (p. 151). To create asymmetric key pairs, use [genRSAKeyPair](#) (p. 146), [genDSAKeyPair](#) (p. 137), or [genECCKeyPair](#) (p. 142).

genRSAKeyPair

The **genRSAKeyPair** command in the `key_mgmt_util` tool generates an [RSA](#) asymmetric key pair. You specify the key type, modulus length, and a public exponent. The command generates a modulus of the specified length and creates the key pair. You can assign an ID, share the key with other HSM users, create nonextractable keys and keys that expire when the session ends. When the command succeeds, it returns a key handle that the HSM assigns to the key. You can use the key handle to identify the key to other commands.

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start `key_mgmt_util`](#) (p. 121) and [login](#) (p. 122) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Tip

To find the attributes of a key that you have created, such as the type, length, label, and ID, use [getAttribute](#) (p. 156). To find the keys for a particular user, use [getKeyInfo](#) (p. 159). To find keys based on their attribute values, use [findKey](#) (p. 133).

Syntax

```
genRSAKeyPair -h

genRSAKeyPair -m <modulus length>
               -e <public exponent>
               -l <label>
               [-id <key ID>]
               [-min_srv <minimum number of servers>]
               [-m_value <0..8>]
               [-nex]
               [-sess]
               [-timeout <number of seconds> ]
               [-u <user-ids>]
               [-attest]
```

Examples

These examples show how to use `genRSAKeyPair` to create asymmetric key pairs in your HSMs.

Example : Create and Examine an RSA Key Pair

This command creates an RSA key pair with a 2048-bit modulus and an exponent of 65541. The output shows that the public key handle is 262159 and the private key handle is 262160.

```
Command: genRSAKeyPair -m 2048 -e 65541 -l rsa_test

Cfm3GenerateKeyPair returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Cfm3GenerateKeyPair: public key handle: 262159 private key handle: 262160
Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

The next command uses [getAttribute](#) (p. 133) to get the attributes of the public key that we just created. It writes the output to the `attr_262159` file. It is followed by a `cat` command that gets the content of the attribute file. For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference](#) (p. 176).

The resulting hexadecimal values confirm that it is a public key (`OBJ_ATTR_CLASS 0x02`) with a type of RSA (`OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE 0x00`). You can use this public key to encrypt (`OBJ_ATTR_ENCRYPT 0x01`), but not to decrypt (`OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT 0x00`) or wrap (`OBJ_ATTR_WRAP 0x00`). The results also include the key length (512, `0x200`), the modulus, the modulus length (2048, `0x800`), and the public exponent (65541, `0x10005`).

```
Command: getAttribute -o 262159 -a 512 -out attr_262159

got all attributes of size 731 attr cnt 20
Attributes dumped into attr_262159 file

Cfm3GetAttribute returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

```
$ cat attr_262159
OBJ_ATTR_CLASS
0x02
OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE
0x00
OBJ_ATTR_TOKEN
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_PRIVATE
0x00
OBJ_ATTR_ENCRYPT
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT
0x00
OBJ_ATTR_WRAP
0x00
OBJ_ATTR_UNWRAP
0x00
OBJ_ATTR_SIGN
0x00
OBJ_ATTR_VERIFY
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_LOCAL
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_SENSITIVE
0x00
OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_LABEL
rsa_test
OBJ_ATTR_ID

OBJ_ATTR_VALUE_LEN
0x00000200
OBJ_ATTR_KCV
0x0a4364
OBJ_ATTR_MODULUS
9162b8d5d01d7b5b1179686d15e74d1dd38eaa5b6e64673195aaf951df8828deeca002c215d4209a
c0bf90a9587ddca7f6351d5d4df0f6201b65dacc9955e4f49a819c0d39cb6717623bfa33436facc
835c15961a58a63ca25bf0d2d4888d77418c571c190f8cc5a82483050658c00df4658dff248202bc
95e886b1b5c7a981f09b0eb4f606641efe09bf3881f63c90d4a4415219ba796df449862b9d9c2a78
d1c24fff56cf9b25f2b7dee44e200dd9550bd097a7044b22ca004033236bc708a0bad4a111533ed4
6d049e5ec0b449b4a3877e566b0ce9d0a60fd1c15352b131ccc234f1719bed3918df579a66e7fff2
9dc80dc5dbbf6e3d7d092d67c6abca7d
OBJ_ATTR_MODULUS_BITS
0x00000800
OBJ_ATTR_PUBLIC_EXPONENT
0x010005
```

Example : Generate a Shared RSA Key Pair

This command generates an RSA key pair and shares the private key with user 4, another CU on the HSM. The command uses the `m_value` parameter to require at least two approvals before the private key in the pair can be used in a cryptographic operation. When you use the `m_value` parameter, you must also use `-u` in the command and the `m_value` cannot exceed the total number of users (number of values in `-u + owner`).

```
Command: genRSAKeyPair -m 2048 -e 195193 -l rsa_mofn -id rsa_mv2 -u 4 -m_value 2

Cfm3GenerateKeyPair returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3GenerateKeyPair:    public key handle: 27    private key handle: 28

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

```
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Parameters

-h

Displays help for the command.

Required: Yes

-m

Specifies the length of the modulus in bits. The minimum value is 2048.

Required: Yes

-e

Specifies the public exponent. The value must be an odd number greater than or equal to 65537.

Required: Yes

-l

Specifies a user-defined label for the key pair. Type a string. The same label applies to both keys in the pair

You can use any phrase that helps you to identify the key. Because the label does not have to be unique, you can use it to group and categorize keys.

Required: Yes

-id

Specifies a user-defined identifier for the key pair. Type a string that is unique in the cluster. The default is an empty string. The ID that you specify applies to both keys in the pair.

Default: No ID value.

Required: No

-min_srv

Specifies the minimum number of HSMs on which the key is synchronized before the value of the `-timeout` parameter expires. If the key is not synchronized to the specified number of servers in the time allotted, it is not created.

AWS CloudHSM automatically synchronizes every key to every HSM in the cluster. To speed up your process, set the value of `min_srv` to less than the number of HSMs in the cluster and set a low timeout value. Note, however, that some requests might not generate a key.

Default: 1

Required: No

-m_value

Specifies the number of users who must approve any cryptographic operation that uses the private key in the pair. Type a value from 0 to 8.

This parameter establishes a quorum authentication requirement for the private key. The default value, 0, disables the quorum authentication feature for the key. When quorum authentication is enabled, the specified number of users must sign a token to approve cryptographic operations that use the private key, and operations that share or unshare the private key.

To find the `m_value` of a key, use [getKeyInfo](#) (p. 159).

This parameter is valid only when the `-u` parameter in the command shares the key pair with enough users to satisfy the `m_value` requirement.

Default: 0

Required: No

-nex

Makes the private key nonextractable. The private key that is generated cannot be [exported from the HSM \(p. 59\)](#). Public keys are always extractable.

Default: Both the public and private keys in the key pair are extractable.

Required: No

-sess

Creates a key that exists only in the current session. The key cannot be recovered after the session ends.

Use this parameter when you need a key only briefly, such as a wrapping key that encrypts, and then quickly decrypts, another key. Do not use a session key to encrypt data that you might need to decrypt after the session ends.

To change a session key to a persistent (token) key, use [setAttribute \(p. 170\)](#).

Default: The key is persistent.

Required: No

-timeout

Specifies how long (in seconds) the command waits for a key to be synchronized to the number of HSMs specified by the `min_srv` parameter.

This parameter is valid only when the `min_srv` parameter is also used in the command.

Default: No timeout. The command waits indefinitely and returns only when the key is synchronized to the minimum number of servers.

Required: No

-u

Shares the private key in the pair with the specified users. This parameter gives other HSM crypto users (CUs) permission to use the private key in cryptographic operations. Public keys can be used by any user without sharing.

Type a comma-separated list of HSM user IDs, such as `-u 5, 6`. Do not include the HSM user ID of the current user. To find HSM user IDs of CUs on the HSM, use [listUsers \(p. 169\)](#). To share and unshare existing keys, use **shareKey**.

Default: Only the current user can use the private key.

Required: No

-attest

Runs an integrity check that verifies that the firmware on which the cluster runs has not been tampered with.

Default: No attestation check.

Required: No

Related Topics

- [genSymKey \(p. 151\)](#)
- [createKeyPair](#)
- [genDSAKeyPair \(p. 137\)](#)
- [genECCKeyPair \(p. 142\)](#)

genSymKey

The **genSymKey** command in the `key_mgmt_util` tool generates a symmetric key in your HSMs. You can specify the key type and size, assign an ID and label, and share the key with other HSM users. You can also create nonextractable keys and keys that expire when the session ends. When the command succeeds, it returns a key handle that the HSM assigns to the key. You can use the key handle to identify the key to other commands.

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start key_mgmt_util \(p. 121\)](#) and [login \(p. 122\)](#) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Tip

To find the attributes of a key that you have created, such as the type, length, label, and ID, use [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#). To find the keys for a particular user, use [getKeyInfo \(p. 159\)](#). To find keys based on their attribute values, use [findKey \(p. 133\)](#).

Syntax

```
genSymKey -h

genSymKey -t <key-type>
           -s <key-size>
           -l <label>
           [-id <key-ID>]
           [-min_srv <minimum-number-of-servers>]
           [-m_value <0..8>]
           [-nex]
           [-sess]
           [-timeout <number-of-seconds> ]
           [-u <user-ids>]
           [-attest]
```

Examples

These examples show how to use **genSymKey** to create symmetric keys in your HSMs.

Example : Generate an AES Key

This command creates a 256-bit AES key with an `aes256` label. The output shows that the key handle of the new key is 6.

```
Command: genSymKey -t 31 -s 32 -l aes256

Cfm3GenerateSymmetricKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Symmetric Key Created. Key Handle: 6

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Example : Create a Session Key

This command creates a nonextractable 192-bit AES key that is valid only in the current session. You might want to create a key like this to wrap (and then immediately unwrap) a key that is being exported.

```
Command: genSymKey -t 31 -s 24 -l tmpAES -id wrap01 -nex -sess
```

Example : Return Quickly

This command creates a generic 512-byte key with a label of `IT_test_key`. The command does not wait for the key to be synchronized to all HSMs in the cluster. Instead, it returns as soon as the key is created on any one HSM (`-min_srv 1`) or in 1 second (`-timeout 1`), whichever is shorter. If the key is not synchronized to the specified minimum number of HSMs before the timeout expires, it is not generated. You might want to use a command like this in a script that creates numerous keys, like the `for` loop in the following example.

```
Command: genSymKey -t 16 -s 512 -l IT_test_key -min_srv 1 -timeout 1

$ for i in {1..30};
  do /opt/cloudhsm/bin/key_mgmt_util Cfm3Util singlecmd loginHSM -u CU -s example_user -
p example_pwd genSymKey -l aes -t 31 -s 32 -min_srv 1 -timeout 1;
done;
```

Example : Create a Quorum Authorized Generic Key

This command creates a 2048-bit generic secret key with the label `generic-mv2`. The command uses the `-u` parameter to share the key with another CU, user 6. It uses the `-m_value` parameter to require a quorum of at least two approvals for any cryptographic operations that use the key. The command also uses the `-attest` parameter to verify the integrity of the firmware on which the key is generated.

The output shows that the command generated a key with key handle 9 and that the attestation check on the cluster firmware passed.

```
Command: genSymKey -t 16 -s 2048 -l generic-mv2 -m_value 2 -u 6 -attest

Cfm3GenerateSymmetricKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Symmetric Key Created. Key Handle: 9

Attestation Check : [PASS]

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Example : Create and Examine a Key

This command creates a Triple DES key with a `3DES_shared` label and an ID of `IT-02`. The key can be used by the current user, and users 4 and 5. The command fails if the ID is not unique in the cluster or if the current user is user 4 or 5.

The output shows that the new key has key handle 7.

```
Command: genSymKey -t 21 -s 24 -l 3DES_shared -id IT-02 -u 4,5

Cfm3GenerateSymmetricKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

```
Symmetric Key Created.  Key Handle: 7

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

To verify that the new 3DES key is owned by the current user and shared with users 4 and 5, use [getKeyInfo \(p. 159\)](#). The command uses the handle that was assigned to the new key (Key Handle: 7).

The output confirms that the key is owned by user 3 and shared with users 4 and 5.

```
Command:  getKeyInfo -k 7

Cfm3GetKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Owned by user 3

also, shared to following 2 user(s):

    4, 5
```

To confirm the other properties of the key, use [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#). The first command uses `getAttribute` to get all attributes (`-a 512`) of key handle 7 (`-o 7`). It writes them to the `attr_7` file. The second command uses `cat` to get the contents of the `attr_7` file.

This command confirms that key 7 is a 192-bit (`OBJ_ATTR_VALUE_LEN 0x00000018` or 24-byte) 3DES (`OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE 0x15`) symmetric key (`OBJ_ATTR_CLASS 0x04`) with a label of `3DES_shared` (`OBJ_ATTR_LABEL 3DES_shared`) and an ID of `IT_02` (`OBJ_ATTR_ID IT-02`). The key is persistent (`OBJ_ATTR_TOKEN 0x01`) and extractable (`OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE 0x01`) and can be used for encryption, decryption, and wrapping.

For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#).

```
Command:  getAttribute -o 7 -a 512 -attr_7

got all attributes of size 444 attr cnt 17
Attributes dumped into attr_7 file

Cfm3GetAttribute returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

$  cat attr_7

OBJ_ATTR_CLASS
0x04
OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE
0x15
OBJ_ATTR_TOKEN
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_PRIVATE
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_ENCRYPT
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_WRAP
0x00
OBJ_ATTR_UNWRAP
0x00
OBJ_ATTR_SIGN
0x00
OBJ_ATTR_VERIFY
```

```
0x00
OBJ_ATTR_LOCAL
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_SENSITIVE
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_LABEL
3DES_shared
OBJ_ATTR_ID
IT-02
OBJ_ATTR_VALUE_LEN
0x00000018
OBJ_ATTR_KCV
0x59a46e
```

Parameters

-h

Displays help for the command.

Required: Yes

-t

Specifies the type of the symmetric key. Enter the constant that represents the key type. For example, to create an AES key, type `-t 31`.

Valid values:

- 16: [GENERIC_SECRET](#). A *generic secret key* is a byte array that does not conform to any particular standard, such as the requirements for an AES key.
- 18: [RC4](#). RC4 keys are not valid on FIPS-mode HSMs
- 21: [Triple DES \(3DES\)](#).
- 31: [AES](#)

Required: Yes

-s

Specifies the key size in bytes. For example, to create a 192-bit key, type 24.

Valid values for each key type:

- AES: 16 (128 bits), 24 (192 bits), 32 (256 bits)
- 3DES: 24 (192 bits)
- RC4: <256 (2048 bits)
- Generic Secret: <3584 (28672 bits)

Required: Yes

-l

Specifies a user-defined label for the key. Type a string.

You can use any phrase that helps you to identify the key. Because the label does not have to be unique, you can use it to group and categorize keys.

Required: Yes

-attest

Runs an integrity check that verifies that the firmware on which the cluster runs has not been tampered with.

Default: No attestation check.

Required: No

-id

Specifies a user-defined identifier for the key. Type a string that is unique in the cluster. The default is an empty string.

Default: No ID value.

Required: No

-min_srv

Specifies the minimum number of HSMs on which the key is synchronized before the value of the `-timeout` parameter expires. If the key is not synchronized to the specified number of servers in the time allotted, it is not created.

AWS CloudHSM automatically synchronizes every key to every HSM in the cluster. To speed up your process, set the value of `min_srv` to less than the number of HSMs in the cluster and set a low timeout value. Note, however, that some requests might not generate a key.

Default: 1

Required: No

-m_value

Specifies the number of users who must approve any cryptographic operation that uses the key. Type a value from 0 to 8.

This parameter establishes a quorum authentication requirement for the key. The default value, 0, disables the quorum authentication feature for the key. When quorum authentication is enabled, the specified number of users must sign a token to approve cryptographic operations that use the key, and operations that share or unshare the key.

To find the `m_value` of a key, use [getKeyInfo](#) (p. 159).

This parameter is valid only when the `-u` parameter in the command shares the key with enough users to satisfy the `m_value` requirement.

Default: 0

Required: No

-nex

Makes the key nonextractable. The key that is generated cannot be [exported from the HSM](#) (p. 59).

Default: The key is extractable.

Required: No

-sess

Creates a key that exists only in the current session. The key cannot be recovered after the session ends.

Use this parameter when you need a key only briefly, such as a wrapping key that encrypts, and then quickly decrypts, another key. Do not use a session key to encrypt data that you might need to decrypt after the session ends.

To change a session key to a persistent (token) key, use [setAttribute](#) (p. 170).

Default: The key is persistent.

Required: No

-timeout

Specifies how long (in seconds) the command waits for a key to be synchronized to the number of HSMs specified by the `min_srv` parameter.

This parameter is valid only when the `min_srv` parameter is also used in the command.

Default: No timeout. The command waits indefinitely and returns only when the key is synchronized to the minimum number of servers.

Required: No

-u

Shares the key with the specified users. This parameter gives other HSM crypto users (CUs) permission to use this key in cryptographic operations.

Type a comma-separated list of HSM user IDs, such as `-u 5,6`. Do not include the HSM user ID of the current user. To find HSM user IDs of CUs on the HSM, use [listUsers](#) (p. 169). To share and unshare existing keys, use **shareKey**.

Default: Only the current user can use the key.

Required: No

Related Topics

- [exSymKey](#) (p. 129)
- [genRSAKeyPair](#) (p. 146)
- [genDSAKeyPair](#) (p. 137)
- [genECCKeyPair](#) (p. 142)

getAttribute

The **getAttribute** command in `key_mgmt_util` writes one or all of the attribute values for an AWS CloudHSM key to a file. If the attribute you specify does not exist for the key type, such as the modulus of an AES key, **getAttribute** returns an error.

Key attributes are properties of a key. They include characteristics, like the key type, class, label, and ID, and values that represent actions that you can perform with the key, like encrypt, decrypt, wrap, sign, and verify.

You can use **getAttribute** only on keys that you own and key that are shared with you. You can run this command or the [getAttribute](#) (p. 94) command in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`, which gets one attribute value of a key from all HSMs in a cluster, and writes it to stdout or to a file.

To get a list of attributes and the constants that represent them, use the [listAttributes](#) (p. 168) command. To change the attribute values of existing keys, use [setAttribute](#) (p. 170) in `key_mgmt_util` and [setAttribute](#) (p. 109) in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`. For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference](#) (p. 176).

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start key_mgmt_util](#) (p. 121) and [login](#) (p. 122) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Syntax

```
getAttribute -h

getAttribute -o <key handle>
              -a <attribute constant>
              -out <file>
```

Examples

These examples show how to use **getAttribute** to get the attributes of keys in your HSMs.

Example : Get the Key Type

This example gets the type of the key, such as an AES, 3DES, or generic key, or an RSA or elliptic curve key pair.

The first command runs [listAttributes](#) (p. 168), which gets the key attributes and the constants that represent them. The output shows that the constant for key type is 256. For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference](#) (p. 176).

Command: **listAttributes**

Description

=====

The following are all of the possible attribute values for **getAttribute**.

OBJ_ATTR_CLASS	= 0
OBJ_ATTR_TOKEN	= 1
OBJ_ATTR_PRIVATE	= 2
OBJ_ATTR_LABEL	= 3
OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE	= 256
OBJ_ATTR_ID	= 258
OBJ_ATTR_SENSITIVE	= 259
OBJ_ATTR_ENCRYPT	= 260
OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT	= 261
OBJ_ATTR_WRAP	= 262
OBJ_ATTR_UNWRAP	= 263
OBJ_ATTR_SIGN	= 264
OBJ_ATTR_VERIFY	= 266
OBJ_ATTR_LOCAL	= 355
OBJ_ATTR_MODULUS	= 288
OBJ_ATTR_MODULUS_BITS	= 289
OBJ_ATTR_PUBLIC_EXPONENT	= 290
OBJ_ATTR_VALUE_LEN	= 353
OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE	= 354
OBJ_ATTR_KCV	= 371

The second command runs **getAttribute**. It requests the key type (attribute 256) for key handle 524296 and writes it to the `attribute.txt` file.

Command: **getAttribute -o 524296 -a 256 -out attribute.txt**
Attributes dumped into `attribute.txt` file

The final command gets the content of the key file. The output reveals that the key type is 0x15 or 21, which is a Triple DES (3DES) key. For definitions of the class and type values, see the [Key Attribute Reference](#) (p. 176).

```
$ cat attribute.txt
OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE
```

```
0x00000015
```

Example : Get All Attributes of a Key

This command gets all attributes of the key with key handle 6 and writes them to the `attr_6` file. It uses an attribute value of 512, which represents all attributes.

```
Command: getAttribute -o 6 -a 512 -out attr_6

got all attributes of size 444 attr cnt 17
Attributes dumped into attribute.txt file

Cfm3GetAttribute returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS>
```

This command shows the content of a sample attribute file with all attribute values. Among the values, it reports that key is a 256-bit AES key with an ID of `test_01` and a label of `aes256`. The key is extractable and persistent, that is, not a session-only key. For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#).

```
$ cat attribute.txt

OBJ_ATTR_CLASS
0x04
OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE
0x15
OBJ_ATTR_TOKEN
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_PRIVATE
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_ENCRYPT
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_WRAP
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_UNWRAP
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_SIGN
0x00
OBJ_ATTR_VERIFY
0x00
OBJ_ATTR_LOCAL
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_SENSITIVE
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE
0x01
OBJ_ATTR_LABEL
aes256
OBJ_ATTR_ID
test_01
OBJ_ATTR_VALUE_LEN
0x00000020
OBJ_ATTR_KCV
0x1a4b31
```

Parameters

-h

Displays help for the command.

Required: Yes

-o

Specifies the key handle of the target key. You can specify only one key in each command. To get the key handle of a key, use [findKey \(p. 133\)](#).

Also, you must own the specified key or it must be shared with you. To find the users of a key, use [getKeyInfo \(p. 159\)](#).

Required: Yes

-a

Identifies the attribute. Enter a constant that represents an attribute, or 512, which represents all attributes. For example, to get the key type, type 256, which is the constant for the OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE attribute.

To list the attributes and their constants, use [listAttributes \(p. 168\)](#). For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#).

Required: Yes

-out

Writes the output to the specified file. Type a file path. You cannot write the output to `stdout`.

If the specified file exists, **getAttribute** overwrites the file without warning.

Required: Yes

Related Topics

- [getAttribute \(p. 94\)](#) in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`
- [listAttributes \(p. 168\)](#)
- [setAttribute \(p. 170\)](#)
- [findKey \(p. 133\)](#)
- [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#)

getKeyInfo

The **getKeyInfo** command in the `key_mgmt_util` returns the HSM user IDs of users who can use the key, including the owner and crypto users (CU) with whom the key is shared. When quorum authentication is enabled on a key, **getKeyInfo** also returns the number of users who must approve cryptographic operations that use the key. You can run **getKeyInfo** only on keys that you own and keys that are shared with you.

When you run **getKeyInfo** on public keys, **getKeyInfo** returns only the key owner, even though all users of the HSM can use the public key. To find the HSM user IDs of users in your HSMs, use [listUsers \(p. 169\)](#). To find the keys for a particular user, use [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) `-u`.

You own the keys that you create. You can share a key with other users when you create it. Then, to share or unshare an existing key, use [shareKey \(p. 112\)](#) in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`.

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start key_mgmt_util \(p. 121\)](#) and [login \(p. 122\)](#) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Syntax

```
getKeyInfo -h
```

```
getKeyInfo -k <key-handle>
```

Examples

These examples show how to use **getKeyInfo** to get information about the users of a key.

Example : Get the Users for a Symmetric Key

This command gets the users who can use the AES (symmetric) key with key handle 9. The output shows that user 3 owns the key and has shared it with user 4.

```
Command:  getKeyInfo -k 9

Cfm3GetKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Owned by user 3

also, shared to following 1 user(s):

    4
```

Example : Get the Users for an Asymmetric Key Pair

These commands use **getKeyInfo** to get the users who can use the keys in an RSA (asymmetric) key pair. The public key has key handle 21. The private key has key handle 20.

When you run **getKeyInfo** on the private key (20), it returns the key owner (3) and crypto users (CUs) 4 and 5, with whom the key is shared.

```
Command:  getKeyInfo -k 20

Cfm3GetKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Owned by user 3

also, shared to following 2 user(s):

    4
    5
```

When you run **getKeyInfo** on the public key (21), it returns only the key owner (3).

```
Command:  getKeyInfo -k 21

Cfm3GetKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Owned by user 3
```

To confirm that user 4 can use the public key (and all public keys on the HSM), use the **-u** parameter of [findKey](#) (p. 133).

The output shows that user 4 can use both the public (21) and private (20) key in the key pair. User 4 can also use all other public keys and any private keys that they have created or that have been shared with them.

```
Command:  findKey -u 4
Total number of keys present 8

number of keys matched from start index 0::7
```

```
11, 12, 262159, 262161, 262162, 19, 20, 21

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3FindKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Example : Get the Quorum Authentication Value (m_value) for a Key

This example shows how to get the `m_value` for a key, that is, the number of users in the quorum who must approve any cryptographic operations that use the key.

When quorum authentication is enabled on a key, a quorum of users must approve any cryptographic operations that use the key. To enable quorum authentication and set the quorum size, use the `-m_value` parameter when you create the key.

This command uses [genRSAKeyPair \(p. 146\)](#) to create an RSA key pair that is shared with user 4. It uses the `m_value` parameter to enable quorum authentication on the private key in the pair and set the quorum size to two users. The number of users must be large enough to provide the required approvals.

The output shows that the command created public key 27 and private key 28.

```
Command: genRSAKeyPair -m 2048 -e 195193 -l rsa_mofn -id rsa_mv2 -u 4 -m_value 2

Cfm3GenerateKeyPair returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3GenerateKeyPair:    public key handle: 27    private key handle: 28

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

This command uses [getKeyInfo](#) to get information about the users of the private key. The output shows that the key is owned by user 3 and shared with user 4. It also shows that a quorum of two users must approve every cryptographic operation that uses the key.

```
Command: getKeyInfo -k 28

Cfm3GetKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Owned by user 3

also, shared to following 1 user(s):

    4
    2 Users need to approve to use/manage this key
```

Parameters

-h

Displays command line help for the command.

Required: Yes

-k

Specifies the key handle of one key in the HSM. Enter the key handle of a key that you own or share. This parameter is required.

To find key handles, use the [findKey \(p. 169\)](#) command.

Required: Yes

Related Topics

- [getKeyInfo](#) (p. 99) in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`
- [listUsers](#) (p. 169)
- [findKey](#) (p. 133)
- [findAllKeys](#) (p. 91) in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`

imSymKey

The `imSymKey` command in the `key_mgmt_util` tool imports a plaintext copy of a symmetric key from a file into the HSM. You can use it to import keys that you generate by any method outside of the HSM and keys that were exported from an HSM, such as the keys that the [exSymKey](#) (p. 129), command writes to a file.

During the import process, `imSymKey` uses an AES key that you select (the *wrapping key*) to *wrap* (encrypt) and then *unwrap* (decrypt) the key to be imported. However, `imSymKey` works only on files that contain plaintext keys. To export and import encrypted keys, use the [wrapKey](#) (p. 175) and [unWrapKey](#) (p. 172) commands.

Also, the `imSymKey` command exports only symmetric keys. To import public keys, use `importPubKey`. To import private keys, use `importPrivateKey` or `wrapKey`.

Imported keys work very much like keys generated in the HSM. However, the value of the [OBJ_ATTR_LOCAL attribute](#) (p. 176) is zero, which indicates that it was not generated locally. You can use the following command to share a symmetric key as you import it. You can use the `shareKey` command in [cloudhsm_mgmt_util](#) (p. 74) to share the key after it is imported.

```
imSymKey -l aesShared -t 31 -f kms.key -w 3296 -u 5
```

After you import a key, be sure to mark or delete the key file. This command does not prevent you from importing the same key material multiple times. The result, multiple keys with distinct key handles and the same key material, make it difficult to track use of the key material and prevent it from exceeding its cryptographic limits.

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start key_mgmt_util](#) (p. 121) and [login](#) (p. 122) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Syntax

```
imSymKey -h

imSymKey -f <key-file>
        -w <wrapping-key-handle>
        -t <key-type>
        -l <label>
        [-id <key-ID>]
        [-sess]
        [-wk <wrapping-key-file> ]
        [-attest]
        [-min_srv <minimum-number-of-servers>]
        [-timeout <number-of-seconds> ]
        [-u <user-ids>]
```


Examples

These examples show how to use `imSymKey` to import symmetric keys into your HSMs.

Example : Import an AES Symmetric Key

This example uses `imSymKey` to import an AES symmetric key into the HSMs.

The first command uses OpenSSL to generate a random 256-bit AES symmetric key. It saves the key in the `aes256.key` file.

```
$ openssl rand -out aes256-forImport.key 32
```

The second command uses `imSymKey` to import the AES key from the `aes256.key` file into the HSMs. It uses key 20, an AES key in the HSM, as the wrapping key and it specifies a label of `imported`. Unlike the ID, the label does not need to be unique in the cluster. The value of the `-t` (type) parameter is 31, which represents AES.

The output shows that the key in the file was wrapped and unwrapped, then imported into the HSM, where it was assigned the key handle 262180.

```
Command: imSymKey -f aes256.key -w 20 -t 31 -l imported

Cfm3WrapHostKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3CreateUnwrapTemplate returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3UnWrapKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Symmetric Key Unwrapped. Key Handle: 262180

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

The next command uses `getAttribute` (p. 156) to get the `OBJ_ATTR_LOCAL` attribute ([attribute 355](#) (p. 176)) of the newly imported key and writes it to the `attr_262180` file.

```
Command: getAttribute -o 262180 -a 355 -out attributes/attr_262180
Attributes dumped into attributes/attr_262180_imported file

Cfm3GetAttribute returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

When you examine the attribute file, you can see that the value of the `OBJ_ATTR_LOCAL` attribute is zero, which indicates that the key material was not generated in the HSM.

```
$ cat attributes/attr_262180_local
OBJ_ATTR_LOCAL
0x00000000
```

Example : Move a Symmetric Key Between Clusters

This example shows how to use `exSymKey` and `imSymKey` to move a plaintext AES key between clusters. You might use a process like this one to create an AES wrapping that exists on the HSMs both clusters. Once the shared wrapping key is in place, you can use [wrapKey](#) (p. 175) and [unwrapKey](#) (p. 172) to move encrypted keys between the clusters.

The CU user who performs this operation must have permission to log in to the HSMs on both clusters.

The first command uses `exSymKey` to export key 14, a 32-bit AES key, from the cluster 1 into the `aes.key` file. It uses key 6, an AES key on the HSMs in cluster 1, as the wrapping key.

```
Command: exSymKey -k 14 -w 6 -out aes.key

Cfm3WrapKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3UnWrapHostKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Wrapped Symmetric Key written to file "aes.key"
```

The user then logs into `key_mgmt_util` in cluster 2 and runs an `imSymKey` command to import the key in the `aes.key` file into the HSMs in cluster 2. This command uses key 252152, an AES key on the HSMs in cluster 2, as the wrapping key.

Because the wrapping keys that `exSymKey` and `imSymKey` use wrap and immediately unwrap the target keys, the wrapping keys on the different clusters need not be the same.

The output shows that the key was successfully imported into cluster 2 and assigned a key handle of 21.

```
Command: imSymKey -f aes.key -w 262152 -t 31 -l xcluster

Cfm3WrapHostKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3CreateUnwrapTemplate returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3UnWrapKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Symmetric Key Unwrapped. Key Handle: 21

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

To prove that key 14 of cluster 1 and key 21 in cluster 2 have the same key material, get the key check value (KCV) of each key. If the KCV values are the same, the key material is the same.

The following command uses [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#) in cluster 1 to write the value of the KCV attribute (attribute 371) of key 14 to the `attr_14_kcv` file. Then, it uses a `cat` command to get the content of the `attr_14_kcv` file.

```
Command: getAttribute -o 14 -a 371 -out attr_14_kcv
Attributes dumped into attr_14_kcv file

$ cat attr_14_kcv
OBJ_ATTR_KCV
0xc33cbd
```

This similar command uses [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#) in cluster 2 to write the value of the KCV attribute (attribute 371) of key 21 to the `attr_21_kcv` file. Then, it uses a `cat` command to get the content of the `attr_21_kcv` file.

```
Command: getAttribute -o 21 -a 371 -out attr_21_kcv
Attributes dumped into attr_21_kcv file

$ cat attr_21_kcv
OBJ_ATTR_KCV
0xc33cbd
```

The output shows that the KCV values of the two keys are the same, which proves that the key material is the same.

Because the same key material exists in the HSMs of both clusters, you can now share encrypted keys between the clusters without ever exposing the plaintext key. For example, you can use the `wrapKey` command with wrapping key 14 to export an encrypted key from cluster 1, and then use `unwrapKey` with wrapping key 21 to import the encrypted key into cluster 2.

Example : Import a Session Key

This command uses the `-sess` parameters of `imSymKey` to import a 192-bit Triple DES key that is valid only in the current session.

The command uses the `-f` parameter to specify the file that contains the key to import, the `-t` parameter to specify the key type, and the `-w` parameter to specify the wrapping key. It uses the `-l` parameter to specify a label that categorizes the key and the `-id` parameter to create a friendly, but unique, identifier for the key. It also uses the `-attest` parameter to verify the firmware that is importing the key.

The output shows that the key was successfully wrapped and unwrapped, imported into the HSM, and assigned the key handle 37. Also, the attestation check passed, which indicates that the firmware has not been tampered.

```
Command:  imSymKey -f 3des192.key -w 6 -t 21 -l temp -id test01 -sess -attest

Cfm3WrapHostKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3CreateUnwrapTemplate returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3UnWrapKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Symmetric Key Unwrapped.  Key Handle: 37

Attestation Check : [PASS]

Cluster Error Status
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Next, you can use the [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#) or [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) commands to verify the attributes of the newly imported key. The following command uses `findKey` to verify that key 37 has the type, label, and ID specified by the command, and that it is a session key. As shown on line 5 of the output, `findKey` reports that the only key that matches all of the attributes is key 37.

```
Command:  findKey -t 21 -l temp -id test01 -sess 1
Total number of keys present 1

number of keys matched from start index 0::0
37

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 2 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3FindKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Parameters

-attest

Runs an integrity check that verifies that the firmware on which the cluster runs has not been tampered with.

Default: No attestation check.

Required: No

-f

Specifies the file that contains that key to import.

The file must contain a plaintext copy of an AES or Triple DES key of the specified length. RC4 and DES keys are not valid on FIPS-mode HSMs.

- **AES:** 16, 24 or 32 bytes
- **Triple DES (3DES):** 24 bytes

Required: Yes

-h

Displays help for the command.

Required: Yes

-id

Specifies a user-defined identifier for the key. Type a string that is unique in the cluster. The default is an empty string.

Default: No ID value.

Required: No

-l

Specifies a user-defined label for the key. Type a string.

You can use any phrase that helps you to identify the key. Because the label does not have to be unique, you can use it to group and categorize keys.

Required: Yes

-min_srv

Specifies the minimum number of HSMs on which the key is synchronized before the value of the `-timeout` parameter expires. If the key is not synchronized to the specified number of servers in the time allotted, it is not created.

AWS CloudHSM automatically synchronizes every key to every HSM in the cluster. To speed up your process, set the value of `min_srv` to less than the number of HSMs in the cluster and set a low timeout value. Note, however, that some requests might not generate a key.

Default: 1

Required: No

-sess

Creates a key that exists only in the current session. The key cannot be recovered after the session ends.

Use this parameter when you need a key only briefly, such as a wrapping key that encrypts, and then quickly decrypts, another key. Do not use a session key to encrypt data that you might need to decrypt after the session ends.

To change a session key to a persistent (token) key, use [setAttribute \(p. 170\)](#).

Default: The key is persistent.

Required: No

-timeout

Specifies how long (in seconds) the command waits for a key to be synchronized to the number of HSMs specified by the `min_srv` parameter.

This parameter is valid only when the `min_srv` parameter is also used in the command.

Default: No timeout. The command waits indefinitely and returns only when the key is synchronized to the minimum number of servers.

Required: No

-t

Specifies the type of the symmetric key. Enter the constant that represents the key type. For example, to create an AES key, enter `-t 31`.

Valid values:

- 21: [Triple DES \(3DES\)](#).
- 31: [AES](#)

Required: Yes

-u

Shares the key you are importing with specified users. This parameter gives other HSM crypto users (CUs) permission to use this key in cryptographic operations.

Type one ID or a comma-separated list of HSM user IDs, such as `-u 5,6`. Do not include the HSM user ID of the current user. To find the an ID, you can use the [listUsers](#) command in the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` command line tool or the [listUsers](#) command in the `key_mgmt_util` command line tool.

Required: No

-w

Specifies the key handle of the wrapping key. This parameter is required. To find key handles, use the [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) command.

A *wrapping key* is a key in the HSM that is used to encrypt ("wrap") and then decrypt ("unwrap") the key during the import process. Only AES keys can be used as wrapping keys.

You can use any AES key (of any size) as a wrapping key. Because the wrapping key wraps, and then immediately unwraps, the target key, you can use as session-only AES key as a wrapping key. To determine whether a key can be used as a wrapping key, use [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#) to get the value of the `OBJ_ATTR_WRAP` attribute (262). To create a wrapping key, use [genSymKey \(p. 151\)](#) to create an AES key (type 31).

If you use the `-wk` parameter to specify an external wrapping key, the `-w` wrapping key is used to unwrap, but not to wrap, the key that is being imported.

Note

Key 4 is an unsupported internal key. We recommend that you use an AES key that you create and manage as the wrapping key.

Required: Yes

-wk

Use the AES key in the specified file to wrap the key that is being imported. Enter the path and name of a file that contains a plaintext AES key.

When you include this parameter, `imSymKey` uses the key in the `-wk` file to wrap the key being imported and it uses the key in the HSM that is specified by the `-w` parameter to unwrap it. The `-w` and `-wk` parameter values must resolve to the same plaintext key.

Default: Use the wrapping key on the HSM to unwrap.

Required: No

Related Topics

- [genSymKey \(p. 151\)](#)
- [exSymKey \(p. 129\)](#)
- [wrapKey \(p. 175\)](#)
- [unWrapKey \(p. 172\)](#)
- `exportPrivateKey`
- `exportPubKey`

listAttributes

The **listAttributes** command in `key_mgmt_util` lists the attributes of an AWS CloudHSM key and the constants that represent them. You use these constants to identify the attributes in [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#) and [setAttribute \(p. 170\)](#) commands. For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#).

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start key_mgmt_util \(p. 121\)](#) and [login \(p. 122\)](#) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Syntax

This command has no parameters.

```
listAttributes
```

Example

This command lists the key attributes that you can get and change in `key_mgmt_util` and the constants that represent them. For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#).

To represent all attributes in the [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#) command in `key_mgmt_util`, use 512.

Command: **listAttributes**

Following are the possible attribute values for `getAttribute`:

<code>OBJ_ATTR_CLASS</code>	= 0
<code>OBJ_ATTR_TOKEN</code>	= 1
<code>OBJ_ATTR_PRIVATE</code>	= 2
<code>OBJ_ATTR_LABEL</code>	= 3
<code>OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE</code>	= 256
<code>OBJ_ATTR_ENCRYPT</code>	= 260
<code>OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT</code>	= 261
<code>OBJ_ATTR_WRAP</code>	= 262
<code>OBJ_ATTR_UNWRAP</code>	= 263
<code>OBJ_ATTR_SIGN</code>	= 264
<code>OBJ_ATTR_VERIFY</code>	= 266
<code>OBJ_ATTR_LOCAL</code>	= 355

OBJ_ATTR_MODULUS	= 288
OBJ_ATTR_MODULUS_BITS	= 289
OBJ_ATTR_PUBLIC_EXPONENT	= 290
OBJ_ATTR_VALUE_LEN	= 353
OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE	= 354
OBJ_ATTR_KCV	= 371

Related Topics

- [listAttributes \(p. 103\)](#) in cloudhsm_mgmt_util
- [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#)
- [setAttribute \(p. 170\)](#)
- [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#)

listUsers

The **listUsers** command in the key_mgmt_util gets the users in the HSMs, along with their user type and other attributes.

In key_mgmt_util, listUsers returns output that represents all HSMs in the cluster, even if they are not consistent. To get information about the users in each HSM, use the [listUsers \(p. 169\)](#) command in cloudhsm_mgmt_util.

The user commands in key_mgmt_util, **listUsers** and **getKeyInfo**, are read-only commands that crypto users (CUs) have permission to run. The remaining user management commands are part of cloudhsm_mgmt_util. They are run by crypto officers (CO) who have user management permissions.

Before you run any key_mgmt_util command, you must [start key_mgmt_util \(p. 121\)](#) and [login \(p. 122\)](#) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Syntax

```
listUsers
listUsers -h
```

Example

This command lists the users of HSMs in the cluster and their attributes. You can use the User ID attribute to identify users in other commands, such as [findKey \(p. 133\)](#), [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#), and [getKeyInfo \(p. 159\)](#).

```
Command: listUsers

      Number Of Users found 4

  Index      User ID      User Type      User Name      MofnPubKey
LoginFailureCnt  2FA
  1          1          PCO          admin          NO
0           2          AU          app_user        NO
0           3          CU          alice          YES
0           4          CU          bob            NO
0           5          CU          trent          YES
0           NO          5          CU          trent          YES
```

```
Cfm3ListUsers returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

The output includes the following user attributes:

- **User ID:** Identifies the user in `key_mgmt_util` and [cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 74\)](#) commands.
- **User type (p. 10):** Determines the operations that the user can perform on the HSM.
- **User Name:** Displays the user-defined friendly name for the user.
- **MofnPubKey:** Indicates whether the user has registered a key pair for signing [quorum authentication tokens \(p. 61\)](#).
- **LoginFailureCnt:**
- **2FA:** Indicates that the user has enabled multi-factor authentication.

Parameters

-h

Displays help for the command.

Required: Yes

Related Topics

- [listUsers \(p. 169\)](#) in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`
- [findKey \(p. 133\)](#)
- [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#)
- [getKeyInfo \(p. 159\)](#)

setAttribute

The **setAttribute** command in `key_mgmt_util` converts a key that is valid only in the current session to a persistent key that exists until you delete it. It does this by changing the value of the token attribute of the key (`OBJ_ATTR_TOKEN`) from false (0) to true (1). You can only change the attributes of keys that you own.

You can also use the `setAttribute` command in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` to change the label, wrap, unwrap, encrypt, and decrypt attributes.

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start key_mgmt_util \(p. 121\)](#) and [login \(p. 122\)](#) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Syntax

```
setAttribute -h

setAttribute -o <object handle>
               -a 1
```

Example

This example shows how to convert a session key to a persistent key.

The first command uses the `-sess` parameter of [genSymKey \(p. 151\)](#) to create a 192-bit AES key that is valid only in the current session. The output shows that the key handle of the new session key is 262154.

```
Command: genSymKey -t 31 -s 24 -l tmpAES -sess

Cfm3GenerateSymmetricKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Symmetric Key Created. Key Handle: 262154

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

This command uses [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) to find the session keys in the current session. The output verifies that key 262154 is a session key.

```
Command: findKey -sess 1

Total number of keys present 1

number of keys matched from start index 0::0
262154

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3FindKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

This command uses `setAttribute` to convert key 262154 from a session key to a persistent key. To do so, it changes the value of the token attribute (`OBJ_ATTR_TOKEN`) of the key from 0 (false) to 1 (true). For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#).

The command uses the `-o` parameter to specify the key handle (262154) and the `-a` parameter to specify the constant that represents the token attribute (1). When you run the command, it prompts you for a value for the token attribute. The only valid value is 1 (true); the value for a persistent key.

```
Command: setAttribute -o 262154 -a 1
This attribute is defined as a boolean value.
Enter the boolean attribute value (0 or 1):1

Cfm3SetAttribute returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

To confirm that key 262154 is now persistent, this command uses `findKey` to search for session keys (`-sess 1`) and persistent keys (`-sess 0`). This time, the command does not find any session keys, but it returns 262154 in the list of persistent keys.

```
Command: findKey -sess 1

Total number of keys present 0

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Cfm3FindKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

```
Command: findKey -sess 0

Total number of keys present 5

  number of keys matched from start index 0::4
6, 7, 524296, 9, 262154

    Cluster Error Status
    Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
    Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

    Cfm3FindKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Parameters

-h

Displays help for the command.

Required: Yes

-o

Specifies the key handle of the target key. You can specify only one key in each command. To get the key handle of a key, use [findKey \(p. 133\)](#).

Required: Yes

-a

Specifies the constant that represents the attribute that you want to change. The only valid value is 1, which represents the token attribute, `OBJ_ATTR_TOKEN`.

To get the attributes and their integer values, use [listAttributes \(p. 168\)](#).

Required: Yes

Related Topics

- [setAttribute \(p. 109\)](#) in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`
- [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#)
- [listAttributes \(p. 168\)](#)
- [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#)

unWrapKey

The **unWrapKey** command in the `key_mgmt_util` tool imports a wrapped (encrypted) symmetric or private key from a file into the HSM. It is designed to import encrypted keys from files that were created by the [wrapKey \(p. 175\)](#) command.

During the import process, **unWrapKey** uses an AES key on the HSM that you specify to unwrap (decrypt) the key in the file. Then it saves the key in the HSM with a key handle and the attributes that you specify. To export and import plaintext keys, use the [exSymKey \(p. 129\)](#) and [imSymKey \(p. 162\)](#) commands.

Imported keys work very much like keys generated in the HSM. However, the value of the [OBJ_ATTR_LOCAL attribute \(p. 176\)](#) is zero, which indicates that it was not generated locally. The **unWrapKey** command does not have parameters that assign a label or share the key with other users,

but you can use the `shareKey` command in [cloudhsm_mgmt_util](#) (p. 74) to add those attributes after the key is imported.

After you import a key, be sure to mark or delete the key file. This command does not prevent you from importing the same key material multiple times. The result, multiple keys with distinct key handles and the same key material, make it difficult to track use of the key material and prevent it from exceeding its cryptographic limits.

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start key_mgmt_util](#) (p. 121) and [login](#) (p. 122) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Syntax

```
unWrapKey -h

unWrapKey -f <key-file-name>
           -w <wrapping-key-handle> 4
           [-sess]
           [-min_srv <minimum-number-of-HSMs>]
           [-timeout <number-of-seconds> ]
           [-attest]
```

Example

Example

This command imports an wrapped (encrypted) copy of a Triple DES (3DES) symmetric key from the `3DES.key` file into the HSMs. To unwrap (decrypt) the key, the command uses the `-w` parameter to specify key 6, an AES key on the HSM. The AES key that unwraps during import must be the same key that wrapped during export, or a cryptographically identical copy.

The output shows that the key in the file was unwrapped and imported. The new key has key handle 29.

If you are using **unWrapKey** to move a key between clusters, you must first create an AES wrapping key that exists on both clusters. You can generate a key outside of the HSMs and then use `imSymKey` to import it to the HSMs on both cluster. Or, generate an AES key in the HSMs on one cluster, use [exSymKey](#) (p. 129) to export it in plaintext to a file. Then use `imSymKey` to import the plaintext key into the other cluster. Once the wrapping key is established on both clusters, you can use **wrapKey** and **unWrapKey** to move encrypted keys between clusters without ever exposing the plaintext key.

```
Command: unWrapKey -f 3DES.key -w 6

Cfm3UnWrapKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS

Key Unwrapped. Key Handle: 29

Cluster Error Status
Node id 1 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Parameters

-h

Displays help for the command.

Required: Yes

-f

Specifies the path and name of the file that contains the wrapped key.

Required: Yes

-w

Specifies the wrapping key. Type the key handle of an AES key on the HSM. This parameter is required. To find key handles, use the [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) command.

To create a wrapping key, use [genSymKey \(p. 151\)](#) to create an AES key (type 31). To verify that a key can be used as a wrapping key, use [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#) to get the value of the `OBJ_ATTR_WRAP` attribute, which is represented by constant 262.

Note

Key handle 4 represents an unsupported internal key. We recommend that you use an AES key that you create and manage as the wrapping key.

Required: Yes

-sess

Creates a key that exists only in the current session. The key cannot be recovered after the session ends.

Use this parameter when you need a key only briefly, such as a wrapping key that encrypts, and then quickly decrypts, another key. Do not use a session key to encrypt data that you might need to decrypt after the session ends.

To change a session key to a persistent (token) key, use [setAttribute \(p. 170\)](#).

Default: The key is persistent.

Required: No

-min_srv

Specifies the minimum number of HSMs on which the key is synchronized before the value of the `-timeout` parameter expires. If the key is not synchronized to the specified number of servers in the time allotted, it is not created.

AWS CloudHSM automatically synchronizes every key to every HSM in the cluster. To speed up your process, set the value of `min_srv` to less than the number of HSMs in the cluster and set a low timeout value. Note, however, that some requests might not generate a key.

Default: 1

Required: No

-timeout

Specifies how long (in seconds) the command waits for a key to be synchronized to the number of HSMs specified by the `min_srv` parameter.

This parameter is valid only when the `min_srv` parameter is also used in the command.

Default: No timeout. The command waits indefinitely and returns only when the key is synchronized to the minimum number of servers.

Required: No

-attest

Runs an integrity check that verifies that the firmware on which the cluster runs has not been tampered with.

Default: No attestation check.

Required: No

Related Topics

- [wrapKey](#) (p. 175)
- [exSymKey](#) (p. 129)
- [imSymKey](#) (p. 162)

wrapKey

The `wrapKey` command in `key_mgmt_util` exports an encrypted copy of a symmetric or private key from the HSM to a file on disk. When you run `wrapKey`, you specify the key to export, an AES key on the HSM to encrypt (wrap) the key to be exported, and the output file.

The `wrapKey` command writes the encrypted key to a file that you specify, but it does not remove the key from the HSM, change its [key attributes](#) (p. 176), or prevent you from using it in cryptographic operations. You can export the same key multiple times.

Only the owner of a key, that is, the CU user who created the key, can export it. Users who share the key can use it in cryptographic operations, but they cannot export it.

To import (and unwrap) the encrypted key from the file to an HSM, use [unWrapKey](#) (p. 172). To export a plaintext key from the HSM, use [exSymKey](#) (p. 129). The [aesWrapUnwrap](#) (p. 124) command cannot decrypt (unwrap) keys that **wrapKey** encrypts.

Before you run any `key_mgmt_util` command, you must [start key_mgmt_util](#) (p. 121) and [login](#) (p. 122) to the HSM as a crypto user (CU).

Syntax

```
wrapKey -h

wrapKey -k <exported-key-handle>
        -w <wrapping-key-handle>
        -out <output-file>
```

Example

Example

This command exports a 192-bit Triple DES (3DES) symmetric key (key handle 7). It uses a 256-bit AES key in the HSM (key handle 14) to wrap key 7. Then it writes the encrypted 3DES key to the `3DES-encrypted.key` file.

The output shows that key 7 (the 3DES key) was successfully wrapped and written to the specified file. The encrypted key is 307 bytes long.

```
Command:  wrapKey -k 7 -w 14 -out 3DES-encrypted.key

Key Wrapped.

Wrapped Key written to file "3DES-encrypted.key" length 307

Cfm2WrapKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

Parameters

-h

Displays help for the command.

Required: Yes

-k

Specifies the key handle of the key to export. Type the key handle of a symmetric or private key that you own. To find key handles, use the [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) command.

To verify that a key can be exported, use the [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#) command to get the value of the `OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE` attribute, which is represented by constant 354. For help interpreting the key attributes, see the [Key Attribute Reference \(p. 176\)](#).

Also, you can export only keys that you own. To find the owner of a key, use the [getKeyInfo \(p. 159\)](#) command.

Required: Yes

-w

Specifies the wrapping key. Type the key handle of an AES key on the HSM. This parameter is required. To find key handles, use the [findKey \(p. 133\)](#) command.

To create a wrapping key, use [genSymKey \(p. 151\)](#) to create an AES key (type 31). To verify that a key can be used as a wrapping key, use [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#) to get the value of the `OBJ_ATTR_WRAP` attribute, which is represented by constant 262.

Note

Key handle 4 represents an unsupported internal key. We recommend that you use an AES key that you create and manage as the wrapping key.

Required: Yes

-out

Specifies the path and name of the output file. When the command succeeds, this file contains an encrypted copy of the exported key. If the file already exists, the command overwrites it without warning.

Required: Yes

Related Topics

- [exSymKey \(p. 129\)](#)
- [imSymKey \(p. 162\)](#)
- [unWrapKey \(p. 172\)](#)

Key Attribute Reference

The `key_mgmt_util` commands use constants to represent the attributes of keys in an HSM. This topic can help you to identify the attributes, find the constants that represent them in commands, and understand their values.

You set the attributes of a key when you create it. To change the token attribute, which indicates whether a key is persistent or exists only in the session, use the [setAttribute \(p. 170\)](#) command in `key_mgmt_util`. To change the label, wrap, unwrap, encrypt, or decrypt attributes, use the `setAttribute` command in `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`.

To get a list of attributes and their constants, use [listAttributes \(p. 168\)](#). To get the attribute values for a key, use [getAttribute \(p. 156\)](#).

The following table lists the key attributes, their constants, and their valid values.

Attribute	Constant	Values
OBJ_ATTR_CLASS	0	2: Public key in a public–private key pair. 3: Private key in a public–private key pair. 4: Secret (symmetric) key.
OBJ_ATTR_TOKEN	1	0: False. Session key. 1: True. Persistent key.
OBJ_ATTR_PRIVATE	2	0: False. 1: True. Private key in a public–private key pair.
OBJ_ATTR_LABEL	3	User-defined string. It does not have to be unique in the cluster.
OBJ_ATTR_KEY_TYPE	256	0: RSA. 1: DSA. 3: EC. 16: Generic secret. 18: RC4. 21: Triple DES (3DES). 31: AES.
OBJ_ATTR_ID	258	User-defined string. Must be unique in the cluster. The default is an empty string.
OBJ_ATTR_SENSITIVE	259	0: False. Public key in a public–private key pair. 1: True.
OBJ_ATTR_ENCRYPT	260	0: False. 1: True. The key can be used to encrypt data.
OBJ_ATTR_DECRYPT	261	0: False. 1: True. The key can be used to decrypt data.
OBJ_ATTR_WRAP	262	0: False. 1: True. The key can be used to encrypt keys.

Attribute	Constant	Values
OBJ_ATTR_UNWRAP	263	0: False. 1: True. The key can be used to decrypt keys.
OBJ_ATTR_SIGN	264	0: False. 1: True. The key can be used for signing (private keys).
OBJ_ATTR_VERIFY	266	0: False. 1: True. The key can be used for verification (public keys).
OBJ_ATTR_MODULUS	288	The modulus that was used to generate an RSA key pair. For other key types, this attribute does not exist.
OBJ_ATTR_MODULUS_BITS	289	The length of the modulus used to generate an RSA key pair. For other key types, this attribute does not exist.
OBJ_ATTR_PUBLIC_EXPONENT	290	The public exponent used to generate an RSA key pair. For other key types, this attribute does not exist.
OBJ_ATTR_VALUE_LEN	353	Key length in bytes.
OBJ_ATTR_EXTRACTABLE	354	0: False. 1: True. The key can be exported from the HSMs.
OBJ_ATTR_LOCAL	355	0: False. The key was imported into the HSMs. 1: True.
OBJ_ATTR_KCV	371	Key check value of the key. For more information, see Additional Details (p. 178) .
OBJ_ATTR_ALL	512	Represents all attributes.

Additional Details

Key check value (kcv)

The *key check value* (KCV) is an 8-byte hash or checksum of a key. The HSM calculates a KCV when it generates the key. You can also calculate a KCV outside of the HSM, such as after you export a key.

You can then compare the KCV values to confirm the identity and integrity of the key. To get the KCV of a key, use [getAttribute](#) (p. 156).

AWS CloudHSM uses the following standard method to generate a key check value:

- **Symmetric keys:** First 8 bytes of the result of encrypting 16 zero-filled bytes with the key.
- **Asymmetric key pairs:** First 8 bytes of the modulus hash.

Configure Tool

AWS CloudHSM automatically synchronizes data among all HSMs in a cluster. The **Configure** tool updates the HSM data in the configuration files that the synchronization mechanisms use. Use **Configure** to refresh the HSM data before you use the command line tools, especially when the HSMs in the cluster have changed.

Before using the `key_mgmt_util` tool, run `configure -a`. Before using the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` tool, run `configure -a` and then run `configure -m`. You can also run `configure --ssl` to update SSL keys and certificates.

You can also use the **Configure** tool to update SSL keys and certificates.

Syntax

```
configure -h | --help  
  
configure -a <ENI IP address>  
  
configure -m [-i <daemon_id>]  
  
configure --ssl --pkey <private key file> --cert <certificate file>
```

Examples

These examples show how to use the **Configure** tool.

Example : Update the HSM Data for the AWS CloudHSM Client and `key_mgmt_util`

This example uses the `configure -a` command to update the HSM data for the AWS CloudHSM client and `key_mgmt_util`. This command is also the first step in updating the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` configuration file.

Before running `configure -a`, stop the AWS CloudHSM client. This prevents conflicts that might occur while **Configure** edits the client's configuration file. If the client is already stopped, this command has no ill effects, so you can use it in a script.

```
$ sudo stop cloudhsm-client  
  
cloudhsm-client stop/waiting
```

Next, get the ENI IP address of any one of the HSMs in your cluster. This command uses the [describe-clusters](#) command in the AWS CLI, but you can also use the [DescribeClusters](#) operation or the [Get-HSM2Cluster](#) PowerShell cmdlet.

This excerpt of the output shows the ENI IP addresses of the HSMs in a sample cluster. We can use either of the IP addresses in the next command.

```
$ aws cloudhsmv2 describe-clusters

{
  "Clusters": [
    { ... }
    "Hsms": [
      {
...
        "EniIp": "10.0.0.9",
...
      },
      {
...
        "EniIp": "10.0.1.6",
...
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

This step uses **configure -a** to add the 10.0.0.9 ENI IP address to the configurations files.

The output shows that **Configure** added 10.0.0.9 to the `cloudhsm_client.cfg` and `cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg` files.

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -a 10.0.0.9

Updating server config in /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_client.cfg
Updating server config in /opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg
```

Next, restart the AWS CloudHSM client. When the client starts, it uses the ENI IP address in its configuration file to query the cluster. Then, it writes the ENI IP addresses of all HSMs in the cluster to the `cluster.info` file.

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client

cloudhsm-client start/running, process 2747
```

When the command completes, the HSM data that the AWS CloudHSM client and `key_mgmt_util` use is complete and accurate. Before using `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`, run the **configure -m** command, as shown in the following example.

Example : Update the HSM Data for `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`

This example uses the **configure -m** command to copy the update the updated HSM data from the `cluster.info` file to the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg` file that `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` uses.

Before running **configure -m**, stop the AWS CloudHSM client, run `configure -a`, and then restart the AWS CloudHSM client, as shown in the [previous example \(p. 179\)](#). This ensures that the data copied into the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg` file from the `cluster.info` file is complete and accurate.

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -m

Updating '/opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg' from cluster state
```

Parameters

-h | --help

Displays command syntax.

Required: Yes

-a <ENI IP address>

Adds the specified HSM elastic network interface (ENI) IP address to AWS CloudHSM configuration files. Enter the ENI IP address of any one of the HSMs in the cluster. It does not matter which one you select.

To get the ENI IP addresses of the HSMs in your cluster, use the [DescribeClusters](#) operation, the [describe-clusters](#) AWS CLI command, or the [Get-HSM2Cluster](#) PowerShell cmdlet.

Note

Before running **configure -a**, stop the AWS CloudHSM client. Then, when **configure -a** completes, restart the AWS CloudHSM client. For details, [see the examples \(p. 179\)](#).

This parameter edits the following configuration files:

- `/opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_client.cfg`: Used by AWS CloudHSM client and [key_mgmt_util \(p. 119\)](#).
- `/opt/cloudhsm/etc/cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg`: Used by [cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 74\)](#).

When the AWS CloudHSM client starts, it uses the ENI IP address in its configuration file to query the cluster and update the `cluster.info` file (`/opt/cloudhsm/daemon/1/cluster.info`) with the correct ENI IP addresses for all HSMs in the cluster.

Required: Yes

-m

Updates the HSM ENI IP addresses in the configuration file that `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` uses.

When you run **configure -a** and then start the AWS CloudHSM client, the client daemon queries the cluster and updates the `cluster.info` files with the correct HSM IP addresses for all HSMs in the cluster. Running **configure -m** completes the update by copying the HSM IP addresses from the `cluster.info` to the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg` configuration file that `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` uses.

Be sure to run **configure -a** and restart the AWS CloudHSM client before running **configure -m**. This ensures that the data copied into `cloudhsm_mgmt_util.cfg` from `cluster.info` is complete and accurate.

Required: Yes

-i

Specifies an alternate client daemon. The default value represents the AWS CloudHSM client.

Default: 1

Required: No

--ssl

Replaces the SSL key and certificate for the cluster with the specified private key and certificate. When you use this parameter, the `--pkey` and `--cert` parameters are required.

Required: No

--pkey

Specifies the new private key. Enter the path and file name of the file that contains the private key.

Required: Yes if `--ssl` is specified. Otherwise, this should not be used.

--cert

Specifies the new certificate. Enter the path and file name of the file that contains the certificate. The certificate should chain up to the `customerCA.crt` certificate, the self-signed certificate used to initialize the cluster. For more information, see [Initialize the Cluster](#).

Required: Yes if --ssl is specified. Otherwise, this should not be used.

Related Topics

- [Set Up key_mgmt_util](#) (p. 120)
- [Prepare to run cloudhsm_mgmt_util](#) (p. 75)

Using the AWS CloudHSM Software Libraries

The AWS CloudHSM software libraries integrate your applications with the HSMs in your cluster. The libraries enable your application to perform cryptographic operations on the HSMs.

For detailed information about supported platforms and a full version history, see [AWS CloudHSM Client and Software Information](#) (p. 276).

Topics

- [AWS CloudHSM Software Library for PKCS #11](#) (p. 183)
- [AWS CloudHSM Dynamic Engine for OpenSSL](#) (p. 192)
- [AWS CloudHSM Software Library for Java](#) (p. 194)
- [KSP and CNG Providers for Windows](#) (p. 203)

AWS CloudHSM Software Library for PKCS #11

The AWS CloudHSM software library for PKCS #11 is a PKCS #11 standard implementation that communicates with the HSMs in your AWS CloudHSM cluster. It is supported only on Linux and compatible operating systems. This library is compliant with PKCS #11 version 2.40, and implements the following key types, mechanisms, and API operations.

Topics

- [Installing the AWS CloudHSM Software Library for PKCS #11](#) (p. 183)
- [Authenticating to PKCS #11](#) (p. 188)
- [Supported PKCS #11 Key Types](#) (p. 189)
- [Supported PKCS #11 Mechanisms](#) (p. 189)
- [Supported PKCS #11 API operations](#) (p. 190)

Installing the AWS CloudHSM Software Library for PKCS #11

With the AWS CloudHSM software libraries for PKCS #11, you can build PKCS #11-compatible applications that use the HSMs in your AWS CloudHSM cluster. You can use the standard AWS CloudHSM PKCS #11 library or the AWS CloudHSM PKCS #11 library that uses a [Redis cache](#) (p. 185). Both of the AWS CloudHSM libraries for PKCS #11 are supported only on Linux operating systems.

Topics

- [Prerequisites](#) (p. 183)
- [Install the PKCS #11 Library](#) (p. 184)
- [Install the PKCS #11 Library with Redis \(Optional\)](#) (p. 185)

Prerequisites

The AWS CloudHSM software libraries for PKCS #11 require the AWS CloudHSM client.

If you haven't installed and configured the AWS CloudHSM client, do that now by following the steps at [Install the Client \(Linux\) \(p. 35\)](#). After you install and configure the client, use the following command to start it.

Amazon Linux

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

CentOS 6

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

CentOS 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

RHEL 6

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

RHEL 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

Install the PKCS #11 Library

The following command downloads and installs (or updates) the AWS CloudHSM software library for PKCS #11. This step is required for the standard AWS CloudHSM PKCS #11 library and the [AWS CloudHSM PKCS #11 library for Redis \(p. 185\)](#).

Amazon Linux

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL6/cloudhsm-client-pkcs11-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-pkcs11-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL7/cloudhsm-client-pkcs11-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-pkcs11-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

CentOS 6

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL6/cloudhsm-client-pkcs11-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-pkcs11-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

CentOS 7

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL7/cloudhsm-client-pkcs11-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-pkcs11-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

RHEL 6

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL6/cloudhsm-client-pkcs11-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-pkcs11-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

RHEL 7

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL7/cloudhsm-client-pkcs11-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-pkcs11-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/Xenial/cloudhsm-client-pkcs11_latest_amd64.deb
```

```
$ sudo dpkg -i cloudhsm-client-pkcs11_latest_amd64.deb
```

When the installation succeeds, the PKCS #11 libraries are `/opt/cloudhsm/lib`.

Install the PKCS #11 Library with Redis (Optional)

AWS CloudHSM provides an optional software library for PKCS #11 that uses a [Redis cache](#). The cache stores key handles and attributes locally so you can access them without calling into your HSMs.

When you build the cache, you specify the crypto user (CU) that your [PKCS #11 application uses to authenticate](#) (p. 188). The cache is preloaded with the keys that the CU owns and shares. It is automatically updated when your application uses functions in the PKCS #11 library to make changes in the HSMs, such as creating or deleting keys or changing keys attributes. The cache is not aware of any other keys on the HSM.

Caching can improve the performance of your PKCS #11 application, but it might not be the right choice for all applications. Consider the following:

- Redis caches all PKCS #11 library operations that run on the host, but it's not aware of operations that are performed outside the library. For example, if you use the [command line tools](#) (p. 74) or the

[software library for Java \(p. 194\)](#) to manage keys in your HSMs, those operations do not update the cache. You can rebuild the cache to update it to the new state of the HSMs, but the cache is not synchronized with the HSMs automatically.

- Do not use the PKCS #11 library with Redis if you have other applications that use Redis on the same host. The PKCS #11 library configures Redis to recognize it as the only Redis consumer on the host.

To install the PKCS #11 Library with Redis, you use the Extra Packages for Enterprise Linux (EPEL) repository to install the Redis package. Then you enable and configure Redis to work with AWS CloudHSM and PKCS #11.

Some steps in this process are required only on selected operating systems.

Step 1: Install the AWS CloudHSM PKCS #11 library

To install the PKCS #11 Library with Redis, you must first [install the standard AWS CloudHSM PKCS #11 library \(p. 184\)](#). This library is required.

Required for Redis on: All supported operating systems.

Step 2: Install the EPEL Repository

This step installs the Extra Packages for Enterprise Linux (EPEL) repository. It is required only on operating systems that do not include EPEL.

Required for Redis only on: Amazon Linux 2, CentOS 6, CentOS 7, RedHat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6, RedHat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7

Amazon Linux 2

1. Download the EPEL repository.

```
curl -O https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-7.noarch.rpm
```

2. Install the EPEL repository.

```
sudo yum install epel-release-latest-7.noarch.rpm
```

CentOS 6

1. Download the EPEL repository.

```
curl -O https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-6.noarch.rpm
```

2. Install the EPEL repository.

```
sudo yum install epel-release-latest-6.noarch.rpm
```

CentOS 7

1. Download the EPEL repository.

```
curl -O https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-7.noarch.rpm
```

2. Install the EPEL repository.


```
sudo yum install epel-release-latest-7.noarch.rpm
```

RHEL 6

1. Download the EPEL repository.

```
curl -O https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-6.noarch.rpm
```

2. Install the EPEL repository.

```
sudo yum install epel-release-latest-6.noarch.rpm
```

RHEL 7

1. Download the EPEL repository.

```
curl -O https://dl.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/epel-release-latest-7.noarch.rpm
```

2. Install the EPEL repository.

```
sudo yum install epel-release-latest-7.noarch.rpm
```

Step 3: Prepare for Redis

This step includes system-specific tasks that must be completed before you install and configure the PKCS #11 library for Redis.

Required for Redis only on: Amazon Linux, CentOS 7, RedHat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6

Amazon Linux

This step enables the EPEL repository. It is required only on Amazon Linux, but you can use this procedure to verify that EPEL is enabled on any Linux operating system.

1. Open the `/etc/yum.repos.d/epel.repo` file in a text editor. This step requires administrative permissions (`sudo`).
2. In the `[epel]` configuration in the file, set the value of `enabled` to 1, as shown in the following example. Then, save the file and close it.

```
[epel]
name=Extra Packages for Enterprise Linux 6 - $basearch
#baseurl=http://download.fedoraproject.org/pub/epel/6/$basearch
mirrorlist=https://mirrors.fedoraproject.org/metalink?repo=epel-6&arch=$basearch
failovermethod=priority
enabled=1
gpgcheck=1
gpgkey=file:///etc/pki/rpm-gpg/RPM-GPG-KEY-EPEL-6
```

CentOS 7

This command disables a [Security-Enhanced Linux](#) (SELinux) policy that prevents Redis from using AWS CloudHSM resources.

```
sudo semanage module -d redis
```

RHEL 6

This command eliminates the TTY requirement in the `sudoers` file. The `sudoers` file contains the rules for the `sudo` command.

1. Use [visudo](#) editor to edit the `/etc/sudoers` file.
2. Comment out the `Defaults requiretty` statement. Then, save the file and quit `visudo`.

```
# Defaults requiretty
```

Step 4: Install, Configure, and Build the Redis Cache

Use the following procedure to install and configure the Redis package for the AWS CloudHSM library for PKCS #11 and build the cache.

Required for Redis on: All supported operating systems.

1. Use the `setup_redis` script to install Redis and configure it to work with the AWS CloudHSM PKCS #11 library for Redis.

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/setup_redis
```

2. Start the Redis service.

```
$ sudo service redis start
```

3. Use the `build_keystore` command to build the Redis cache. Type the name and password of the [crypto user \(CU\)](#) (p. 11) that your [PKCS #11 application uses for authentication](#) (p. 188).

The cache is preloaded with the keys that the specified CU owns and shares. It is updated automatically when your application makes changes in the HSMs on behalf of the CU, such as creating or deleting keys, or changing key attributes. The cache is not aware of any other keys on the HSMs.

```
$ /opt/cloudhsm/bin/build_keystore -s <CU user name> -p <CU password>
```

Authenticating to PKCS #11

When you use PKCS #11 with AWS CloudHSM, your application runs as a particular [crypto user \(CU\)](#) (p. 10) in your HSMs. Your application can view and manage only the keys that the CU owns and shares. You can use an existing CU in your HSMs or [create a new CU](#) (p. 53) for your application.

To specify the CU to PKCS #11, use the `pin` parameter of the PKCS #11 [C_Login function](#). For AWS CloudHSM, the `pin` parameter has the following format:

```
<CU_user_name>:<password>
```

For example, the following command sets the PKCS #11 pin to the CU with user name `CryptoUser` and password `CUPassword123!`.

```
CryptoUser:CUPassword123!
```

Supported PKCS #11 Key Types

The AWS CloudHSM software library for PKCS #11 supports the following key types.

- **RSA** – 2048-bit to 4096-bit RSA keys, in increments of 256 bits.
- **ECDSA** – Generate keys with the P-224, P-256, P-384, and P-521 curves. Only the P-256 and P-384 curves are supported for sign/verify.
- **AES** – 128, 192, and 256-bit AES keys.
- **Triple DES (3DES)** – 192-bit keys.
- **GENERIC_SECRET** – 1 to 64 bytes.

Supported PKCS #11 Mechanisms

The AWS CloudHSM software library for PKCS #11 supports the following PKCS #11 mechanisms.

Generate, Create, Import Keys

- CKM_AES_KEY_GEN
- CKM_DES3_KEY_GEN
- CKM_EC_KEY_PAIR_GEN
- CKM_GENERIC_SECRET_KEY_GEN
- CKM_RSA_X9_31_KEY_PAIR_GEN

Note

This mechanism is functionally identical to the CKM_RSA_PKCS_KEY_PAIR_GEN mechanism, but offers stronger guarantees for p and q generation. If you need the CKM_RSA_PKCS_KEY_PAIR_GEN mechanism, use CKM_RSA_X9_31_KEY_PAIR_GEN.

Sign/Verify

- CKM_RSA_PKCS
- CKM_RSA_PKCS_PSS
- CKM_SHA256_RSA_PKCS
- CKM_SHA224_RSA_PKCS
- CKM_SHA384_RSA_PKCS
- CKM_SHA512_RSA_PKCS
- CKM_SHA1_RSA_PKCS_PSS
- CKM_SHA256_RSA_PKCS_PSS
- CKM_SHA224_RSA_PKCS_PSS
- CKM_SHA384_RSA_PKCS_PSS
- CKM_SHA512_RSA_PKCS_PSS
- CKM_MD5_HMAC
- CKM_SHA_1_HMAC
- CKM_SHA224_HMAC
- CKM_SHA256_HMAC
- CKM_SHA384_HMAC
- CKM_SHA512_HMAC
- CKM_ECDSA
- CKM_ECDSA_SHA1

- CKM_ECDSA_SHA224
- CKM_ECDSA_SHA256
- CKM_ECDSA_SHA384
- CKM_ECDSA_SHA512

Digest

- CKM_SHA1
- CKM_SHA224
- CKM_SHA256
- CKM_SHA384
- CKM_SHA512

Note

Data under 16 KB in length are hashed on the HSM, while larger data are hashed locally in software.

Encrypt/Decrypt

- CKM_AES_CBC
- CKM_AES_CBC_PAD
- CKM_AES_GCM

Note

When performing AES-GCM encryption, the HSM does not accept initialization vector (IV) data from the application. It is required to use an IV that it generates. The 12-byte IV provided by the HSM is written into the memory reference pointed to by the pIV element of the CK_GCM_PARAMS parameters structure that you supply. To ensure there is no user confusion, PKCS#11 SDK in version 1.1.1 and later enforce that pIV points to a zeroized buffer when AES-GCM encryption is initialized.

- CKM_DES3_CBC
- CKM_DES3_CBC_PAD
- CKM_RSA_OAEP_PAD
- CKM_RSA_PKCS

Key Derive

- CKM_ECDH1_DERIVE

Note

This mechanism is implemented to support SSL/TLS Offload cases and is executed only partially within the HSM. Before using this mechanism, see *Issue: ECDH key derivation is executed only partially within the HSM* in [Known Issues for the PKCS #11 SDK \(p. 265\)](#).

Key Wrap

- CKM_AES_KEY_WRAP

Supported PKCS #11 API operations

The AWS CloudHSM software library for PKCS #11 supports the following PKCS #11 API operations.

- C_CreateObject
- C_Decrypt
- C_DecryptFinal
- C_DecryptInit
- C_DecryptUpdate
- C_DestroyObject
- C_DigestInit
- C_Digest
- C_Encrypt
- C_EncryptFinal
- C_EncryptInit
- C_EncryptUpdate
- C_FindObjects
- C_FindObjectsFinal
- C_FindObjectsInit
- C_Finalize
- C_GenerateKey
- C_GenerateKeyPair
- C_GenerateRandom
- C_GetAttributeValue
- C_GetFunctionList
- C_GetInfo
- C_GetMechanismInfo
- C_GetMechanismList
- C_GetOperationState
- C_GetSessionInfo
- C_GetSlotInfo
- C_GetSlotList
- C_GetTokenInfo
- C_Initialize
- C_Login
- C_Logout
- C_OpenSession
- C_Sign
- C_SignFinal
- C_SignInit
- C_SignRecover
- C_SignRecoverInit
- C_SignUpdate
- C_UnWrapKey
- C_Verify
- C_VerifyFinal
- C_VerifyInit
- C_VerifyRecover
- C_VerifyRecoverInit

- C_VerifyUpdate
- C_WrapKey

AWS CloudHSM Dynamic Engine for OpenSSL

The AWS CloudHSM dynamic engine for OpenSSL is an OpenSSL dynamic engine that supports the OpenSSL command line interface and EVP API operations. The dynamic engine allows applications that are integrated with OpenSSL, such as the NGINX and Apache web servers, to offload their cryptographic processing to the HSMs in your AWS CloudHSM cluster. The engine supports the following key types and ciphers:

- RSA key generation for 2048, 3072, and 4096-bit keys.
- RSA sign/verify.
- RSA encrypt/decrypt.
- Random number generation that is cryptographically secure and FIPS-validated.

For more information, see the following topic.

Topics

- [Install and Use the AWS CloudHSM Dynamic Engine for OpenSSL \(p. 192\)](#)

Install and Use the AWS CloudHSM Dynamic Engine for OpenSSL

Before you can use the AWS CloudHSM dynamic engine for OpenSSL, you need the AWS CloudHSM client.

The client is a daemon that establishes end-to-end encrypted communication with the HSMs in your cluster, and the OpenSSL engine communicates locally with the client. If you haven't installed and configured the AWS CloudHSM client package, do that now by following the steps at [Install the Client \(Linux\) \(p. 35\)](#). After you install and configure the client, use the following command to start it.

The AWS CloudHSM dynamic engine for OpenSSL is supported only on Linux and compatible operating systems.

Amazon Linux

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

CentOS 6

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

CentOS 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

RHEL 6

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

RHEL 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

Topics

- [Install and Configure the OpenSSL Dynamic Engine \(p. 193\)](#)
- [Use the OpenSSL Dynamic Engine \(p. 194\)](#)

Install and Configure the OpenSSL Dynamic Engine

Complete the following steps to install (or update) and configure the AWS CloudHSM dynamic engine for OpenSSL. It is supported only on Linux and compatible operating systems.

To install (or update) and configure the OpenSSL engine

1. Use the following commands to download and install the OpenSSL engine.

Amazon Linux

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL6/cloudhsm-client-dyn-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-dyn-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL7/cloudhsm-client-dyn-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-dyn-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

CentOS 6

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL6/cloudhsm-client-dyn-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-dyn-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

CentOS 7

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL7/cloudhsm-client-dyn-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-dyn-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

RHEL 6

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL6/cloudhsm-client-dyn-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-dyn-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

RHEL 7

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL7/cloudhsm-client-dyn-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-dyn-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/Xenial/cloudhsm-client-dyn_latest_amd64.deb
```

```
$ sudo dpkg -i cloudhsm-client-dyn_latest_amd64.deb
```

2. After you complete the preceding step, you can find the OpenSSL engine at `/opt/cloudhsm/lib/libcloudhsm_openssl.so`.
3. Use the following command to set an environment variable named `n3fips_password` that contains the credentials of a crypto user (CU).

```
$ export n3fips_password=<HSM user name>:<password>
```

Use the OpenSSL Dynamic Engine

To use the AWS CloudHSM dynamic engine for OpenSSL from the OpenSSL command line, use the `-engine` option to specify the OpenSSL dynamic engine named `cloudhsm`. For example:

```
$ openssl s_server -cert server.crt -key server.key -engine cloudhsm
```

To use the AWS CloudHSM dynamic engine for OpenSSL from an OpenSSL-integrated application, ensure that your application uses the OpenSSL dynamic engine named `cloudhsm`. The shared library for the dynamic engine is located at `/opt/cloudhsm/lib/libcloudhsm_openssl.so`.

AWS CloudHSM Software Library for Java

The AWS CloudHSM software library for Java is a provider implementation for the Sun Java JCE (Java Cryptography Extension) provider framework. It includes implementations for interfaces and engine classes in the JCA (Java Cryptography Architecture) standard. For more information about installing and using the Java library, see the following topics.

Topics

- [Install and Use the AWS CloudHSM Software Library for Java \(p. 195\)](#)
- [Supported Mechanisms \(p. 199\)](#)
- [Sample Code Prerequisites \(p. 202\)](#)
- [Code Samples for the AWS CloudHSM Software Library for Java \(p. 202\)](#)

Install and Use the AWS CloudHSM Software Library for Java

Before you can use the AWS CloudHSM software library for Java, you need the AWS CloudHSM client.

The client is a daemon that establishes end-to-end encrypted communication with the HSMS in your cluster, and the Java library communicates locally with the client. If you haven't installed and configured the AWS CloudHSM client package, do that now by following the steps at [Install the Client \(Linux\) \(p. 35\)](#). After you install and configure the client, use the following command to start it.

The AWS CloudHSM software library for Java is supported only on Linux and compatible operating systems.

Amazon Linux

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

CentOS 6

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

CentOS 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

RHEL 6

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

RHEL 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

Topics

- [Installing the Java Library \(p. 196\)](#)
- [Testing the Java Library \(p. 197\)](#)
- [Providing Credentials to the Java Library \(p. 198\)](#)

- [Key Management Basics in the Java Library \(p. 199\)](#)

Installing the Java Library

Complete the following steps to install or update the AWS CloudHSM software library for Java.

Use the following commands to download and install the Java library. This library is supported only on Linux and compatible operating systems.

Amazon Linux

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL6/cloudhsm-client-jce-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-jce-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL7/cloudhsm-client-jce-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-jce-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

CentOS 6

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL6/cloudhsm-client-jce-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-jce-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

CentOS 7

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL7/cloudhsm-client-jce-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-jce-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

RHEL 6

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL6/cloudhsm-client-jce-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-jce-latest.el6.x86_64.rpm
```

RHEL 7

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/EL7/cloudhsm-client-jce-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

```
$ sudo yum install -y ./cloudhsm-client-jce-latest.el7.x86_64.rpm
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ wget https://s3.amazonaws.com/cloudhsmv2-software/CloudHsmClient/Xenial/cloudhsm-client-jce_latest_amd64.deb
```

```
$ sudo dpkg -i cloudhsm-client-jce_latest_amd64.deb
```

After you complete the preceding steps, you can find the following Java library files:

- /opt/cloudhsm/java/cloudhsm-*version*.jar
- /opt/cloudhsm/java/cloudhsm-test-*version*.jar
- /opt/cloudhsm/java/hamcrest-all-1.3.jar
- /opt/cloudhsm/java/junit.jar
- /opt/cloudhsm/java/log4j-api-2.8.jar
- /opt/cloudhsm/java/log4j-core-2.8.jar
- /opt/cloudhsm/lib/libcaviumjca.so

Testing the Java Library

To test that the AWS CloudHSM software library for Java works with the HSMs in your cluster, complete the following steps.

To test the Java library with your cluster

1. (Optional) If you don't already have Java installed in your environment, use the following command to install it.

Linux (and compatible libraries)

```
$ sudo yum install -y java-1.8.0-openjdk
```

Ubuntu

```
$ sudo apt-get install openjdk-8-jre
```

2. Use the following commands to set the necessary environment variables. Replace *<HSM user name>* and *<password>* with the credentials of a crypto user (CU).

```
$ export LD_LIBRARY_PATH=/opt/cloudhsm/lib
```

```
$ export HSM_PARTITION=PARTITION_1
```

```
$ export HSM_USER=<HSM user name>
```

```
$ export HSM_PASSWORD=<password>
```

3. Use the following command to run the RSA test.

```
$ java8 -cp "/usr/share/java/junit4.jar:/opt/cloudhsm/java/*" \
    org.junit.runner.JUnitCore \
```

```
com.cavium.unittest.TestRSA
```

To run a different test, replace `TestRSA` in the preceding command with one of the following values:

- `TestAESKeyGen`
- `TestAes`
- `TestBlockCipherBuffer`
- `TestKeyStore`
- `TestLoginManager`
- `TestMac`
- `TestMessageDigest`
- `TestMessageUtil`
- `TestPadding`
- `TestProvider`
- `TestRSA`
- `TestRSAKeyGen`
- `TestSUNJce`
- `TestUtils`

Providing Credentials to the Java Library

Your Java application must be authenticated by the HSMs in your cluster before it can use them. Each application can use one session, which is established by providing credentials in one of the following ways. In the following examples, replace `<HSM user name>` and `<password>` with the credentials of a crypto user (CU).

Note

The search order for credentials goes as follows. If any credentials are found at one step, the search will not continue, even if the credentials are invalid:

1. Explicitly provided
2. Properties file
3. System properties
4. Environment Variables

The first of the following examples shows how to use the `LoginManager` class to manage sessions in your code. Instead, you can let the library implicitly manage sessions when your application starts, as shown in the remaining examples. However in these latter cases it might be difficult to understand error conditions when the provided credentials are invalid or the HSMs are having problems. When you use the `LoginManager` class, you have more control over how your application deals with failures.

- Add a file named `HsmCredentials.properties` to your application's `CLASSPATH`. The file's contents should look like the following:

```
HSM_PARTITION = PARTITION_1  
HSM_USER = <HSM user name>  
HSM_PASSWORD = <password>
```

- Provide Java system properties when running your application. The following examples show two different ways that you can do this:

```
$ java -DHSM_PARTITION=PARTITION_1 -DHSM_USER=<HSM user name> -DHSM_PASSWORD=<password>
```

```
System.setProperty("HSM_PARTITION", "PARTITION_1");  
System.setProperty("HSM_USER", "<HSM user name>");  
System.setProperty("HSM_PASSWORD", "<password>");
```

- Set system environment variables. For example:

```
$ export HSM_PARTITION=PARTITION_1
```

```
$ export HSM_USER=<HSM user name>
```

```
$ export HSM_PASSWORD=<password>
```

Key Management Basics in the Java Library

The following key management basics can help you get started with the AWS CloudHSM software library for Java.

To import a key implicitly

Pass the key to any API operation that accepts one. If the key is the correct type for the specified operation, the HSMs automatically import and use the provided key.

To import a key explicitly

Use the utility class named `ImportKey` to import a key and set its attributes.

To make a session key persist

Use the `Util.persistKey()` method to make a session key into a token key—that is, to persist the key in the HSMs.

To delete a key

Use the `Util.deleteKey()` method to delete a key.

Supported Mechanisms

For information about the Java Cryptography Architecture (JCA) interfaces and engine classes supported by AWS CloudHSM, see the following topics.

Topics

- [Supported Keys \(p. 199\)](#)
- [Supported Ciphers \(p. 200\)](#)
- [Supported Digests \(p. 201\)](#)
- [Supported Hash-Based Message Authentication Code \(HMAC\) Algorithms \(p. 201\)](#)
- [Supported Sign/Verify Mechanisms \(p. 202\)](#)

Supported Keys

The AWS CloudHSM software library for Java enables you to generate the following key types.

- **RSA** – 2048-bit to 4096-bit RSA keys, in increments of 256 bits.
- **AES** – 128, 192, and 256-bit AES keys.

- ECC key pairs for NIST curves P256 and P384.

In addition to standard parameters, we support the following parameters for each key that is generated.

- **Label:** A key label that you can use to search for keys.
- **isExtractable:** Indicates whether the key can be exported from the HSM.
- **isPersistent:** Indicates whether the key remains on the HSM when the current session ends.

Supported Ciphers

The AWS CloudHSM software library for Java supports the following algorithm, mode, and padding combinations.

Algorithm	Mode	Padding	Notes
AES	CBC	AES/CBC/NoPadding AES/CBC/ PKCS5Padding	Implements Cipher.ENCRYPT_MODE, Cipher.DECRYPT_MODE, Cipher.WRAP_MODE, Cipher.UNWRAP_MODE.
AES	ECB	NoPadding	Implements Cipher.WRAP_MODE and Cipher.UNWRAP_MODE. Use Transformation AES.
AES	GCM	AES/GCM/NoPadding	Implements Cipher.ENCRYPT_MODE and Cipher.DECRYPT_MODE. When performing AES-GCM encryption, the HSM ignores the initialization vector (IV) in the request and uses an IV that it generates. When the operation completes, you must call Cipher.getIV() to get the IV.
DESede (Triple DES)	CBC	DESede/CBC/ NoPadding DESede/CBC/ PKCS5Padding	Implements Cipher.ENCRYPT_MODE and Cipher.DECRYPT_MODE. The key generation routines accept a size of 168 or 192 bits. However, internally, all DESede keys are 192 bits.

Algorithm	Mode	Padding	Notes
RSA	ECB	RSA/ECB/NoPadding RSA/ECB/PKCS1Padding	Implements Cipher.ENCRYPT_MODE and Cipher.DECRYPT_MODE.
RSA	ECB	RSA/ECB/OAEP RSA/ECB/OAEPWithSHA-1ANDMGF1 RSA/ECB/PKCS1Padding RSA/ECB/OAEP RSA/ECB/OAEPWithSHA-224ANDMGF1 RSA/ECB/OAEPWithSHA-256ANDMGF1 RSA/ECB/OAEPWithSHA-384ANDMGF1 RSA/ECB/OAEPWithSHA-512ANDMGF1	Implements Cipher.ENCRYPT_MODE and Cipher.DECRYPT_MODE. OAEP padding is OAEP with the SHA-1 padding type.

Supported Digests

The AWS CloudHSM software library for Java supports the following message digests.

- SHA-1
- SHA-224
- SHA-256
- SHA-384
- SHA-512

Note

Data under 16 KB in length are hashed on the HSM, while larger data are hashed locally in software.

Supported Hash-Based Message Authentication Code (HMAC) Algorithms

The AWS CloudHSM software library for Java supports the following HMAC algorithms.

- HmacSHA1
- HmacSHA224
- HmacSHA256
- HmacSHA384

- HmacSHA512

Supported Sign/Verify Mechanisms

The AWS CloudHSM software library for Java supports the following types of signature and verification.

RSA Signature Types

- NONEwithRSA
- SHA1withRSA
- SHA224withRSA
- SHA256withRSA
- SHA384withRSA
- SHA512withRSA
- SHA1withRSA/PSS
- SHA224withRSA/PSS
- SHA256withRSA/PSS
- SHA384withRSA/PSS
- SHA512withRSA/PSS

ECDSA Signature Types

- NONEwithECDSA
- SHA1withECDSA
- SHA224withECDSA
- SHA256withECDSA
- SHA384withECDSA
- SHA512withECDSA

Sample Code Prerequisites

The Java code samples included in this documentation show you how to use the [AWS CloudHSM software library for Java \(p. 194\)](#) to perform basic tasks in AWS CloudHSM. Before running the samples, perform the following steps to set up your environment:

- Install and configure the [AWS CloudHSM software library for Java \(p. 195\)](#) and the [AWS CloudHSM client package \(p. 35\)](#).
- Set up a valid [HSM user name and password \(p. 53\)](#). Cryptographic user (CU) permissions are sufficient for these tasks. Your application uses these credentials to log in to the HSM in each example.
- Decide how to specify the Cavium provider.

Code Samples for the AWS CloudHSM Software Library for Java

The Java library code samples linked below show you how to use the [AWS CloudHSM software library for Java \(p. 194\)](#) to perform basic tasks in AWS CloudHSM.

- [Login to an HSM](#)

- [Manage keys](#)
- [Generate an AES key](#)
- [Encrypt and decrypt data with AES GCM](#)
- [Wrap and unwrap keys with AES](#)
- [Enumerate through the KeyStore](#)
- [Sign messages in a multi-threaded sample](#)

KSP and CNG Providers for Windows

Cryptography API: Next Generation (CNG) is a cryptographic API specific to the Microsoft Windows operating system. CNG enables developers to use cryptographic techniques to secure Windows-based applications. At a high level, CNG provides the following functionality.

- **Cryptographic Primitives** - enable you to perform fundamental cryptographic operations.
- **Key Import and Export** - enables you to import and export symmetric and asymmetric keys.
- **Data Protection API (CNG DPAPI)** - enables you to easily encrypt and decrypt data.
- **Key Storage and Retrieval** - enables you to securely store and isolate the private key of an asymmetric key pair.

Key storage providers (KSPs) enable key storage and retrieval. For example, if you add the Microsoft Active Directory Certificate Services (AD CS) role to your Windows server and you choose to create a new private key for your certificate authority (CA), you can choose the KSP that will manage key storage. The Windows CloudHSM client includes KSPs created by Cavium specifically for AWS CloudHSM. When you configure the AD CS role, you can choose a Cavium KSP. For more information, see [Create Windows Server CA \(p. 237\)](#). The Windows CloudHSM client also installs a Cavium CNG provider.

Topics

- [Install the KSP and CNG Providers for Windows \(p. 203\)](#)
- [Windows AWS CloudHSM Prerequisites \(p. 204\)](#)
- [Code Sample for Cavium CNG Provider \(p. 204\)](#)

Install the KSP and CNG Providers for Windows

The Cavium KSP and CNG providers are installed when you install the Windows AWS CloudHSM client.

- For client installation instructions, see [Install the Client \(Windows\) \(p. 37\)](#).
- Before you can use the Windows CloudHSM client, you must satisfy the [Prerequisites \(p. 204\)](#).
- You can choose the Cavium KSP when add the AD CS role to your Windows Server. See [Create Windows Server CA \(p. 237\)](#).

You can use either of the following commands to determine which providers are installed on your system. The commands list the registered KSP and CNG providers. The AWS CloudHSM client does not need to be running.

```
C:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM>ksp_config.exe -enum
```

```
C:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM>cng_config.exe -enum
```

Verify that the Cavium KSP and CNG providers are installed on your Windows Server EC2 instance. If the CNG provider is missing, run the following command.

```
C:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM>cng_config.exe -register
```

If the Cavium KSP is missing, run the following command.

```
C:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM>ksp_config.exe -register
```

Windows AWS CloudHSM Prerequisites

Before you can start the Windows AWS CloudHSM client and use the KSP and CNG providers, you must set the required system environment variables. These variables identify an HSM and a [crypto user \(p. 11\)](#) (CU) for your Windows application. You can use the [setx command](#) to set system environment variables, or set permanent system environment variables [programmatically](#) or in the **Advanced** tab of the Windows **System Properties** Control Panel.

Set the following system environment variables:

n3fips_partition=HSM-ID

Identifies an HSM in your cluster. Because they are synchronized, you can specify any HSM in the cluster. To create an HSM, use [CreateHsm](#). To find the HSM ID of an HSM, use [DescribeClusters](#) or choose a cluster in the AWS CloudHSM console.

For example:

```
setx /m n3fips_partition hsm-lgavqitns2a
```

n3fips_password=CU-username:CU-password

Identifies a [crypto user \(p. 11\)](#) (CU) in the HSM and provides all required login information. Your application authenticates and runs as this CU. The application has the permissions of this CU and can view and manage only the keys that the CU owns and shares. This CU must be available in the HSM specified by the `n3fips_partition` environment variable. To create a new CU, use [createUser \(p. 85\)](#). To find existing CUs, use [listUsers \(p. 105\)](#).

For example:

```
setx /m n3fips_password test_user:password123
```

Code Sample for Cavium CNG Provider

**** Example code only - Not for production use ****

This page includes example code that has not been fully tested. It is designed for test environments. Do not run this code in production.

The following sample shows how to enumerate the registered cryptographic providers on your system to find the Cavium CNG provider. The sample also shows how to create an asymmetric key pair and how to use the key pair to sign data.

Important

Before you run this example, you must set the `n3fips_partition` and `n3fips_password` environment variables. For details, see [Windows AWS CloudHSM Prerequisites \(p. 204\)](#).

```
// CloudHsmCngExampleConsole.cpp : Console application that demonstrates CNG capabilities.
// This example contains the following functions.
//
//   VerifyProvider()           - Enumerate the registered providers and retrieve Cavium KSP
//   and CNG providers.
//   GenerateKeyPair()         - Create an RSA key pair.
//   SignData()                - Sign and verify data.
//
#include "stdafx.h"
#include <Windows.h>

#ifndef NT_SUCCESS
#define NT_SUCCESS(Status) ((NTSTATUS)(Status) >= 0)
#endif

#define CAVIUM_CNG_PROVIDER L"Cavium CNG Provider"
#define CAVIUM_KEYSTORE_PROVIDER L"Cavium Key Storage Provider"

// Enumerate the registered providers and determine whether the Cavium CNG provider
// and the Cavium KSP provider exist.
//
bool VerifyProvider()
{
    NTSTATUS status;
    ULONG cbBuffer = 0;
    PCRYPT_PROVIDERS pBuffer = NULL;
    bool foundCng = false;
    bool foundKeystore = false;

    // Retrieve information about the registered providers.
    //   cbBuffer - the size, in bytes, of the buffer pointed to by pBuffer.
    //   pBuffer - pointer to a buffer that contains a CRYPT_PROVIDERS structure.
    status = BCryptEnumRegisteredProviders(&cbBuffer, &pBuffer);

    // If registered providers exist, enumerate them and determine whether the
    // Cavium CNG provider and Cavium KSP provider have been registered.
    if (NT_SUCCESS(status))
    {
        if (pBuffer != NULL)
        {
            for (ULONG i = 0; i < pBuffer->cProviders; i++)
            {
                // Determine whether the Cavium CNG provider exists.
                if (wcscmp(CAVIUM_CNG_PROVIDER, pBuffer->rgpszProviders[i]) == 0)
                {
                    printf("Found %S\n", CAVIUM_CNG_PROVIDER);
                    foundCng = true;
                }

                // Determine whether the Cavium KSP provider exists.
                else if (wcscmp(CAVIUM_KEYSTORE_PROVIDER, pBuffer->rgpszProviders[i]) == 0)
                {
                    printf("Found %S\n", CAVIUM_KEYSTORE_PROVIDER);
                    foundKeystore = true;
                }
            }
        }
    }
}
```

```

else
{
    printf("BCryptEnumRegisteredProviders failed with error code 0x%08x\n", status);
}

// Free memory allocated for the CRYPT_PROVIDERS structure.
if (NULL != pBuffer)
{
    BCryptFreeBuffer(pBuffer);
}

return foundCng == foundKeystore == true;
}

// Generate an asymmetric key pair. As used here, this example generates an RSA key pair
// and returns a handle. The handle is used in subsequent operations that use the key
// pair.
// The key material is not available.
//
// The key pair is used in the SignData function.
//
NTSTATUS GenerateKeyPair(BCRYPT_ALG_HANDLE hAlgorithm, BCRYPT_KEY_HANDLE *hKey)
{
    NTSTATUS status;

    // Generate the key pair.
    status = BCryptGenerateKeyPair(hAlgorithm, hKey, 2048, 0);
    if (!NT_SUCCESS(status))
    {
        printf("BCryptGenerateKeyPair failed with code 0x%08x\n", status);
        return status;
    }

    // Finalize the key pair. The public/private key pair cannot be used until this
    // function is called.
    status = BCryptFinalizeKeyPair(&hKey, 0);
    if (!NT_SUCCESS(status))
    {
        printf("BCryptFinalizeKeyPair failed with code 0x%08x\n", status);
        return status;
    }

    return status;
}

// Sign and verify data using the RSA key pair. The data in this function is hardcoded
// and is for example purposes only.
//
NTSTATUS SignData(BCRYPT_KEY_HANDLE hKey)
{
    NTSTATUS status;
    PBYTE sig;
    ULONG sigLen;
    ULONG resLen;
    BCRYPT_PKCS1_PADDING_INFO pInfo;

    // Hardcode the data to be signed (for demonstration purposes only).
    PBYTE message =
(PBYTE)"d83e7716bed8a20343d8dc6845e574477e4a9be63a80a0122f1fdcaa7a3c18c3";
    ULONG messageLen = strlen((char*)message);

    // Retrieve the size of the buffer needed for the signature.
    status = BCryptSignHash(hKey, NULL, message, messageLen, NULL, 0, &sigLen, 0);
    if (!NT_SUCCESS(status))
    {
        printf("BCryptSignHash failed with code 0x%08x\n", status);
    }
}

```

```

    return status;
}

// Allocate a buffer for the signature.
sig = (PBYTE)HeapAlloc(GetProcessHeap(), 0, sigLen);
if (sig == NULL)
{
    return -1;
}

// Use the SHA256 algorithm to create padding information.
pInfo.pszAlgId = BCRYPT_SHA256_ALGORITHM;

// Create a signature.
status = BCryptSignHash(hKey, &pInfo, message, messageLen, sig, sigLen, &resLen,
BCRYPT_PAD_PKCS1);
if (!NT_SUCCESS(status))
{
    printf("BCryptSignHash failed with code 0x%08x\n", status);
    return status;
}

// Verify the signature.
status = BCryptVerifySignature(hKey, &pInfo, message, messageLen, sig, sigLen, 0);
if (!NT_SUCCESS(status))
{
    printf("BCryptVerifySignature failed with code 0x%08x\n", status);
    return status;
}

// Free the memory allocated for the signature.
if (sig != NULL)
{
    HeapFree(GetProcessHeap(), 0, sig);
    sig = NULL;
}

return 0;
}

// Main function.
//
int main()
{
    NTSTATUS status;
    BCRYPT_ALG_HANDLE hRsaAlg;
    BCRYPT_KEY_HANDLE hKey = NULL;

    // Enumerate the registered providers.
    printf("Searching for Cavium providers...\n");
    if (VerifyProvider() == false) {
        printf("Could not find the CNG and Keystore providers\n");
        return 1;
    }

    // Get the RSA algorithm provider from the Cavium CNG provider.
    printf("Opening RSA algorithm\n");
    status = BCryptOpenAlgorithmProvider(&hRsaAlg, BCRYPT_RSA_ALGORITHM, CAVIUM_CNG_PROVIDER,
0);
    if (!NT_SUCCESS(status))
    {
        printf("BCryptOpenAlgorithmProvider RSA failed with code 0x%08x\n", status);
        return status;
    }

    // Generate an asymmetric key pair using the RSA algorithm.

```

```
printf("Generating RSA Keypair\n");
GenerateKeyPair(hRsaAlg, &hKey);
if (hKey == NULL)
{
    printf("Invalid key handle returned\n");
    return 0;
}
printf("Done!\n");

// Sign and verify [hardcoded] data using the RSA key pair.
printf("Sign/Verify data with key\n");
SignData(hKey);
printf("Done!\n");

// Remove the key handle from memory.
status = BCryptDestroyKey(hKey);
if (!NT_SUCCESS(status))
{
    printf("BCryptDestroyKey failed with code 0x%08x\n", status);
    return status;
}

// Close the RSA algorithm provider.
status = BCryptCloseAlgorithmProvider(hRsaAlg, NULL);
if (!NT_SUCCESS(status))
{
    printf("BCryptCloseAlgorithmProvider RSA failed with code 0x%08x\n", status);
    return status;
}

return 0;
}
```

Integrating Third-Party Applications with AWS CloudHSM

Some of the [use cases \(p. 1\)](#) for AWS CloudHSM involve integrating third-party software applications with the HSM in your AWS CloudHSM cluster. By integrating third-party software with AWS CloudHSM, you can accomplish a variety of security-related goals. The following topics describe how to accomplish some of these goals.

Topics

- [Improve Your Web Server's Security with SSL/TLS Offload in AWS CloudHSM \(p. 209\)](#)
- [Configure Windows Server as a Certificate Authority \(CA\) with AWS CloudHSM \(p. 236\)](#)
- [Oracle Database Transparent Data Encryption \(TDE\) with AWS CloudHSM \(p. 239\)](#)

Improve Your Web Server's Security with SSL/TLS Offload in AWS CloudHSM

Web servers and their clients (web browsers) can use Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) or Transport Layer Security (TLS). These protocols confirm the identity of the web server and establish a secure connection to send and receive webpages or other data over the internet. This is commonly known as HTTPS. The web server uses a public-private key pair and an SSL/TLS public key certificate to establish an HTTPS session with each client. This process involves a lot of computation for the web server, but you can offload some of this to the HSMs in your AWS CloudHSM cluster. This is sometimes known as SSL acceleration. Offloading reduces the computational burden on your web server and provides extra security by storing the server's private key in the HSMs.

The following topics provide an overview of how SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM works and tutorials for setting up SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM on the following platforms:

- **Linux** – Using the [NGINX](#) or [Apache HTTP Server](#) web server software
- **Windows** – Using the [Internet Information Services \(IIS\) for Windows Server](#) web server software

Topics

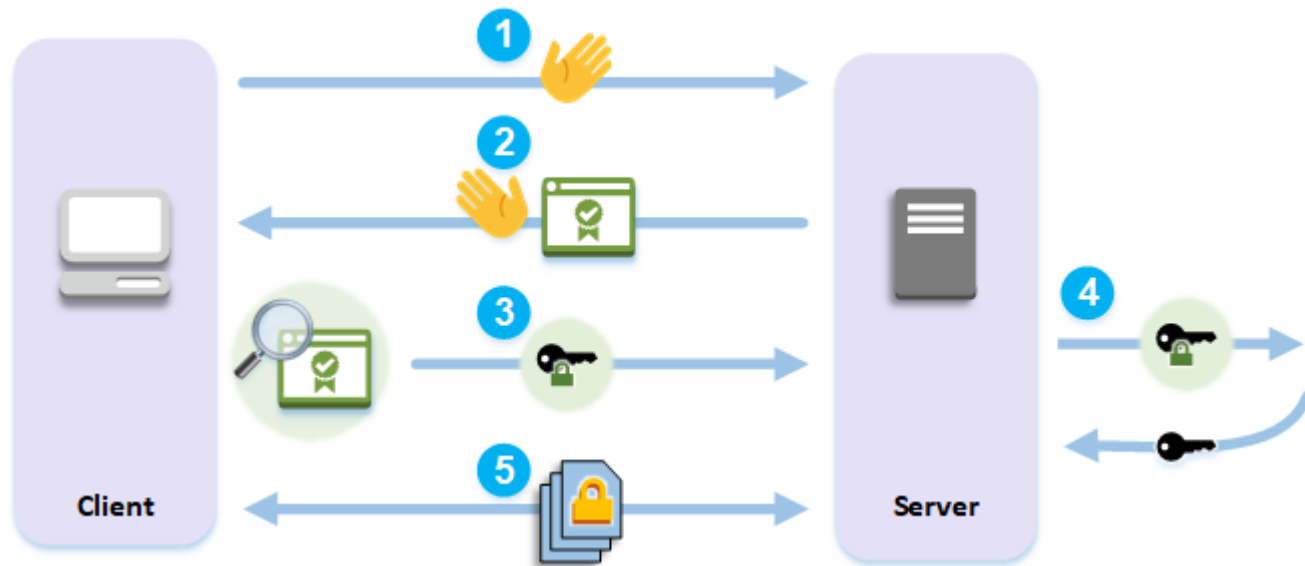
- [How SSL/TLS Offload with AWS CloudHSM Works \(p. 209\)](#)
- [Tutorial: Using SSL/TLS Offload with AWS CloudHSM on Linux \(p. 210\)](#)
- [Tutorial: Using SSL/TLS Offload with AWS CloudHSM on Windows \(p. 224\)](#)

How SSL/TLS Offload with AWS CloudHSM Works

To establish an HTTPS connection, your web server performs a handshake process with clients. As part of this process, the server offloads some of the cryptographic processing to the HSMs, as shown in the following figure. Each step of the process is explained below the figure.

Note

The following image and process assumes that RSA is used for server verification and key exchange. The process is slightly different when Diffie-Hellman is used instead of RSA.



1. The client sends a hello message to the server.
2. The server responds with a hello message and sends the server's certificate.
3. The client performs the following actions:
 - a. Verifies that the SSL/TLS server certificate is signed by a root certificate that the client trusts.
 - b. Extracts the public key from the server certificate.
 - c. Generates a premaster secret and encrypts it with the server's public key.
 - d. Sends the encrypted premaster secret to the server.
4. To decrypt the client's premaster secret, the server sends it to the HSM. The HSM uses the private key in the HSM to decrypt the premaster secret and then it sends the premaster secret to the server. Independently, the client and server each use the premaster secret and some information from the hello messages to calculate a master secret.
5. The handshake process ends. For the rest of the session, all messages sent between the client and the server are encrypted with derivatives of the master secret.

To learn how to configure SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM, see one of the following topics:

- [Tutorial: Using SSL/TLS Offload with AWS CloudHSM on Linux \(p. 210\)](#)
- [Tutorial: Using SSL/TLS Offload with AWS CloudHSM on Windows \(p. 224\)](#)

Tutorial: Using SSL/TLS Offload with AWS CloudHSM on Linux

This tutorial provides step-by-step instructions for setting up SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM on a Linux web server.

Topics

- [Overview \(p. 211\)](#)
- [Step 1: Set Up the Prerequisites \(p. 211\)](#)
- [Step 2: Generate or Import a Private Key and SSL/TLS Certificate \(p. 212\)](#)
- [Step 3: Configure the Web Server \(p. 215\)](#)

- [Step 4: Enable HTTPS Traffic and Verify the Certificate \(p. 218\)](#)
- [\(Optional\) Step 5: Add a Load Balancer with Elastic Load Balancing \(p. 220\)](#)

Overview

On Linux, the [NGINX](#) and [Apache HTTP Server](#) web server software integrate with [OpenSSL](#) to support HTTPS. The [AWS CloudHSM dynamic engine for OpenSSL \(p. 192\)](#) provides an interface that enables the web server software to use the HSMs in your cluster for cryptographic offloading and key storage. The OpenSSL engine is the bridge that connects the web server to your AWS CloudHSM cluster.

To complete this tutorial, you must first choose whether to use the NGINX or Apache web server software on Linux. Then the tutorial shows you how to do the following:

- Install the web server software on an Amazon EC2 instance.
- Configure the web server software to support HTTPS with a private key stored in your AWS CloudHSM cluster.
- (Optional) Use Amazon EC2 to create a second web server instance and Elastic Load Balancing to create a load balancer. Using a load balancer can increase performance by distributing the load across multiple servers. It can also provide redundancy and higher availability if one or more servers fail.

When you're ready to get started, go to [Step 1: Set Up the Prerequisites \(p. 211\)](#).

Step 1: Set Up the Prerequisites

To set up web server SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM, you need the following:

- An active AWS CloudHSM cluster with at least one HSM.
- An Amazon EC2 instance running a Linux operating system with the following software installed:
 - The AWS CloudHSM client and command line tools.
 - The NGINX or Apache web server application.
 - The AWS CloudHSM dynamic engine for OpenSSL.
- A [crypto user \(p. 11\)](#) (CU) to own and manage the web server's private key on the HSM.

To set up a Linux web server instance and create a CU on the HSM

1. Complete the steps in [Getting Started \(p. 15\)](#). You will then have an active cluster with one HSM and an Amazon EC2 client instance. Your EC2 instance will be configured with the command line tools. Use this client instance as your web server.
2. Connect to your client instance. For more information, see [Connecting to Your Linux Instance Using SSH](#) or [Connecting to Your Linux Instance from Windows Using PuTTY](#) in the Amazon EC2 documentation. Then do the following:
 - a. Choose whether to install the NGINX or Apache web server application. Then complete one of the following steps:
 - To install NGINX, run the following command.

```
sudo yum install -y nginx
```
 - To install Apache, run the following command.

```
sudo yum install -y httpd24 mod24_ssl
```
 - b. [Install and configure the OpenSSL engine \(p. 193\)](#).

3. (Optional) Add more HSMs to your cluster. For more information, see [Adding an HSM \(p. 42\)](#).
4. To create a [crypto user \(p. 11\)](#) (CU) on your HSM, do the following:
 - a. [Start the AWS CloudHSM client \(p. 77\)](#).
 - b. [Update the cloudhsm_mgmt_util configuration file \(p. 77\)](#).
 - c. Use cloudhsm_mgmt_util to create a CU. For more information, see [Managing HSM Users \(p. 53\)](#). Keep track of the CU user name and password. You will need them later when you generate or import the HTTPS private key and certificate for your web server.

After you complete these steps, go to [Step 2: Generate or Import a Private Key and SSL/TLS Certificate \(p. 212\)](#).

Step 2: Generate or Import a Private Key and SSL/TLS Certificate

To enable HTTPS, your web server application (NGINX or Apache) needs a private key and a corresponding SSL/TLS certificate. To use web server SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM, you must store the private key in an HSM in your AWS CloudHSM cluster. You can accomplish this in one of the following ways:

- If you don't yet have a private key and a corresponding certificate, you can [generate a private key in an HSM \(p. 212\)](#). You can then use the private key to create a certificate signing request (CSR). Use the CSR to create the SSL/TLS certificate.
- If you already have a private key and corresponding certificate, you can [import the private key into an HSM \(p. 213\)](#).

Regardless of which method you choose, you then export a *fake PEM private key* from the HSM and save it to a file. This file doesn't contain the actual private key. It contains a reference to the private key that is stored on the HSM. Your web server uses the fake PEM private key file and the AWS CloudHSM dynamic engine for OpenSSL to offload SSL/TLS processing to an HSM.

Topics (choose only one)

- [Generate a Private Key and Certificate \(p. 212\)](#)
- [Import an Existing Private Key \(p. 213\)](#)

Generate a Private Key and Certificate

If you don't have a private key and a corresponding SSL/TLS certificate to use for HTTPS, you can generate a private key on an HSM. You can then use the private key to create a certificate signing request (CSR). Sign the CSR to create the certificate.

To generate a private key on an HSM

1. Connect to your client instance.
2. Run the following command to set an environment variable named `n3fips_password` that contains the user name and password of the cryptographic user (CU). Replace `<CU user name>` with the user name of the cryptographic user. Replace `<password>` with the CU password.

```
export n3fips_password=<CU user name>:<password>
```

3. Run the following command to use the AWS CloudHSM dynamic engine for OpenSSL to generate a private key on an HSM. This command also exports the fake PEM private key and saves it in a file.

Replace `<web_server_fake_PEM.key>` with the file name you want to use for the exported fake PEM private key.

```
openssl genrsa -engine cloudhsm -out <web_server_fake_PEM.key> 2048
```

To create a CSR

Run the following command to use the AWS CloudHSM dynamic engine for OpenSSL to create a certificate signing request (CSR). Replace `<web_server_fake_PEM.key>` with the name of the file that contains your fake PEM private key. Replace `<web_server.csr>` with the name of the file that contains your CSR.

The `req` command is interactive. Respond to each field. The field information is copied into your SSL/TLS certificate.

```
openssl req -engine cloudhsm -new -key <web_server_fake_PEM.key> -out <web_server.csr>
```

In a production environment, you typically use a certificate authority (CA) to create a certificate from a CSR. A CA is not necessary for a test environment. If you do use a CA, send the CSR file (`<web_server.csr>`) to it and use the CA to create a signed SSL/TLS certificate. Your web server uses the signed certificate for HTTPS.

As an alternative to using a CA, you can use the AWS CloudHSM dynamic engine for OpenSSL to create a self-signed certificate. Self-signed certificates are not trusted by browsers and should not be used in production environments. They can be used in test environments.

Warning

Self-signed certificates should be used in a test environment only. For a production environment, use a more secure method such as a certificate authority to create a certificate.

To create a self-signed certificate

Run the following command to use the AWS CloudHSM dynamic engine for OpenSSL to sign your CSR with your private key on your HSM. This creates a self-signed certificate. Replace the following values in the command with your own.

- `<web_server.csr>` – Name of the file that contains the CSR.
- `<web_server_fake_PEM.key>` – Name of the file that contains the fake PEM private key.
- `<web_server.crt>` – Name of the file that will contain your web server certificate.

```
openssl x509 -engine cloudhsm -req -days 365 -in <web_server.csr> -  
signkey <web_server_fake_PEM.key> -out <web_server.crt>
```

After you complete these steps, go to [Step 3: Configure the Web Server \(p. 215\)](#).

Import an Existing Private Key

You might already have a private key and a corresponding SSL/TLS certificate that you use for HTTPS on your web server. If so, you can import that key into an HSM by doing the following:

To import an existing private key into an HSM

1. Connect to your Amazon EC2 client instance. If necessary, copy your existing private key and certificate to the instance.
2. Run the following command to start the AWS CloudHSM client.

Amazon Linux

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

CentOS 6

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

CentOS 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

RHEL 6

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

RHEL 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

3. Run the following command to start the key_mgmt_util command line tool.

```
/opt/cloudhsm/bin/key_mgmt_util
```

4. Run the following command to log in to the HSM. Replace *<user name>* and *<password>* with the user name and password of the cryptographic user (CU).

```
loginHSM -u CU -s <user name> -p <password>
```

5. Run the following commands to import your private key into an HSM.
 - a. Run the following command to create a symmetric wrapping key that is valid for the current session only. The command and output are shown.

```
genSymKey -t 31 -s 16 -sess -l wrapping_key_for_import  
  
Cfm3GenerateSymmetricKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS  
Symmetric Key Created. Key Handle: 6  
Cluster Error Status  
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

- b. Run the following command to import your existing private key into an HSM. The command and output are shown. Replace the following values with your own:
 - *<web_server_existing.key>* – Name of the file that contains your private key.
 - *<web_server_imported_key>* – Label for your imported private key.

- `<wrapping_key_handle>` – Wrapping key handle generated by the preceding command. In the previous example, the wrapping key handle is 6.

```
importPrivateKey -f <web_server_existing.key> -l <web_server_imported_key> -  
w <wrapping_key_handle>  
  
BER encoded key length is 1219  
Cfm3WrapHostKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS  
Cfm3CreateUnwrapTemplate returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS  
Cfm3UnWrapKey returned: 0x00 : HSM Return: SUCCESS  
Private Key Unwrapped. Key Handle: 8  
Cluster Error Status  
Node id 0 and err state 0x00000000 : HSM Return: SUCCESS
```

6. Run the following command to export the private key in fake PEM format and save it to a file. Replace the following values with your own.

- `<private_key_handle>` – Handle of the imported private key. This handle was generated by the second command in the preceding step. In the preceding example, the handle of the private key is 8.
- `<web_server_fake_PEM.key>` – Name of the file that contains your exported fake PEM private key.

```
getCaviumPrivKey -k <private_key_handle> -out <web_server_fake_PEM.key>
```

7. Run the following command to stop `key_mgmt_util`.

```
exit
```

After you complete these steps, go to [Step 3: Configure the Web Server \(p. 215\)](#).

Step 3: Configure the Web Server

Update your web server software's configuration to use the HTTPS certificate and corresponding fake PEM private key that you created in the [previous step \(p. 212\)](#). This will finish setting up your Linux web server software for SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM.

To update your web server configuration, complete the steps in one of the following procedures. Choose the procedure that corresponds to your web server software.

- [Update the configuration for NGINX \(p. 215\)](#)
- [Update the configuration for Apache HTTP Server \(p. 217\)](#)

To update the web server configuration for NGINX

1. Connect to your client instance.
2. Run the following command to create the required directories for the web server certificate and the fake PEM private key.

```
sudo mkdir -p /etc/pki/nginx/private
```

3. Run the following command to copy your web server certificate to the required location. Replace `<web_server.crt>` with the name of your web server certificate.

```
sudo cp <web_server.crt> /etc/pki/nginx/server.crt
```

4. Run the following command to copy your fake PEM private key to the required location. Replace `<web_server_fake_PEM.key>` with the name of the file that contains your fake PEM private key.

```
sudo cp <web_server_fake_PEM.key> /etc/pki/nginx/private/server.key
```

5. Run the following command to change the file ownership so that the user named `nginx` can read them.

```
sudo chown nginx /etc/pki/nginx/server.crt /etc/pki/nginx/private/server.key
```

6. Run the following command to make a backup copy of the file named `/etc/nginx/nginx.conf`.

```
sudo cp /etc/nginx/nginx.conf /etc/nginx/nginx.conf.backup
```

7. Use a text editor to edit the file named `/etc/nginx/nginx.conf`. At the top of the file, add the following line:

```
ssl_engine cloudhsm;
```

Then uncomment the TLS section of the file so that it looks like the following:

```
# Settings for a TLS enabled server.

server {
    listen      443 ssl http2 default_server;
    listen      [::]:443 ssl http2 default_server;
    server_name _;
    root        /usr/share/nginx/html;

    ssl_certificate "/etc/pki/nginx/server.crt";
    ssl_certificate_key "/etc/pki/nginx/private/server.key";
    # It is *strongly* recommended to generate unique DH parameters
    # Generate them with: openssl dhparam -out /etc/pki/nginx/dhparams.pem 2048
    ssl_dhparam "/etc/pki/nginx/dhparams.pem";
    ssl_session_cache shared:SSL:1m;
    ssl_session_timeout 10m;
    ssl_protocols TLSv1 TLSv1.1 TLSv1.2;
    ssl_ciphers HIGH:SEED:!aNULL:!eNULL:!EXPORT:!DES:!RC4:!MD5:!PSK:!RSAPSK:!aDH:!
aECDH:!EDH-DSS-DES-CBC3-SHA:!KRB5-DES-CBC3-SHA:!SRP;
    ssl_prefer_server_ciphers on;

    # Load configuration files for the default server block.
    include /etc/nginx/default.d/*.conf;

    location / {

    }

    error_page 404 /404.html;
        location = /40x.html {

    }

    error_page 500 502 503 504 /50x.html;
        location = /50x.html {

    }
}
```

Save the file. This requires Linux root permissions.

8. Run the following command to make a backup copy of the file named `/etc/sysconfig/nginx`.

```
sudo cp /etc/sysconfig/nginx /etc/sysconfig/nginx.backup
```

9. Use a text editor to edit the file named `/etc/sysconfig/nginx`. Add the following line, specifying the user name and password of the cryptographic user (CU). Replace `<CU user name>` with the user name of the cryptographic user. Replace `<password>` with the CU password.

```
export n3fips_password=<CU user name>:<password>
```

Save the file. This requires Linux root permissions.

10. Run the following command to start the NGINX web server.

```
sudo service nginx start
```

11. Run the following command if you want to configure your server to start NGINX when the server starts.

```
$ sudo chkconfig nginx on
```

After you update your web server configuration, go to [Step 4: Enable HTTPS Traffic and Verify the Certificate \(p. 218\)](#).

To update the web server configuration for Apache

1. Connect to your Amazon EC2 client instance.
2. Run the following command to make a backup copy of the default certificate.

```
sudo cp /etc/pki/tls/certs/localhost.crt /etc/pki/tls/certs/localhost.crt.backup
```

3. Run the following command to make a backup copy of the default private key.

```
sudo cp /etc/pki/tls/private/localhost.key /etc/pki/tls/private/localhost.key.backup
```

4. Run the following command to copy your web server certificate to the required location. Replace `<web_server.crt>` with the name of your web server certificate.

```
sudo cp <web_server.crt> /etc/pki/tls/certs/localhost.crt
```

5. Run the following command to copy your fake PEM private key to the required location. Replace `<web_server_fake_PEM.key>` with the name of the file that contains your fake PEM private key.

```
sudo cp <web_server_fake_PEM.key> /etc/pki/tls/private/localhost.key
```

6. Run the following command to change the ownership of these files so that the user named *apache* can read them.

```
sudo chown apache /etc/pki/tls/certs/localhost.crt /etc/pki/tls/private/localhost.key
```

7. Run the following command to make a backup copy of the file named `/etc/httpd/conf.d/ssl.conf`.

```
sudo cp /etc/httpd/conf.d/ssl.conf /etc/httpd/conf.d/ssl.conf.backup
```

8. Use a text editor to edit the file named `/etc/httpd/conf.d/ssl.conf`. Replace the line that starts with `SSLCryptoDevice` so that it looks like the following:

```
SSLCryptoDevice cloudhsm
```

Save the file. This requires Linux root permissions.

9. Run the following command to make a backup copy of the file named `/etc/sysconfig/httpd`.

```
sudo cp /etc/sysconfig/httpd /etc/sysconfig/httpd.backup
```

10. Use a text editor to edit the file named `/etc/sysconfig/httpd`. Add the following line, specifying the user name and password of the cryptographic user (CU). Replace `<CU user name>` with the name of the cryptographic user. Replace `<password>` with the CU password.

```
export n3fips_password=<CU user name>:<password>
```

Save the file. This requires Linux root permissions.

11. Run the following command to start the Apache HTTP Server.

```
sudo service httpd start
```

12. Run the following command to configure your server to start Apache when the server starts.

```
sudo chkconfig httpd on
```

After you update your web server configuration, go to [Step 4: Enable HTTPS Traffic and Verify the Certificate](#) (p. 218).

Step 4: Enable HTTPS Traffic and Verify the Certificate

After you configure your web server for SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM, add your web server instance to a security group that allows inbound HTTPS traffic. This allows clients, such as web browsers, to establish an HTTPS connection with your web server. Then make an HTTPS connection to your web server and verify that it's using the certificate that you configured for SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM.

Topics

- [Enable Inbound HTTPS Connections](#) (p. 218)
- [Verify That HTTPS Uses the Certificate That You Configured](#) (p. 219)

Enable Inbound HTTPS Connections

To connect to your web server from a client (such as a web browser), create a security group that allows inbound HTTPS connections. Specifically, it should allow inbound TCP connections on port 443. Assign this security group to your web server.

To create a security group for HTTPS and assign it to your web server

1. Open the Amazon EC2 console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/>.
2. Choose **Security Groups** in the navigation pane.
3. Choose **Create Security Group**.

4. For **Create Security Group**, do the following:
 - a. For **Security group name**, type a name for the security group that you are creating.
 - b. (Optional) Type a description of the security group that you are creating.
 - c. For **VPC**, choose the VPC that contains your web server Amazon EC2 instance.
 - d. Choose **Add Rule**.
 - e. For **Type**, choose **HTTPS**.
5. Choose **Create**.
6. In the navigation pane, choose **Instances**.
7. Select the check box next to your web server instance. Then choose **Actions, Networking, and Change Security Groups**.
8. Select the check box next to the security group that you created for HTTPS. Then choose **Assign Security Groups**.

Verify That HTTPS Uses the Certificate That You Configured

After you add the web server to a security group, you can verify that SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM is working. You can do this with a web browser or with a tool such as [OpenSSL s_client](#).

To verify SSL/TLS offload with a web browser

1. Use a web browser to connect to your web server using the public DNS name or IP address of the server. Ensure that the URL in the address bar begins with https://. For example, **https://ec2-52-14-212-67.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com/**.

Tip

You can use a DNS service such as Amazon Route 53 to route your website's domain name (for example, https://www.example.com/) to your web server. For more information, see [Routing Traffic to an Amazon EC2 Instance](#) in the *Amazon Route 53 Developer Guide* or in the documentation for your DNS service.

2. Use your web browser to view the web server certificate. For more information, see the following:
 - For Mozilla Firefox, see [View a Certificate](#) on the Mozilla Support website.
 - For Google Chrome, see [Understand Security Issues](#) on the Google Tools for Web Developers website.

Other web browsers might have similar features that you can use to view the web server certificate.

3. Ensure that the SSL/TLS certificate is the one that you configured your web server to use.

To verify SSL/TLS offload with OpenSSL s_client

1. Run the following OpenSSL command to connect to your web server using HTTPS. Replace **<server name>** with the public DNS name or IP address of your web server.

```
openssl s_client -connect <server name>:443
```

Tip

You can use a DNS service such as Amazon Route 53 to route your website's domain name (for example, https://www.example.com/) to your web server. For more information, see [Routing Traffic to an Amazon EC2 Instance](#) in the *Amazon Route 53 Developer Guide* or in the documentation for your DNS service.

2. Ensure that the SSL/TLS certificate is the one that you configured your web server to use.

You now have a website that is secured with HTTPS. The private key for the web server is stored in an HSM in your AWS CloudHSM cluster. However, you have only one web server. To set up a second web server and a load balancer for higher availability, go to [\(Optional\) Step 5: Add a Load Balancer with Elastic Load Balancing](#) (p. 220).

(Optional) Step 5: Add a Load Balancer with Elastic Load Balancing

After you set up SSL/TLS offload with one web server, you can create more web servers and an Elastic Load Balancing load balancer that routes HTTPS traffic to the web servers. A load balancer can reduce the load on your individual web servers by balancing traffic across two or more servers. It can also increase the availability of your website because the load balancer monitors the health of your web servers and only routes traffic to healthy servers. If a web server fails, the load balancer automatically stops routing traffic to it.

Topics

- [Create a Subnet for a Second Web Server](#) (p. 220)
- [Create the Second Web Server](#) (p. 221)
- [Create the Load Balancer](#) (p. 223)

Create a Subnet for a Second Web Server

Before you can create another web server, you need to create a new subnet in the same VPC that contains your existing web server and AWS CloudHSM cluster.

To create a new subnet

1. Open the **Subnets** section of the Amazon VPC console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/vpc/home#subnets>.
2. Choose **Create Subnet**.
3. In the **Create Subnet** dialog box, do the following:
 - a. For **Name tag**, type a name for your subnet.
 - b. For **VPC**, choose the AWS CloudHSM VPC that contains your existing web server and AWS CloudHSM cluster.
 - c. For **Availability Zone**, choose an Availability Zone that is different from the one that contains your existing web server.
 - d. For **IPv4 CIDR block**, type the CIDR block to use for the subnet. For example, type **10.0.10.0/24**.
 - e. Choose **Yes, Create**.
4. Select the check box next to the public subnet that contains your existing web server. This is different from the public subnet that you created in the previous step.
5. In the content pane, choose the **Route Table** tab. Then choose the link for the route table.

subnet-1f358d78 | CloudHSM Public subnet

Summary **Route Table** Network ACL

Edit

Route Table: **rtb-cea112a9**

Destination	Target
10.0.0.0/16	local
0.0.0.0/0	igw-68ee440c

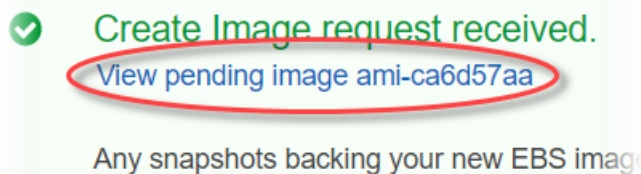
6. Select the check box next to the route table.
7. Choose the **Subnet Associations** tab. Then choose **Edit**.
8. Select the check box next to the public subnet that you created earlier in this procedure. Then choose **Save**.

Create the Second Web Server

Complete the following steps to create a second web server with the same configuration as your existing web server.

To create a second web server

1. Open the **Instances** section of the Amazon EC2 console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/v2/home#Instances>.
2. Select the check box next to your existing web server instance.
3. Choose **Actions**, **Image**, and then **Create Image**.
4. In the **Create Image** dialog box, do the following:
 - a. For **Image name**, type a name for the image.
 - b. For **Image description**, type a description for the image.
 - c. Choose **Create Image**. This action reboots your existing web server.
 - d. Choose the **View pending image ami-<AMI ID>** link.



In the **Status** column, note your image status. When your image status is **available** (this might take several minutes), go to the next step.

5. In the navigation pane, choose **Instances**.
6. Select the check box next to your existing web server.
7. Choose **Actions** and choose **Launch More Like This**.
8. Choose **Edit AMI**.

▼ AMI Details



amzn-ami-hvm-2017.09.1.20171120-x86_64-gp2 - ami-a51f27c5

Amazon Linux AMI 2017.09.1.20171120 x86_64 HVM GP2

Root Device Type: ebs Virtualization type: hvm

9. In the left navigation pane, choose **My AMIs**. Then clear the text in the search box.
 10. Next to your web server image, choose **Select**.
 11. Choose **Yes, I want to continue with this AMI (<image name> - ami-<AMI ID>)**.
 12. Choose **Next**.
 13. Select an instance type, and then choose **Next: Configure Instance Details**.
 14. For **Step 3: Configure Instance Details**, do the following:
 - a. For **Network**, choose the VPC that contains your existing web server.
 - b. For **Subnet**, choose the public subnet that you created for the second web server.
 - c. For **Auto-assign Public IP**, choose **Enable**.
 - d. Change the remaining instance details as preferred. Then choose **Next: Add Storage**.
 15. Change the storage settings as preferred. Then choose **Next: Add Tags**.
 16. Add or edit tags as preferred. Then choose **Next: Configure Security Group**.
 17. For **Step 6: Configure Security Group**, do the following:
 - a. For **Assign a security group**, choose **Select an existing security group**.
 - b. Select the check box next to the security group named **cloudhsm-<cluster ID>-sg**. AWS CloudHSM created this security group on your behalf when you [created the cluster \(p. 21\)](#). You must choose this security group to allow the web server instance to connect to the HSMs in the cluster.
 - c. Select the check box next to the security group that allows inbound HTTPS traffic. You [created this security group previously \(p. 218\)](#).
 - d. (Optional) Select the check box next to a security group that allows inbound SSH (for Linux) or RDP (for Windows) traffic from your network. That is, the security group must allow inbound TCP traffic on port 22 (for SSH on Linux) or port 3389 (for RDP on Windows). Otherwise, you cannot connect to your client instance. If you don't have a security group like this, you must create one and then assign it to your client instance later.
- Choose **Review and Launch**.
18. Review your instance details, and then choose **Launch**.
 19. Choose whether to launch your instance with an existing key pair, create a new key pair, or launch your instance without a key pair.
 - To use an existing key pair, do the following:
 1. Choose **Choose an existing key pair**.
 2. For **Select a key pair**, choose the key pair to use.
 3. Select the check box next to **I acknowledge that I have access to the selected private key file (<private key file name>.pem), and that without this file, I won't be able to log into my instance**.
 - To create a new key pair, do the following:
 1. Choose **Create a new key pair**.
 2. For **Key pair name**, type a key pair name.

3. Choose **Download Key Pair** and save the private key file in a secure and accessible location.

Warning

You cannot download the private key file again after this point. If you do not download the private key file now, you will be unable to access the client instance.

- To launch your instance without a key pair, do the following:
 1. Choose **Proceed without a key pair**.
 2. Select the check box next to **I acknowledge that I will not be able to connect to this instance unless I already know the password built into this AMI**.

Choose **Launch Instances**.

Create the Load Balancer

Complete the following steps to create an Elastic Load Balancing load balancer that routes HTTPS traffic to your web servers.

To create a load balancer

1. Open the **Load Balancers** section of the Amazon EC2 console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/v2/home#LoadBalancers:>.
2. Choose **Create Load Balancer**.
3. In the **Network Load Balancer** section, choose **Create**.
4. For **Step 1: Configure Load Balancer**, do the following:
 - a. For **Name**, type a name for the load balancer that you are creating.
 - b. In the **Listeners** section, for **Load Balancer Port**, change the value to **443**.
 - c. In the **Availability Zones** section, for **VPC**, choose the VPC that contains your web servers.
 - d. In the **Availability Zones** section, choose the subnets that contain your web servers.
 - e. Choose **Next: Configure Routing**.
5. For **Step 2: Configure Routing**, do the following:
 - a. For **Name**, type a name for the target group that you are creating.
 - b. For **Port**, change the value to **443**.
 - c. Choose **Next: Register Targets**.
6. For **Step 3: Register Targets**, do the following:
 - a. In the **Instances** section, select the check boxes next to your web server instances. Then choose **Add to registered**.
 - b. Choose **Next: Review**.
7. Review your load balancer details, then choose **Create**.
8. When the load balancer has been successfully created, choose **Close**.

After you complete the preceding steps, the Amazon EC2 console shows your Elastic Load Balancing load balancer.

When your load balancer's state is active, you can verify that the load balancer is working. That is, you can verify that it's sending HTTPS traffic to your web servers with SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM. You can do this with a web browser or a tool such as [OpenSSL s_client](#).

To verify that your load balancer is working with a web browser

1. In the Amazon EC2 console, find the **DNS name** for the load balancer that you just created. Then select the DNS name and copy it.
2. Use a web browser such as Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome to connect to your load balancer using the load balancer's DNS name. Ensure that the URL in the address bar begins with `https://`.

Tip

You can use a DNS service such as Amazon Route 53 to route your website's domain name (for example, `https://www.example.com/`) to your web server. For more information, see [Routing Traffic to an Amazon EC2 Instance](#) in the *Amazon Route 53 Developer Guide* or in the documentation for your DNS service.

3. Use your web browser to view the web server certificate. For more information, see the following:
 - For Mozilla Firefox, see [View a Certificate](#) on the Mozilla Support website.
 - For Google Chrome, see [Understand Security Issues](#) on the Google Tools for Web Developers website.

Other web browsers might have similar features that you can use to view the web server certificate.

4. Ensure that the certificate is the one that you configured the web server to use.

To verify that your load balancer is working with OpenSSL s_client

1. Use the following OpenSSL command to connect to your load balancer using HTTPS. Replace `<DNS name>` with the DNS name of your load balancer.

```
openssl s_client -connect <DNS name>:443
```

Tip

You can use a DNS service such as Amazon Route 53 to route your website's domain name (for example, `https://www.example.com/`) to your web server. For more information, see [Routing Traffic to an Amazon EC2 Instance](#) in the *Amazon Route 53 Developer Guide* or in the documentation for your DNS service.

2. Ensure that the certificate is the one that you configured the web server to use.

You now have a website that is secured with HTTPS, with the web server's private key stored in an HSM in your AWS CloudHSM cluster. Your website has two web servers and a load balancer to help improve efficiency and availability.

Tutorial: Using SSL/TLS Offload with AWS CloudHSM on Windows

This tutorial provides step-by-step instructions for setting up SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM on a Windows web server.

Topics

- [Overview \(p. 225\)](#)
- [Step 1: Set Up the Prerequisites \(p. 225\)](#)
- [Step 2: Create a Certificate Signing Request \(CSR\) and Certificate \(p. 226\)](#)
- [Step 3: Configure the Web Server \(p. 228\)](#)
- [Step 4: Enable HTTPS Traffic and Verify the Certificate \(p. 229\)](#)

- [\(Optional\) Step 5: Add a Load Balancer with Elastic Load Balancing \(p. 231\)](#)

Overview

On Windows, the [Internet Information Services \(IIS\) for Windows Server](#) web server application natively supports HTTPS. The [AWS CloudHSM key storage provider \(KSP\) for Microsoft's Cryptography API: Next Generation \(CNG\) \(p. 203\)](#) provides the interface that allows IIS to use the HSMs in your cluster for cryptographic offloading and key storage. The AWS CloudHSM KSP is the bridge that connects IIS to your AWS CloudHSM cluster.

This tutorial shows you how to do the following:

- Install the web server software on an Amazon EC2 instance.
- Configure the web server software to support HTTPS with a private key stored in your AWS CloudHSM cluster.
- (Optional) Use Amazon EC2 to create a second web server instance and Elastic Load Balancing to create a load balancer. Using a load balancer can increase performance by distributing the load across multiple servers. It can also provide redundancy and higher availability if one or more servers fail.

When you're ready to get started, go to [Step 1: Set Up the Prerequisites \(p. 225\)](#).

Step 1: Set Up the Prerequisites

To set up web server SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM, you need the following:

- An active AWS CloudHSM cluster with at least one HSM.
- An Amazon EC2 instance running a Windows operating system with the following software installed:
 - The AWS CloudHSM client software for Windows.
 - Internet Information Services (IIS) for Windows Server.
- A [crypto user \(p. 11\)](#) (CU) to own and manage the web server's private key on the HSM.

Note

This tutorial uses Microsoft Windows Server 2016. Microsoft Windows Server 2012 is also supported, but Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2 is not.

To set up a Windows Server instance and create a CU on the HSM

1. Complete the steps in [Getting Started \(p. 15\)](#). When you launch the Amazon EC2 client, choose a Windows Server 2016 or Windows Server 2012 AMI. When you complete these steps, you have an active cluster with at least one HSM. You also have an Amazon EC2 client instance running Windows Server with the AWS CloudHSM client software for Windows installed.
2. (Optional) Add more HSMs to your cluster. For more information, see [Adding an HSM \(p. 42\)](#).
3. Connect to your Windows server. For more information, see [Connect to Your Instance](#) in the *Amazon EC2 User Guide for Windows Instances*.
4. To create a cryptographic user (CU) on your HSM, do the following:
 - a. [Start the AWS CloudHSM client \(p. 77\)](#).
 - b. [Update the cloudhsm_mgmt_util configuration file \(p. 77\)](#).
 - c. [Start cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 78\)](#).
 - d. [Enable end-to-end encryption \(p. 79\)](#).
 - e. [Log in to the HSMs \(p. 80\)](#) with the user name and password of a crypto officer (CO).

- f. [Create a crypto user \(CU\) \(p. 53\)](#). Keep track of the CU user name and password. You will need them to complete the next step.
5. [Set the Windows system environment variables \(p. 204\)](#), using the CU user name and password that you created in the previous step.

To install IIS on your Windows Server

1. If you haven't already done so, connect to your Windows server. For more information, see [Connect to Your Instance](#) in the *Amazon EC2 User Guide for Windows Instances*.
2. On your Windows server, start **Server Manager**.
3. In the **Server Manager** dashboard, choose **Add roles and features**.
4. Read the **Before you begin** information, and then choose **Next**.
5. For **Installation Type**, choose **Role-based or feature-based installation**. Then choose **Next**.
6. For **Server Selection**, choose **Select a server from the server pool**. Then choose **Next**.
7. For **Server Roles**, do the following:
 - a. Select **Web Server (IIS)**.
 - b. For **Add features that are required for Web Server (IIS)**, choose **Add Features**.
 - c. Choose **Next** to finish selecting server roles.
8. For **Features**, accept the defaults. Then choose **Next**.
9. Read the **Web Server Role (IIS)** information. Then choose **Next**.
10. For **Select role services**, accept the defaults or change the settings as preferred. Then choose **Next**.
11. For **Confirmation**, read the confirmation information. Then choose **Install**.
12. After the installation is complete, choose **Close**.

After you complete these steps, go to [Step 2: Create a Certificate Signing Request \(CSR\) and Certificate \(p. 226\)](#).

Step 2: Create a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) and Certificate

To enable HTTPS, your web server needs an SSL/TLS certificate and a corresponding private key. To use SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM, you store the private key in the HSM in your AWS CloudHSM cluster. To do this, you use the [AWS CloudHSM key storage provider \(KSP\) for Microsoft's Cryptography API: Next Generation \(CNG\) \(p. 203\)](#) to create a certificate signing request (CSR). Then you give the CSR to a certificate authority (CA), which signs the CSR to produce a certificate.

Topics

- [Create a CSR \(p. 226\)](#)
- [Get a Signed Certificate and Import It \(p. 227\)](#)

Create a CSR

Use the AWS CloudHSM KSP on your Windows Server to create a CSR.

To create a CSR

1. If you haven't already done so, connect to your Windows server. For more information, see [Connect to Your Instance](#) in the *Amazon EC2 User Guide for Windows Instances*.

2. [Start the AWS CloudHSM client \(p. 77\)](#).
3. On your Windows Server, use a text editor to create a certificate request file named `IISCertRequest.inf`. The following shows the contents of an example `IISCertRequest.inf` file. For more information about the sections, keys, and values that you can specify in the file, see [Microsoft's documentation](#). Do not change the `ProviderName` value.

```
[Version]
Signature = "$Windows NT$"
[NewRequest]
Subject = "CN=example.com,C=US,ST=Washington,L=Seattle,O=ExampleOrg,OU=WebServer"
HashAlgorithm = SHA256
KeyAlgorithm = RSA
KeyLength = 2048
ProviderName = "Cavium Key Storage Provider"
KeyUsage = 0xf0
MachineKeySet = True
[EnhancedKeyUsageExtension]
OID=1.3.6.1.5.5.7.3.1
```

4. Use the [Windows `certreq` command](#) to create a CSR from the `IISCertRequest.inf` file that you created in the previous step. The following example saves the CSR to a file named `IISCertRequest.csr`. If you used a different file name for your certificate request file, replace `IISCertRequest.inf` with the appropriate file name. You can optionally replace `IISCertRequest.csr` with a different file name for your CSR file.

```
C:\>certreq -new IISCertRequest.inf IISCertRequest.csr
      SDK Version: 2.03

CertReq: Request Created
```

The `IISCertRequest.csr` file contains your CSR. You need this CSR to get a signed certificate.

Get a Signed Certificate and Import It

In a production environment, you typically use a certificate authority (CA) to create a certificate from a CSR. A CA is not necessary for a test environment. If you do use a CA, send the CSR file (`IISCertRequest.csr`) to it and use the CA to create a signed SSL/TLS certificate.

As an alternative to using a CA, you can use a tool like [OpenSSL](#) to create a self-signed certificate.

Warning

Self-signed certificates are not trusted by browsers and should not be used in production environments. They can be used in test environments.

The following procedures show how to create a self-signed certificate and use it to sign your web server's CSR.

To create a self-signed certificate

1. Use the following OpenSSL command to create a private key. You can optionally replace `SelfSignedCA.key` with the file name to contain your private key.

```
openssl genrsa -aes256 -out SelfSignedCA.key 2048
Generating RSA private key, 2048 bit long modulus
.....+++
.....+++
e is 65537 (0x10001)
Enter pass phrase for SelfSignedCA.key:
Verifying - Enter pass phrase for SelfSignedCA.key:
```

2. Use the following OpenSSL command to create a self-signed certificate using the private key that you created in the previous step. This is an interactive command. Read the on-screen instructions and follow the prompts. Replace *SelfSignedCA.key* with the name of the file that contains your private key (if different). You can optionally replace *SelfSignedCA.crt* with the file name to contain your self-signed certificate.

```
openssl req -new -x509 -days 365 -key SelfSignedCA.key -out SelfSignedCA.crt
Enter pass phrase for SelfSignedCA.key:
You are about to be asked to enter information that will be incorporated
into your certificate request.
What you are about to enter is what is called a Distinguished Name or a DN.
There are quite a few fields but you can leave some blank
For some fields there will be a default value,
If you enter '.', the field will be left blank.
-----
Country Name (2 letter code) [AU]:
State or Province Name (full name) [Some-State]:
Locality Name (eg, city) []:
Organization Name (eg, company) [Internet Widgits Pty Ltd]:
Organizational Unit Name (eg, section) []:
Common Name (e.g. server FQDN or YOUR name) []:
Email Address []:
```

To use your self-signed certificate to sign your web server's CSR

- Use the following OpenSSL command to use your private key and self-signed certificate to sign the CSR. Replace the following with the names of the files that contain the corresponding data (if different).
 - *IISCertRequest.csr* – The name of the file that contains your web server's CSR
 - *SelfSignedCA.crt* – The name of the file that contains your self-signed certificate
 - *SelfSignedCA.key* – The name of the file that contains your private key
 - *IISCert.crt* – The name of the file to contain your web server's signed certificate

```
openssl x509 -req -days 365 -in IISCertRequest.csr \
-CR SelfSignedCA.crt \
-CAkey SelfSignedCA.key \
-CACreateserial \
-out IISCert.crt

Signature ok
subject=/ST=IIS-HSM/L=IIS-HSM/OU=IIS-HSM/O=IIS-HSM/CN=IIS-HSM/C=IIS-HSM
Getting CA Private Key
Enter pass phrase for SelfSignedCA.key:
```

After you complete the previous step, you have a signed certificate for your web server (*IISCert.crt*) and a self-signed certificate (*SelfSignedCA.crt*). When you have these files, go to [Step 3: Configure the Web Server \(p. 228\)](#).

Step 3: Configure the Web Server

Update your IIS website's configuration to use the HTTPS certificate that you created at the end of the [previous step \(p. 226\)](#). This will finish setting up your Windows web server software (IIS) for SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM.

If you used a self-signed certificate to sign your CSR, you must first import the self-signed certificate into the Windows Trusted Root Certification Authorities.

To import your self-signed certificate into the Windows Trusted Root Certification Authorities

1. If you haven't already done so, connect to your Windows server. For more information, see [Connect to Your Instance](#) in the *Amazon EC2 User Guide for Windows Instances*.
2. Copy your self-signed certificate to your Windows server.
3. On your Windows Server, open the **Control Panel**.
4. For **Search Control Panel**, type **certificates**. Then choose **Manage computer certificates**.
5. In the **Certificates - Local Computer** window, double-click **Trusted Root Certification Authorities**.
6. Right-click on **Certificates** and then choose **All Tasks, Import**.
7. In the **Certificate Import Wizard**, choose **Next**.
8. Choose **Browse**, then find and select your self-signed certificate. If you created your self-signed certificate by following the instructions in the [previous step of this tutorial \(p. 226\)](#), your self-signed certificate is named `SelfSignedCA.crt`. Choose **Open**.
9. Choose **Next**.
10. For **Certificate Store**, choose **Place all certificates in the following store**. Then ensure that **Trusted Root Certification Authorities** is selected for **Certificate store**.
11. Choose **Next** and then choose **Finish**.

To update the IIS website's configuration

1. If you haven't already done so, connect to your Windows server. For more information, see [Connect to Your Instance](#) in the *Amazon EC2 User Guide for Windows Instances*.
2. [Start the AWS CloudHSM client \(p. 77\)](#).
3. Copy your web server's signed certificate—the one that you created at the end of [this tutorial's previous step \(p. 226\)](#)—to your Windows server.
4. On your Windows Server, use the [Windows certreq command](#) to accept the signed certificate, as in the following example. Replace `IISCert.crt` with the name of the file that contains your web server's signed certificate.

```
C:\>certreq -accept IISCert.crt
SDK Version: 2.03
```

5. On your Windows server, start **Server Manager**.
6. In the **Server Manager** dashboard, in the top right corner, choose **Tools, Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager**.
7. In the **Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager** window, double-click your server name. Then double-click **Sites**. Select your website.
8. Select **SSL Settings**. Then, on the right side of the window, choose **Bindings**.
9. In the **Site Bindings** window, choose **Add**.
10. For **Type**, choose **https**. For **SSL certificate**, choose the HTTPS certificate that you created at the end of [this tutorial's previous step \(p. 226\)](#).
11. Choose **OK**.

After you update your website's configuration, go to [Step 4: Enable HTTPS Traffic and Verify the Certificate \(p. 229\)](#).

Step 4: Enable HTTPS Traffic and Verify the Certificate

After you configure your web server for SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM, add your web server instance to a security group that allows inbound HTTPS traffic. This allows clients, such as web browsers,

to establish an HTTPS connection with your web server. Then make an HTTPS connection to your web server and verify that it's using the certificate that you configured for SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM.

Topics

- [Enable Inbound HTTPS Connections \(p. 230\)](#)
- [Verify That HTTPS Uses the Certificate That You Configured \(p. 230\)](#)

Enable Inbound HTTPS Connections

To connect to your web server from a client (such as a web browser), create a security group that allows inbound HTTPS connections. Specifically, it should allow inbound TCP connections on port 443. Assign this security group to your web server.

To create a security group for HTTPS and assign it to your web server

1. Open the Amazon EC2 console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/>.
2. Choose **Security Groups** in the navigation pane.
3. Choose **Create Security Group**.
4. For **Create Security Group**, do the following:
 - a. For **Security group name**, type a name for the security group that you are creating.
 - b. (Optional) Type a description of the security group that you are creating.
 - c. For **VPC**, choose the VPC that contains your web server Amazon EC2 instance.
 - d. Choose **Add Rule**.
 - e. For **Type**, choose **HTTPS**.
5. Choose **Create**.
6. In the navigation pane, choose **Instances**.
7. Select the check box next to your web server instance. Then choose **Actions, Networking, and Change Security Groups**.
8. Select the check box next to the security group that you created for HTTPS. Then choose **Assign Security Groups**.

Verify That HTTPS Uses the Certificate That You Configured

After you add the web server to a security group, you can verify that SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM is working. You can do this with a web browser or with a tool such as [OpenSSL s_client](#).

To verify SSL/TLS offload with a web browser

1. Use a web browser to connect to your web server using the public DNS name or IP address of the server. Ensure that the URL in the address bar begins with `https://`. For example, `https://ec2-52-14-212-67.us-east-2.compute.amazonaws.com/`.

Tip

You can use a DNS service such as Amazon Route 53 to route your website's domain name (for example, `https://www.example.com/`) to your web server. For more information, see [Routing Traffic to an Amazon EC2 Instance](#) in the *Amazon Route 53 Developer Guide* or in the documentation for your DNS service.

2. Use your web browser to view the web server certificate. For more information, see the following:
 - For Mozilla Firefox, see [View a Certificate](#) on the Mozilla Support website.
 - For Google Chrome, see [Understand Security Issues](#) on the Google Tools for Web Developers website.

Other web browsers might have similar features that you can use to view the web server certificate.

3. Ensure that the SSL/TLS certificate is the one that you configured your web server to use.

To verify SSL/TLS offload with OpenSSL s_client

1. Run the following OpenSSL command to connect to your web server using HTTPS. Replace *<server name>* with the public DNS name or IP address of your web server.

```
openssl s_client -connect <server name>:443
```

Tip

You can use a DNS service such as Amazon Route 53 to route your website's domain name (for example, <https://www.example.com/>) to your web server. For more information, see [Routing Traffic to an Amazon EC2 Instance](#) in the *Amazon Route 53 Developer Guide* or in the documentation for your DNS service.

2. Ensure that the SSL/TLS certificate is the one that you configured your web server to use.

You now have a website that is secured with HTTPS. The private key for the web server is stored in an HSM in your AWS CloudHSM cluster. However, you have only one web server. To set up a second web server and a load balancer for higher availability, go to [\(Optional\) Step 5: Add a Load Balancer with Elastic Load Balancing](#) (p. 231).

(Optional) Step 5: Add a Load Balancer with Elastic Load Balancing

After you set up SSL/TLS offload with one web server, you can create more web servers and an Elastic Load Balancing load balancer that routes HTTPS traffic to the web servers. A load balancer can reduce the load on your individual web servers by balancing traffic across two or more servers. It can also increase the availability of your website because the load balancer monitors the health of your web servers and only routes traffic to healthy servers. If a web server fails, the load balancer automatically stops routing traffic to it.

Topics

- [Create a Subnet for a Second Web Server](#) (p. 231)
- [Create the Second Web Server](#) (p. 232)
- [Create the Load Balancer](#) (p. 234)

Create a Subnet for a Second Web Server

Before you can create another web server, you need to create a new subnet in the same VPC that contains your existing web server and AWS CloudHSM cluster.

To create a new subnet

1. Open the **Subnets** section of the Amazon VPC console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/vpc/home#subnets>.
2. Choose **Create Subnet**.
3. In the **Create Subnet** dialog box, do the following:
 - a. For **Name tag**, type a name for your subnet.

- b. For **VPC**, choose the AWS CloudHSM VPC that contains your existing web server and AWS CloudHSM cluster.
 - c. For **Availability Zone**, choose an Availability Zone that is different from the one that contains your existing web server.
 - d. For **IPv4 CIDR block**, type the CIDR block to use for the subnet. For example, type **10.0.10.0/24**.
 - e. Choose **Yes, Create**.
4. Select the check box next to the public subnet that contains your existing web server. This is different from the public subnet that you created in the previous step.
5. In the content pane, choose the **Route Table** tab. Then choose the link for the route table.

subnet-1f358d78 | CloudHSM Public subnet



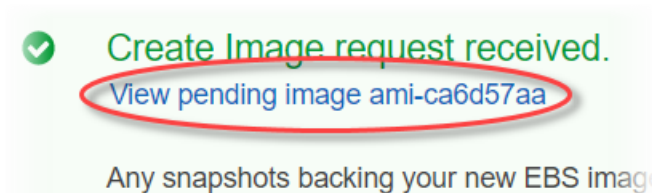
6. Select the check box next to the route table.
7. Choose the **Subnet Associations** tab. Then choose **Edit**.
8. Select the check box next to the public subnet that you created earlier in this procedure. Then choose **Save**.

Create the Second Web Server

Complete the following steps to create a second web server with the same configuration as your existing web server.

To create a second web server

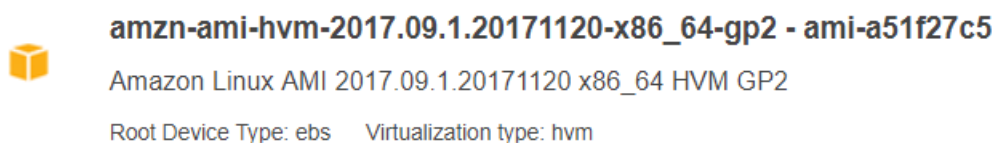
1. Open the **Instances** section of the Amazon EC2 console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/v2/home#Instances:>.
2. Select the check box next to your existing web server instance.
3. Choose **Actions, Image**, and then **Create Image**.
4. In the **Create Image** dialog box, do the following:
 - a. For **Image name**, type a name for the image.
 - b. For **Image description**, type a description for the image.
 - c. Choose **Create Image**. This action reboots your existing web server.
 - d. Choose the **View pending image ami-<AMI ID>** link.



In the **Status** column, note your image status. When your image status is **available** (this might take several minutes), go to the next step.

5. In the navigation pane, choose **Instances**.
6. Select the check box next to your existing web server.
7. Choose **Actions** and choose **Launch More Like This**.
8. Choose **Edit AMI**.

▼ AMI Details



9. In the left navigation pane, choose **My AMIs**. Then clear the text in the search box.
10. Next to your web server image, choose **Select**.
11. Choose **Yes, I want to continue with this AMI (<image name> - ami-<AMI ID>)**.
12. Choose **Next**.
13. Select an instance type, and then choose **Next: Configure Instance Details**.
14. For **Step 3: Configure Instance Details**, do the following:
 - a. For **Network**, choose the VPC that contains your existing web server.
 - b. For **Subnet**, choose the public subnet that you created for the second web server.
 - c. For **Auto-assign Public IP**, choose **Enable**.
 - d. Change the remaining instance details as preferred. Then choose **Next: Add Storage**.
15. Change the storage settings as preferred. Then choose **Next: Add Tags**.
16. Add or edit tags as preferred. Then choose **Next: Configure Security Group**.
17. For **Step 6: Configure Security Group**, do the following:
 - a. For **Assign a security group**, choose **Select an existing security group**.
 - b. Select the check box next to the security group named **cloudhsm-<cluster ID>-sg**. AWS CloudHSM created this security group on your behalf when you [created the cluster \(p. 21\)](#). You must choose this security group to allow the web server instance to connect to the HSMs in the cluster.
 - c. Select the check box next to the security group that allows inbound HTTPS traffic. You [created this security group previously \(p. 230\)](#).
 - d. (Optional) Select the check box next to a security group that allows inbound SSH (for Linux) or RDP (for Windows) traffic from your network. That is, the security group must allow inbound TCP traffic on port 22 (for SSH on Linux) or port 3389 (for RDP on Windows). Otherwise, you cannot connect to your client instance. If you don't have a security group like this, you must create one and then assign it to your client instance later.

Choose **Review and Launch**.

18. Review your instance details, and then choose **Launch**.
19. Choose whether to launch your instance with an existing key pair, create a new key pair, or launch your instance without a key pair.
 - To use an existing key pair, do the following:
 1. Choose **Choose an existing key pair**.
 2. For **Select a key pair**, choose the key pair to use.
 3. Select the check box next to **I acknowledge that I have access to the selected private key file (<private key file name>.pem), and that without this file, I won't be able to log into my instance.**
 - To create a new key pair, do the following:
 1. Choose **Create a new key pair**.
 2. For **Key pair name**, type a key pair name.
 3. Choose **Download Key Pair** and save the private key file in a secure and accessible location.

Warning
You cannot download the private key file again after this point. If you do not download the private key file now, you will be unable to access the client instance.

 - To launch your instance without a key pair, do the following:
 1. Choose **Proceed without a key pair**.
 2. Select the check box next to **I acknowledge that I will not be able to connect to this instance unless I already know the password built into this AMI.**

Choose **Launch Instances**.

Create the Load Balancer

Complete the following steps to create an Elastic Load Balancing load balancer that routes HTTPS traffic to your web servers.

To create a load balancer

1. Open the **Load Balancers** section of the Amazon EC2 console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/ec2/v2/home#LoadBalancers:>.
2. Choose **Create Load Balancer**.
3. In the **Network Load Balancer** section, choose **Create**.
4. For **Step 1: Configure Load Balancer**, do the following:
 - a. For **Name**, type a name for the load balancer that you are creating.
 - b. In the **Listeners** section, for **Load Balancer Port**, change the value to **443**.
 - c. In the **Availability Zones** section, for **VPC**, choose the VPC that contains your web servers.
 - d. In the **Availability Zones** section, choose the subnets that contain your web servers.
 - e. Choose **Next: Configure Routing**.
5. For **Step 2: Configure Routing**, do the following:
 - a. For **Name**, type a name for the target group that you are creating.
 - b. For **Port**, change the value to **443**.
 - c. Choose **Next: Register Targets**.
6. For **Step 3: Register Targets**, do the following:
 - a. In the **Instances** section, select the check boxes next to your web server instances. Then choose **Add to registered**.

- b. Choose **Next: Review**.
7. Review your load balancer details, then choose **Create**.
8. When the load balancer has been successfully created, choose **Close**.

After you complete the preceding steps, the Amazon EC2 console shows your Elastic Load Balancing load balancer.

When your load balancer's state is active, you can verify that the load balancer is working. That is, you can verify that it's sending HTTPS traffic to your web servers with SSL/TLS offload with AWS CloudHSM. You can do this with a web browser or a tool such as [OpenSSL s_client](#).

To verify that your load balancer is working with a web browser

1. In the Amazon EC2 console, find the **DNS name** for the load balancer that you just created. Then select the DNS name and copy it.
2. Use a web browser such as Mozilla Firefox or Google Chrome to connect to your load balancer using the load balancer's DNS name. Ensure that the URL in the address bar begins with `https://`.

Tip

You can use a DNS service such as Amazon Route 53 to route your website's domain name (for example, `https://www.example.com/`) to your web server. For more information, see [Routing Traffic to an Amazon EC2 Instance](#) in the *Amazon Route 53 Developer Guide* or in the documentation for your DNS service.

3. Use your web browser to view the web server certificate. For more information, see the following:
 - For Mozilla Firefox, see [View a Certificate](#) on the Mozilla Support website.
 - For Google Chrome, see [Understand Security Issues](#) on the Google Tools for Web Developers website.

Other web browsers might have similar features that you can use to view the web server certificate.

4. Ensure that the certificate is the one that you configured the web server to use.

To verify that your load balancer is working with OpenSSL s_client

1. Use the following OpenSSL command to connect to your load balancer using HTTPS. Replace `<DNS name>` with the DNS name of your load balancer.

```
openssl s_client -connect <DNS name>:443
```

Tip

You can use a DNS service such as Amazon Route 53 to route your website's domain name (for example, `https://www.example.com/`) to your web server. For more information, see [Routing Traffic to an Amazon EC2 Instance](#) in the *Amazon Route 53 Developer Guide* or in the documentation for your DNS service.

2. Ensure that the certificate is the one that you configured the web server to use.

You now have a website that is secured with HTTPS, with the web server's private key stored in an HSM in your AWS CloudHSM cluster. Your website has two web servers and a load balancer to help improve efficiency and availability.

Configure Windows Server as a Certificate Authority (CA) with AWS CloudHSM

In a public key infrastructure (PKI), a certificate authority (CA) is a trusted entity that issues digital certificates. These digital certificates bind a public key to an identity (a person or organization) by means of public key cryptography and digital signatures. To operate a CA, you must maintain trust by protecting the private key that signs the certificates issued by your CA. You can store the private key in the HSM in your AWS CloudHSM cluster, and use the HSM to perform the cryptographic signing operations.

In this tutorial, you use Windows Server and AWS CloudHSM to configure a CA. You install the AWS CloudHSM client software for Windows on your Windows server, then add the Active Directory Certificate Services (AD CS) role to your Windows Server. When you configure this role, you use an AWS CloudHSM key storage provider (KSP) to create and store the CA's private key on your AWS CloudHSM cluster. The KSP is the bridge that connects your Windows server to your AWS CloudHSM cluster. In the last step, you sign a certificate signing request (CSR) with your Windows Server CA.

For more information, see the following topics:

Topics

- [Windows Server CA Step 1: Set Up the Prerequisites \(p. 236\)](#)
- [Windows Server CA Step 2: Create a Windows Server CA with AWS CloudHSM \(p. 237\)](#)
- [Windows Server CA Step 3: Sign a Certificate Signing Request \(CSR\) with Your Windows Server CA with AWS CloudHSM \(p. 238\)](#)

Windows Server CA Step 1: Set Up the Prerequisites

To set up Windows Server as a certificate authority (CA) with AWS CloudHSM, you need the following:

- An active AWS CloudHSM cluster with at least one HSM.
- An Amazon EC2 instance running a Windows Server operating system with the AWS CloudHSM client software for Windows installed. This tutorial uses Microsoft Windows Server 2016.
- A cryptographic user (CU) to own and manage the CA's private key on the HSM.

To set up the prerequisites for a Windows Server CA with AWS CloudHSM

1. Complete the steps in [Getting Started \(p. 15\)](#). When you launch the Amazon EC2 client, choose a Windows Server AMI. This tutorial uses Microsoft Windows Server 2016. When you complete these steps, you have an active cluster with at least one HSM. You also have an Amazon EC2 client instance running Windows Server with the AWS CloudHSM client software for Windows installed.
2. (Optional) Add more HSMs to your cluster. For more information, see [Adding an HSM \(p. 42\)](#).
3. Connect to your client instance. For more information, see [Connect to Your Instance](#) in the *Amazon EC2 User Guide for Windows Instances*.
4. To create a cryptographic user (CU) on your HSM, do the following:
 - a. [Start the AWS CloudHSM client \(p. 77\)](#).
 - b. [Update the cloudhsm_mgmt_util configuration file \(p. 77\)](#).
 - c. [Start cloudhsm_mgmt_util \(p. 78\)](#).
 - d. [Enable end-to-end encryption \(p. 79\)](#).
 - e. [Log in to the HSMs \(p. 80\)](#) with the user name and password of a crypto officer (CO).
 - f. [Create a crypto user \(CU\) \(p. 53\)](#). Keep track of the CU user name and password. You will need them to complete the next step.

5. [Set the Windows system environment variables \(p. 204\)](#), using the CU user name and password that you created in the previous step.

To create a Windows Server CA with AWS CloudHSM, go to [Create Windows Server CA \(p. 237\)](#).

Windows Server CA Step 2: Create a Windows Server CA with AWS CloudHSM

To create a Windows Server CA, you add the Active Directory Certificate Services (AD CS) role to your Windows Server. When you add this role, you use an AWS CloudHSM key storage provider (KSP) to create and store the CA's private key on your AWS CloudHSM cluster.

Note

When you create your Windows Server CA, you can choose to create a root CA or a subordinate CA. You typically make this decision based on the design of your public key infrastructure and the security policies of your organization. This tutorial explains how to create a root CA for simplicity.

To add the AD CS role to your Windows Server and create the CA's private key

1. If you haven't already done so, connect to your Windows server. For more information, see [Connect to Your Instance](#) in the *Amazon EC2 User Guide for Windows Instances*.
2. On your Windows server, start **Server Manager**.
3. In the **Server Manager** dashboard, choose **Add roles and features**.
4. Read the **Before you begin** information, and then choose **Next**.
5. For **Installation Type**, choose **Role-based or feature-based installation**. Then choose **Next**.
6. For **Server Selection**, choose **Select a server from the server pool**. Then choose **Next**.
7. For **Server Roles**, do the following:
 - a. Select **Active Directory Certificate Services**.
 - b. For **Add features that are required for Active Directory Certificate Services**, choose **Add Features**.
 - c. Choose **Next** to finish selecting server roles.
8. For **Features**, accept the defaults, and then choose **Next**.
9. For **AD CS**, do the following:
 - a. Choose **Next**.
 - b. Select **Certification Authority**, and then choose **Next**.
10. For **Confirmation**, read the confirmation information, and then choose **Install**. Do not close the window.
11. Choose the highlighted **Configure Active Directory Certificate Services on the destination server** link.
12. For **Credentials**, verify or change the credentials displayed. Then choose **Next**.
13. For **Role Services**, select **Certification Authority**. Then choose **Next**.
14. For **Setup Type**, select **Standalone CA**. Then choose **Next**.
15. For **CA Type**, select **Root CA**. Then choose **Next**.

Note

You can choose to create a root CA or a subordinate CA based on the design of your public key infrastructure and the security policies of your organization. This tutorial explains how to create a root CA for simplicity.

16. For **Private Key**, select **Create a new private key**. Then choose **Next**.

17. For **Cryptography**, do the following:

- a. For **Select a cryptographic provider**, choose one of the **Cavium Key Storage Provider** options from the menu. These are the AWS CloudHSM key storage providers. For example, you can choose **RSA#Cavium Key Storage Provider**.
- b. For **Key length**, choose one of the key length options.
- c. For **Select the hash algorithm for signing certificates issued by this CA**, choose one of the hash algorithm options.

Choose **Next**.

18. For **CA Name**, do the following:

- a. (Optional) Edit the common name.
- b. (Optional) Type a distinguished name suffix.

Choose **Next**.

19. For **Validity Period**, specify a time period in years, months, weeks, or days. Then choose **Next**.
20. For **Certificate Database**, you can accept the default values, or optionally change the location for the database and the database log. Then choose **Next**.
21. For **Confirmation**, review the information about your CA; Then choose **Configure**.
22. Choose **Close**, and then choose **Close** again.

You now have a Windows Server CA with AWS CloudHSM. To learn how to sign a certificate signing request (CSR) with your CA, go to [Sign a CSR \(p. 238\)](#).

Windows Server CA Step 3: Sign a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) with Your Windows Server CA with AWS CloudHSM

You can use your Windows Server CA with AWS CloudHSM to sign a certificate signing request (CSR). To complete these steps, you need a valid CSR. You can create a CSR in several ways, including the following:

- Using OpenSSL
- Using the Windows Server Internet Information Services (IIS) Manager
- Using the certificates snap-in in the Microsoft Management Console
- Using the **certreq** command line utility on Windows

The steps for creating a CSR are outside the scope of this tutorial. When you have a CSR, you can sign it with your Windows Server CA.

To sign a CSR with your Windows Server CA

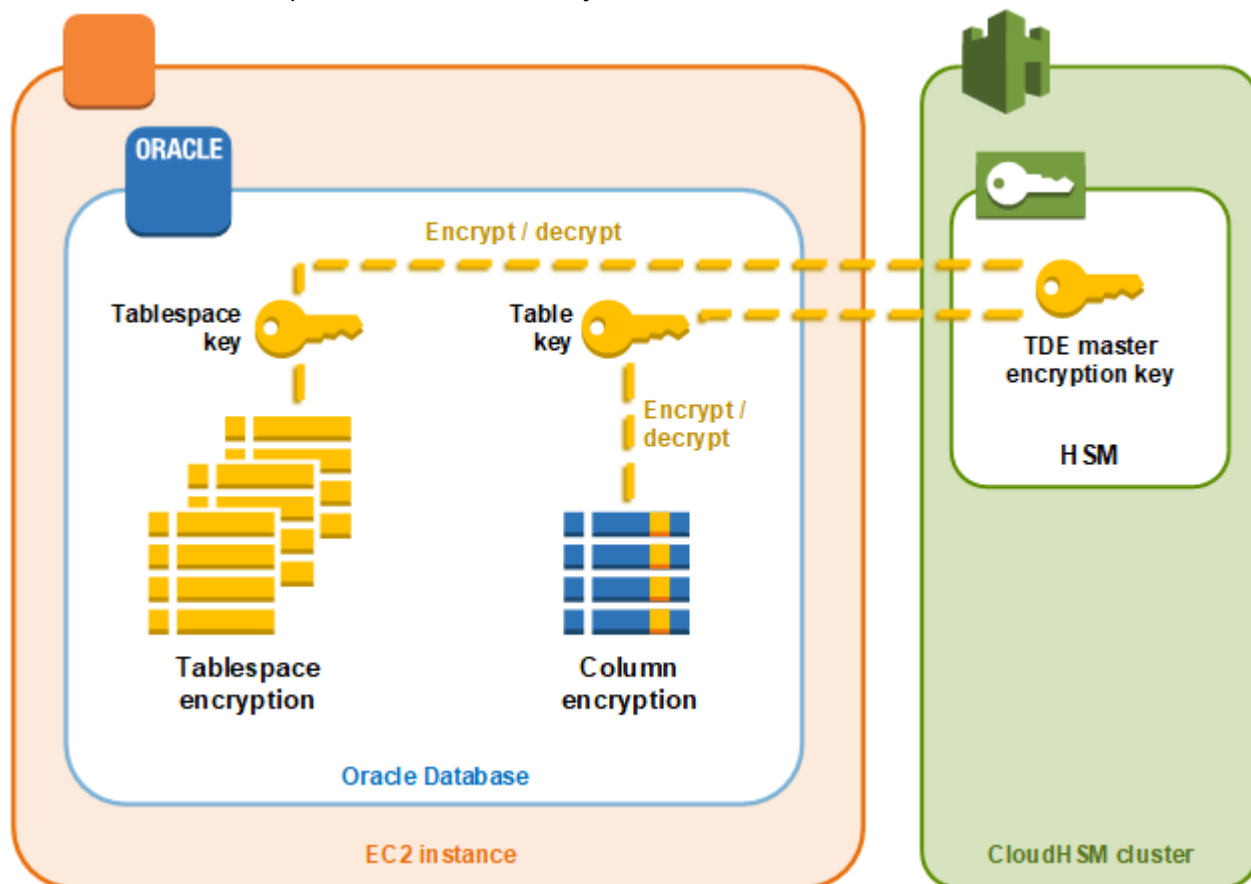
1. If you haven't already done so, connect to your Windows server. For more information, see [Connect to Your Instance](#) in the *Amazon EC2 User Guide for Windows Instances*.
2. On your Windows server, start **Server Manager**.
3. In the **Server Manager** dashboard, in the top right corner, choose **Tools, Certification Authority**.
4. In the **Certification Authority** window, choose your computer name.
5. From the **Action** menu, choose **All Tasks, Submit new request**.

6. Select your CSR file, and then choose **Open**.
7. In the **Certification Authority** window, double-click **Pending Requests**.
8. Select the pending request. Then, from the **Action** menu, choose **All Tasks, Issue**.
9. In the **Certification Authority** window, double-click **Issued Requests** to view the signed certificate.
10. (Optional) To export the signed certificate to a file, complete the following steps:
 - a. In the **Certification Authority** window, double-click the certificate.
 - b. Choose the **Details** tab, and then choose **Copy to File**.
 - c. Follow the instructions in the **Certificate Export Wizard**.

You now have a Windows Server CA with AWS CloudHSM, and a valid certificate signed by the Windows Server CA.

Oracle Database Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) with AWS CloudHSM

Some versions of Oracle's database software offer a feature called Transparent Data Encryption (TDE). With TDE, the database software encrypts data before storing it on disk. The data in the database's table columns or tablespaces is encrypted with a table key or tablespace key. These keys are encrypted with the TDE master encryption key. You can store the TDE master encryption key in the HSMs in your AWS CloudHSM cluster, which provides additional security.



In this solution, you use Oracle Database installed on an Amazon EC2 instance. Oracle Database integrates with the [AWS CloudHSM software library for PKCS #11 \(p. 183\)](#) to store the TDE master key in the HSMs in your cluster.

Important

You cannot use an Oracle instance in Amazon Relational Database Service (Amazon RDS) to integrate with AWS CloudHSM. You must install Oracle Database on an Amazon EC2 instance. For information about integrating an Oracle instance in Amazon RDS with AWS CloudHSM Classic, see [Using AWS CloudHSM Classic to Store Amazon RDS Oracle TDE Keys](#) in the *Amazon RDS User Guide*.

Complete the following steps to accomplish Oracle TDE integration with AWS CloudHSM.

To configure Oracle TDE integration with AWS CloudHSM

1. Follow the steps in [Set Up Prerequisites \(p. 240\)](#) to prepare your environment.
2. Follow the steps in [Configure the Database \(p. 241\)](#) to configure Oracle Database to integrate with your AWS CloudHSM cluster.

Oracle TDE with AWS CloudHSM: Set Up the Prerequisites

To accomplish Oracle TDE integration with AWS CloudHSM, you need the following:

- An active AWS CloudHSM cluster with at least one HSM.
- An Amazon EC2 instance running the Amazon Linux operating system with the following software installed:
 - The AWS CloudHSM client and command line tools.
 - The AWS CloudHSM software library for PKCS #11.
 - Oracle Database. AWS CloudHSM supports Oracle TDE integration with Oracle Database versions 11 and 12.
- A cryptographic user (CU) to own and manage the TDE master encryption key on the HSMs in your cluster.

Complete the following steps to set up all of the prerequisites.

To set up the prerequisites for Oracle TDE integration with AWS CloudHSM

1. Complete the steps in [Getting Started \(p. 15\)](#). After you do so, you'll have an active cluster with one HSM. You will also have an Amazon EC2 instance running the Amazon Linux operating system. The AWS CloudHSM client and command line tools will also be installed and configured.
2. (Optional) Add more HSMs to your cluster. For more information, see [Adding an HSM \(p. 42\)](#).
3. Connect to your Amazon EC2 client instance and do the following:
 - a. [Install the AWS CloudHSM software library for PKCS #11 \(p. 183\)](#).
 - b. Install Oracle Database. For more information, see the [Oracle Database documentation](#). AWS CloudHSM supports Oracle TDE integration with Oracle Database versions 11 and 12.
 - c. [Start the AWS CloudHSM client \(p. 77\)](#).
 - d. [Update the configuration file for the cloudhsm_mgmt_util command line tool \(p. 77\)](#).
 - e. Use the cloudhsm_mgmt_util command line tool to create a cryptographic user (CU) on your cluster. For more information, see [Managing HSM Users \(p. 53\)](#).

After you complete these steps, you can [Configure the Database \(p. 241\)](#).

Oracle TDE with AWS CloudHSM: Configure the Database and Generate the Master Encryption Key

To integrate Oracle TDE with your AWS CloudHSM cluster, see the following topics:

1. [Update the Oracle Database Configuration \(p. 241\)](#) to use the HSMs in your cluster as the *external security module*. For information about external security modules, see [Introduction to Transparent Data Encryption](#) in the *Oracle Database Advanced Security Guide*.
2. [Generate the Oracle TDE Master Encryption Key \(p. 242\)](#) on the HSMs in your cluster.

Topics

- [Update the Oracle Database Configuration \(p. 241\)](#)
- [Generate the Oracle TDE Master Encryption Key \(p. 242\)](#)

Update the Oracle Database Configuration

To update the Oracle Database configuration to use an HSM in your cluster as the *external security module*, complete the following steps. For information about external security modules, see [Introduction to Transparent Data Encryption](#) in the *Oracle Database Advanced Security Guide*.

To update the Oracle configuration

1. Connect to your Amazon EC2 client instance. This is the instance where you installed Oracle Database.
2. Make a backup copy of the file named `sqlnet.ora`. For the location of this file, see the Oracle documentation.
3. Use a text editor to edit the file named `sqlnet.ora`. Add the following line. If an existing line in the file begins with `encryption_wallet_location`, replace the existing line with the following one.

```
encryption_wallet_location=(source=(method=hsm))
```

Save the file.

4. Run the following command to create the directory where Oracle Database expects to find the library file for the AWS CloudHSM PKCS #11 software library.

```
sudo mkdir -p /opt/oracle/extapi/64/hsm
```

5. Use one of the following commands to copy the AWS CloudHSM software library for PKCS #11 file to the directory that you created in the previous step.
 - If you installed the PKCS #11 library without Redis, run the following command.

```
sudo cp /opt/cloudhsm/lib/libcloudhsm_pkcs11_standard.so /opt/oracle/extapi/64/hsm/
```

- If you installed the PKCS #11 library with Redis, run the following command.

```
sudo cp /opt/cloudhsm/lib/libcloudhsm_pkcs11_redis.so /opt/oracle/extapi/64/hsm/
```

Note

The `/opt/oracle/extapi/64/hsm` directory must contain only one library file. Copy only the library file that corresponds to the way you [installed the PKCS #11 library \(p. 184\)](#). If additional files exist in that directory, remove them.

6. Run the following command to change the ownership of the `/opt/oracle` directory and everything inside it.

```
sudo chown -R oracle:dba /opt/oracle
```

7. Start the Oracle Database.

Generate the Oracle TDE Master Encryption Key

To generate the Oracle TDE master key on the HSMs in your cluster, complete the steps in the following procedure.

To generate the master key

1. Use the `sqlplus` command to open Oracle SQL*Plus. When prompted, type the system password that you set when you installed Oracle Database.
2. Run the SQL statement that creates the master encryption key, as shown in the following examples. Use the statement that corresponds to your version of Oracle Database. Replace `<CU user name>` with the user name of the cryptographic user (CU). Replace `<password>` with the CU password.

Important

Run the following command only once. Each time the command is run, it creates a new master encryption key.

- For Oracle Database version 11, run the following SQL statement.

```
SQL> alter system set encryption key identified by "<CU user name>:<password>";
```

- For Oracle Database version 12, run the following SQL statement.

```
SQL> administer key management set key identified by "<CU user name>:<password>";
```

If the response is `System altered` or `keystore altered`, then you successfully generated and set the master key for Oracle TDE.

3. (Optional) Run the following command to verify the status of the *Oracle wallet*.

```
SQL> select * from v$encryption_wallet;
```

If the wallet is not open, use one of the following commands to open it. Replace `<CU user name>` with the name of the cryptographic user (CU). Replace `<password>` with the CU password.

- For Oracle 11, run the following command to open the wallet.

```
SQL> alter system set encryption wallet open identified by "<CU user name>:<password>";
```

To manually close the wallet, run the following command.

```
SQL> alter system set encryption wallet close identified by "<CU user name>:<password>";
```


- For Oracle 12, run the following command to open the wallet.

```
SQL> administer key management set keystore open identified by "<CU user  
name>:<password>";
```

To manually close the wallet, run the following command.

```
SQL> administer key management set keystore close identified by "<CU user  
name>:<password>";
```

Monitoring AWS CloudHSM Logs

AWS CloudHSM is integrated with the following AWS services to provide different kinds of logs.

AWS CloudTrail for API logs

AWS CloudHSM is integrated with AWS CloudTrail, a service that records all AWS CloudHSM API calls in your AWS account. CloudTrail records these calls in log files that are delivered to an Amazon Simple Storage Service (Amazon S3) bucket of your choice. For example, when you create and delete AWS CloudHSM clusters, create and delete HSMs in a cluster, tag AWS CloudHSM resources, and more, the corresponding API calls are recorded in CloudTrail log files.

Amazon CloudWatch Logs for HSM Audit Logs

AWS CloudHSM sends the audit logs recorded by your HSM instances to Amazon CloudWatch Logs, a service that stores, organizes, and displays log data from multiple sources. For example, when you create and delete HSM users, change user passwords, create and delete keys, and more, these events are collected and stored in CloudWatch Logs.

For more information, see the following topics.

Topics

- [Getting AWS CloudHSM Client Logs \(p. 244\)](#)
- [Logging AWS CloudHSM API Calls with AWS CloudTrail \(p. 245\)](#)
- [Monitoring AWS CloudHSM Audit Logs in Amazon CloudWatch Logs \(p. 247\)](#)

Getting AWS CloudHSM Client Logs

You can retrieve the logs generated by the AWS CloudHSM client. These logs contain detailed information from the AWS CloudHSM client daemon. The location of the logs depends on the operating system of the Amazon EC2 client instance where you run the AWS CloudHSM client.

Amazon Linux

In Amazon Linux, the AWS CloudHSM client logs are written to the file named `/opt/cloudhsm/run/cloudhsm_client.log`. You can use *logrotate* or a similar tool to rotate and manage these logs.

Amazon Linux 2

In Amazon Linux 2, the AWS CloudHSM Client logs are collected and stored in the *journal*. You can use *journalctl* to view and manage these logs. For example, use the following command to view the AWS CloudHSM Client logs.

```
journalctl -f -u cloudhsm-client
```

CentOS 6

In CentOS 6, the AWS CloudHSM client logs are written to the file named `/opt/cloudhsm/run/cloudhsm_client.log`. You can use *logrotate* or a similar tool to rotate and manage these logs.

CentOS 7

In CentOS 7, the AWS CloudHSM Client logs are collected and stored in the *journal*. You can use *journalctl* to view and manage these logs. For example, use the following command to view the AWS CloudHSM Client logs.

```
journalctl -f -u cloudhsm-client
```

RHEL 6

In Red Hat Enterprise Linux 6, the AWS CloudHSM client logs are written to the file named `/opt/cloudhsm/run/cloudhsm_client.log`. You can use *logrotate* or a similar tool to rotate and manage these logs.

RHEL 7

In Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7, the AWS CloudHSM Client logs are collected and stored in the *journal*. You can use *journalctl* to view and manage these logs. For example, use the following command to view the AWS CloudHSM Client logs.

```
journalctl -f -u cloudhsm-client
```

Ubuntu 16.04

In Ubuntu, the AWS CloudHSM Client logs are collected and stored in the *journal*. You can use *journalctl* to view and manage these logs. For example, use the following command to view the AWS CloudHSM Client logs.

```
journalctl -f -u cloudhsm-client
```

Windows Server

In Microsoft Windows Server, the AWS CloudHSM client logs are not written to a file. The logs are displayed at the command prompt or in the PowerShell window where you started the AWS CloudHSM client.

Logging AWS CloudHSM API Calls with AWS CloudTrail

AWS CloudHSM is integrated with AWS CloudTrail, a service that provides a record of actions taken by a user, role, or an AWS service in AWS CloudHSM. CloudTrail captures all API calls for AWS CloudHSM as events. The calls captured include calls from the AWS CloudHSM console and code calls to the AWS CloudHSM API operations. If you create a trail, you can enable continuous delivery of CloudTrail events to an Amazon S3 bucket, including events for AWS CloudHSM. If you don't configure a trail, you can still view the most recent events in the CloudTrail console in **Event history**. Using the information collected by CloudTrail, you can determine the request that was made to AWS CloudHSM, the IP address from which the request was made, who made the request, when it was made, and additional details.

To learn more about CloudTrail, see the [AWS CloudTrail User Guide](#). For a full list of AWS CloudHSM API operations, see [Actions](#) in the *AWS CloudHSM API Reference*.

AWS CloudHSM Information in CloudTrail

CloudTrail is enabled on your AWS account when you create the account. When activity occurs in AWS CloudHSM, that activity is recorded in a CloudTrail event along with other AWS service events in **Event history**. You can view, search, and download recent events in your AWS account. For more information, see [Viewing Events with CloudTrail Event History](#).

For an ongoing record of events in your AWS account, including events for AWS CloudHSM, create a trail. A *trail* enables CloudTrail to deliver log files to an Amazon S3 bucket. By default, when you create a trail in the console, the trail applies to all AWS Regions. The trail logs events from all Regions in the AWS partition and delivers the log files to the Amazon S3 bucket that you specify. Additionally, you can

configure other AWS services to further analyze and act upon the event data collected in CloudTrail logs. For more information, see the following:

- [Overview for Creating a Trail](#)
- [CloudTrail Supported Services and Integrations](#)
- [Configuring Amazon SNS Notifications for CloudTrail](#)
- [Receiving CloudTrail Log Files from Multiple Regions](#) and [Receiving CloudTrail Log Files from Multiple Accounts](#)

CloudTrail logs all AWS CloudHSM operations, including read-only operations, such as `DescribeClusters` and `ListTags`, and management operations, such as `InitializeCluster`, `CreateHsm`, and `DeleteBackup`.

Every event or log entry contains information about who generated the request. The identity information helps you determine the following:

- Whether the request was made with root or AWS Identity and Access Management (IAM) user credentials.
- Whether the request was made with temporary security credentials for a role or federated user.
- Whether the request was made by another AWS service.

For more information, see the [CloudTrail `userIdentity` Element](#).

Understanding AWS CloudHSM Log File Entries

A trail is a configuration that enables delivery of events as log files to an Amazon S3 bucket that you specify. CloudTrail log files contain one or more log entries. An event represents a single request from any source and includes information about the requested action, the date and time of the action, request parameters, and so on. CloudTrail log files aren't an ordered stack trace of the public API calls, so they don't appear in any specific order.

The following example shows a CloudTrail log entry that demonstrates the AWS CloudHSM `CreateHsm` action.

```
{
  "eventVersion": "1.05",
  "userIdentity": {
    "type": "AssumedRole",
    "principalId": "AROAJZVM5NEGZSTCITAMM:ExampleSession",
    "arn": "arn:aws:sts::111122223333:assumed-role/AdminRole/ExampleSession",
    "accountId": "111122223333",
    "accessKeyId": "ASIAIY22AX6VRYNBGJSA",
    "sessionContext": {
      "attributes": {
        "mfaAuthenticated": "false",
        "creationDate": "2017-07-11T03:48:44Z"
      },
      "sessionIssuer": {
        "type": "Role",
        "principalId": "AROAJZVM5NEGZSTCITAMM",
        "arn": "arn:aws:iam::111122223333:role/AdminRole",
        "accountId": "111122223333",
        "userName": "AdminRole"
      }
    }
  },
  "eventTime": "2017-07-11T03:50:45Z",
  "eventSource": "cloudhsm.amazonaws.com",
```

```
{
  "eventName": "CreateHsm",
  "awsRegion": "us-west-2",
  "sourceIPAddress": "205.251.233.179",
  "userAgent": "aws-internal/3",
  "requestParameters": {
    "availabilityZone": "us-west-2b",
    "clusterId": "cluster-fw7mh6mayb5"
  },
  "responseElements": {
    "hsm": {
      "eniId": "eni-65338b5a",
      "clusterId": "cluster-fw7mh6mayb5",
      "state": "CREATE_IN_PROGRESS",
      "eniIp": "10.0.2.7",
      "hsmId": "hsm-61z2hfmnzbx",
      "subnetId": "subnet-02c28c4b",
      "availabilityZone": "us-west-2b"
    }
  },
  "requestID": "1dae0370-65ec-11e7-a770-6578d63de907",
  "eventID": "b73a5617-8508-4c3d-900d-aa8ac9b31d08",
  "eventType": "AwsApiCall",
  "recipientAccountId": "111122223333"
}
```

Monitoring AWS CloudHSM Audit Logs in Amazon CloudWatch Logs

When an HSM in your account receives a command from the AWS CloudHSM [command line tools](#) (p. 74) or [software libraries](#) (p. 183), it records its execution of the command in audit log form. The HSM audit logs include all client-initiated [management commands](#) (p. 260), including those that create and delete the HSM, log into and out of the HSM, and manage users and keys. These logs provide a reliable record of actions that have changed the state of the HSM.

AWS CloudHSM collects your HSM audit logs and sends them to [Amazon CloudWatch Logs](#) on your behalf. You can use the features of CloudWatch Logs to manage your AWS CloudHSM audit logs, including searching and filtering the logs and exporting log data to Amazon S3. You can work with your HSM audit logs in the [Amazon CloudWatch console](#) or use the CloudWatch Logs commands in the [AWS CLI](#) and [CloudWatch Logs SDKs](#).

Topics

- [How Audit Logging Works](#) (p. 247)
- [Viewing Audit Logs in CloudWatch Logs](#) (p. 248)
- [Interpreting HSM Audit Logs](#) (p. 250)
- [Audit Log Reference](#) (p. 260)

How Audit Logging Works

Audit logging is automatically enabled in all AWS CloudHSM clusters. It cannot be disabled or turned off, and no settings can prevent AWS CloudHSM from exporting the logs to CloudWatch Logs. Each log event has a time stamp and sequence number that indicate the order of events and help you detect any log tampering.

Each HSM instance generates its own log. The audit logs of various HSMs, even those in the same cluster, are likely to differ. For example, only the first HSM in each cluster records initialization of the HSM.

Initialization events do not appear in the logs of HSMs that are cloned from backups. Similarly, when you create a key, the HSM that generates the key records a key generation event. The other HSMs in the cluster record an event when they receive the key via synchronization.

AWS CloudHSM collects the logs and posts them to CloudWatch Logs in your account. To communicate with the CloudWatch Logs service on your behalf, AWS CloudHSM uses a [service-linked role](#) (p. 19). The IAM policy that is associated with the role allows AWS CloudHSM to perform only the tasks required to send the audit logs to CloudWatch Logs.

Important

If you created a cluster before January 20, 2018, and have not yet created an attached service-linked role, you must manually create one. This is necessary for CloudWatch to receive audit logs from your AWS CloudHSM cluster. For more information about service-linked role creation, see [Understanding Service-Linked Roles](#) (p. 19), as well as [Creating a Service-Linked Role](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Viewing Audit Logs in CloudWatch Logs

Amazon CloudWatch Logs organizes the audit logs into *log groups* and, within a log group, into *log streams*. Each log entry is an *event*. AWS CloudHSM creates one *log group* for each cluster and one *log stream* for each HSM in the cluster. You do not have to create any CloudWatch Logs components or change any settings.

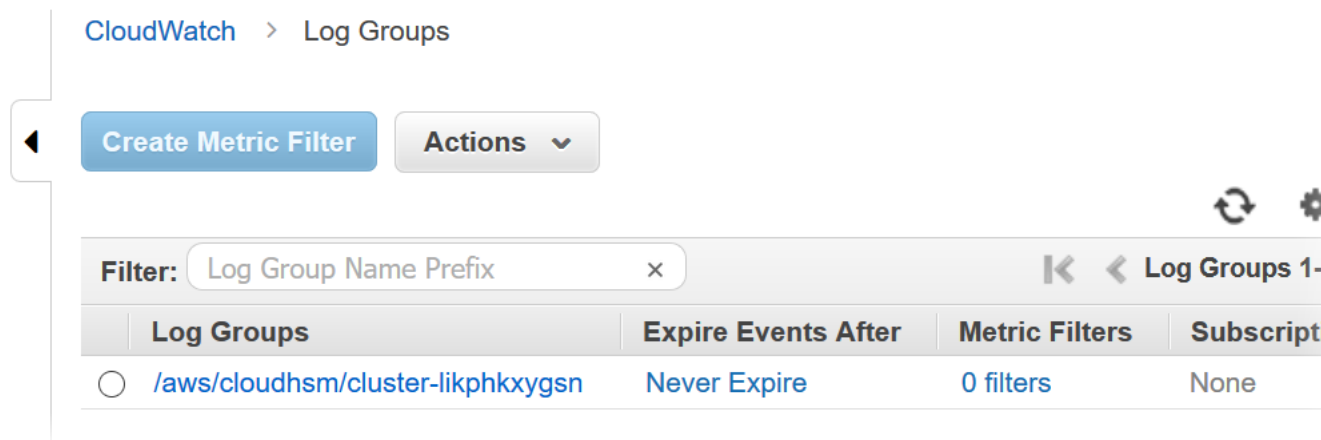
- The *log group* name is `/aws/cloudhsm/<cluster ID>`; for example `/aws/cloudhsm/cluster-likphkxygsn`. When you use the log group name in a AWS CLI or PowerShell command, be sure to enclose it in double quotation marks.
- The *log stream* name is the HSM ID; for example, `hsm-nwbbiqbj4jk`.

In general, there is one log stream for each HSM. However, any action that changes the HSM ID, such as when an HSM fails and is replaced, creates a new log stream.

For more information about CloudWatch Logs concepts, see [Concepts](#) in the *Amazon CloudWatch Logs User Guide*.

You can view the audit logs for an HSM from the CloudWatch Logs page in the AWS Management Console, the [CloudWatch Logs commands](#) in the AWS CLI, the [CloudWatch Logs PowerShell cmdlets](#), or the [CloudWatch Logs SDKs](#). For instructions, see [View Log Data](#) in the *Amazon CloudWatch Logs User Guide*.

For example, the following image shows the log group for the `cluster-likphkxygsn` cluster in the AWS Management Console.



When you choose the cluster log group name, you can view the log stream for each of the HSMs in the cluster. The following image shows the log streams for the HSMs in the `cluster-likphkxygsn` cluster.

CloudWatch > Log Groups > Streams for /aws/cloudhsm/cluster-likphkxygsn

The screenshot shows the AWS CloudWatch console interface. At the top, there are three buttons: "Search Log Group" (blue), "Create Log Stream" (grey), and "Delete Log Stream" (grey). Below these buttons is a filter bar with a search input field containing "Log Stream Name Prefix" and a close button (x). To the right of the filter bar are navigation icons (refresh and settings) and a breadcrumb "Log Streams 1-2". Below the filter bar is a table with two columns: "Log Streams" and "Last Event Time". The table contains two rows of log streams:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Log Streams	Last Event Time
<input type="checkbox"/>	hsm-aht4p3sgs3c	2017-12-28 06:12 UTC-8
<input type="checkbox"/>	hsm-xkvjp4wk5o3	2017-12-28 06:12 UTC-8

When you choose an HSM log stream name, you can view the events in the audit log. For example, this event, which has a sequence number of 0x0 and an Opcode of `CN_INIT_TOKEN`, is typically the first event for the first HSM in each cluster. It records the initialization of the HSM in the cluster.

The screenshot shows the AWS CloudWatch console interface for a specific log stream. At the top, there is a "Filter events" input field. Below the filter field is a table with two columns: "Time (UTC +00:00)" and "Message". The table contains one row of data:

Time (UTC +00:00)	Message
2017-12-19	<pre>Time: 12/19/17 21:01:16.962174, usecs:1513717276962174 Sequence No : 0x0 Reboot counter : 0xe8 Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0) Opcode : CN_INIT_TOKEN (0x1) Session Handle : 0x1004001 Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS Log type : MINIMAL_LOG_ENTRY (0)</pre>

You can use all the many features in CloudWatch Logs to manage your audit logs. For example, you can use the **Filter events** feature to find particular text in an event, such as the `CN_CREATE_USER` Opcode.

To find all events that do not include the specified text, add a minus sign (-) before the text. For example, to find events that do not include `CN_CREATE_USER`, enter **-CN_CREATE_USER**.

CN_CREATE_USER	
Time (UTC +00:00)	Message
2017-12-20	
No older events	
▼ 00:04:53	Time: 12/20/17 00:04:53.635826, u
Time: 12/20/17 00:04:53.635826, usecs:1513728293635826	
Sequence No : 0x13a	
Reboot counter : 0xe8	
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)	
Opcode : CN_CREATE_USER (0x3)	
Session Handle : 0x1014006	
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS	
Log type : MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG (2)	
User Name : testuser	
User Type : CN_CRYPT_USER (1)	

Interpreting HSM Audit Logs

The events in the HSM audit logs have standard fields. Some event types have additional fields that capture useful information about the event. For example, user login and user management events include the user name and user type of the user. Key management commands include the key handle.

Several of the fields provide particularly important information. The Opcode identifies the management command that is being recorded. The Sequence No identifies an event in the log stream and indicates the order in which it was recorded.

For example, the following example event is the second event (Sequence No: 0x1) in the log stream for an HSM. It shows the HSM generating a password encryption key, which is part of its startup routine.

```
Time: 12/19/17 21:01:17.140812, usecs:1513717277140812
Sequence No : 0x1
Reboot counter : 0xe8
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_GEN_PSWD_ENC_KEY (0x1d)
Session Handle : 0x1004001
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MINIMAL_LOG_ENTRY (0)
```

The following fields are common to every AWS CloudHSM event in the audit log.

Time

The time that the event occurred in the UTC time zone. The time is displayed as a human-readable time and Unix time in microseconds.

Reboot counter

A 32-bit persistent ordinal counter that is incremented when the HSM hardware is rebooted.

All events in a log stream have the same reboot counter value. However, the reboot counter might not be unique to a log stream, as it can differ across different HSM instances in the same cluster.

Sequence No

A 64-bit ordinal counter that is incremented for each log event. The first event in each log stream has a sequence number of 0x0. There should be no gaps in the `Sequence No` values. The sequence number is unique only within a log stream.

Command type

A hexadecimal value that represents the category of the command. Commands in the AWS CloudHSM log streams have a command type of `CN_MGMT_CMD` (0x0) or `CN_CERT_AUTH_CMD` (0x9).

Opcode

Identifies the management command that was executed. For a list of Opcode values in the AWS CloudHSM audit logs, see [Audit Log Reference \(p. 260\)](#).

Session handle

Identifies the session in which the command was run and the event was logged.

Response

Records the response to the management command. You can search the `Response` field for `SUCCESS` and `ERROR` values.

Log type

Indicates the log type of the AWS CloudHSM log that recorded the command.

- `MINIMAL_LOG_ENTRY` (0)
- `MGMT_KEY_DETAILS_LOG` (1)
- `MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG` (2)
- `GENERIC_LOG`

Examples of Audit Log Events

The events in a log stream record the history of the HSM from its creation to deletion. You can use the log to review the lifecycle of your HSMs and gain insight into its operation. When you interpret the events, note the `Opcode`, which indicates the management command or action, and the `Sequence No`, which indicates the order of events.

Topics

- [Example: Initialize the First HSM in a Cluster \(p. 252\)](#)
- [Login and Logout Events \(p. 253\)](#)
- [Example: Create and Delete Users \(p. 252\)](#)
- [Example: Create and Delete a Key Pair \(p. 255\)](#)
- [Example: Generate and Synchronize a Key \(p. 256\)](#)
- [Example: Export a Key \(p. 258\)](#)
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Example: Initialize the First HSM in a Cluster

The audit log stream for the first HSM in each cluster differs significantly from the log streams of other HSMs in the cluster. The audit log for the first HSM in each cluster records its creation and initialization. The logs of additional HSMs in the cluster, which are generated from backups, begin with a login event.

Important

The following initialization entries will not appear in the CloudWatch logs of clusters initialized before the release of the CloudHSM audit logging feature (August 30, 2018). For more information, see [Document History \(p. 290\)](#).

The following example events appear in the log stream for the first HSM in a cluster. The first event in the log — the one with `Sequence No 0x0` — represents the command to initialize the HSM (`CN_INIT_TOKEN`). The response indicates that the command was successful (`Response : 0: HSM Return: SUCCESS`).

```
Time: 12/19/17 21:01:16.962174, usecs:1513717276962174
Sequence No : 0x0
Reboot counter : 0xe8
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_INIT_TOKEN (0x1)
Session Handle : 0x1004001
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MINIMAL_LOG_ENTRY (0)
```

The second event in this example log stream (`Sequence No 0x1`) records the command to create the password encryption key that the HSM uses (`CN_GEN_PSWD_ENC_KEY`).

This is a typical startup sequence for the first HSM in each cluster. Because subsequent HSMs in the same cluster are clones of the first one, they use the same password encryption key.

```
Time: 12/19/17 21:01:17.140812, usecs:1513717277140812
Sequence No : 0x1
Reboot counter : 0xe8
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_GEN_PSWD_ENC_KEY (0x1d)
Session Handle : 0x1004001
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MINIMAL_LOG_ENTRY (0)
```

The third event in this example log stream (`Sequence No 0x2`) is the creation of the [appliance user \(AU\) \(p. 11\)](#), which is the AWS CloudHSM service. Events that involve HSM users include extra fields for the user name and user type.

```
Time: 12/19/17 21:01:17.174902, usecs:1513717277174902
Sequence No : 0x2
Reboot counter : 0xe8
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_CREATE_APPLIANCE_USER (0xfc)
Session Handle : 0x1004001
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG (2)
User Name : app_user
User Type : CN_APPLIANCE_USER (5)
```

The fourth event in this example log stream (`Sequence No 0x3`) records the `CN_INIT_DONE` event, which completes the initialization of the HSM.

```
Time: 12/19/17 21:01:17.298914, usecs:1513717277298914
Sequence No : 0x3
Reboot counter : 0xe8
```

```
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_INIT_DONE (0x95)
Session Handle : 0x1004001
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MINIMAL_LOG_ENTRY (0)
```

You can follow the remaining events in the startup sequence, which might include several login and logout events, and the generation of the key encryption key (KEK). The following event records the command that changes the password of the [precrypto officer \(PRECO\)](#) (p. 11). This command activates the cluster.

```
Time: 12/13/17 23:04:33.846554, usecs:1513206273846554
Sequence No: 0x1d
Reboot counter: 0xe8
Command Type(hex): CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode: CN_CHANGE_PSWD (0x9)
Session Handle: 0x2010003
Response: 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type: MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG (2)
User Name: admin
User Type: CN_CRYPTOPRE_OFFICER (6)
```

Login and Logout Events

When interpreting your audit log, note events that record users logging and in and out of the HSM. These events help you to determine which user is responsible for management commands that appear in sequence between the login and logout commands.

For example, this log entry records a login by a crypto officer named `admin`. The sequence number, `0x0`, indicates that this is the first event in this log stream.

When a user logs into an HSM, the other HSMs in the cluster also record a login event for the user. You can find the corresponding login events in the log streams of other HSMs in the cluster shortly after the initial login event.

```
Time: 01/16/18 01:48:49.824999, usecs:1516067329824999
Sequence No : 0x0
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_LOGIN (0xd)
Session Handle : 0x7014006
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG (2)
User Name : admin
User Type : CN_CRYPTOFFICER (2)
```

The following example event records the `admin` crypto officer logging out. The sequence number, `0x2`, indicates that this is the third event in the log stream.

If the logged in user closes the session without logging out, the log stream includes an `CN_APP_FINALIZE` or close session event (`CN_SESSION_CLOSE`), instead of a `CN_LOGOUT` event. Unlike the login event, this logout event typically is recorded only by the HSM that executes the command.

```
Time: 01/16/18 01:49:55.993404, usecs:1516067395993404
Sequence No : 0x2
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_LOGOUT (0xe)
Session Handle : 0x7014000
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG (2)
```

```
User Name : admin
User Type : CN_CRYPTTO_OFFICER (2)
```

If a login attempt fails because the user name is invalid, the HSM records a CN_LOGIN event with the user name and type provided in the login command. The response displays error message 157, which explains that the user name does not exist.

```
Time: 01/24/18 17:41:39.037255, usecs:1516815699037255
Sequence No : 0x4
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_LOGIN (0xd)
Session Handle : 0xc008002
Response : 157:HSM Error: user isn't initialized or user with this name doesn't exist
Log type : MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG (2)
User Name : ExampleUser
User Type : CN_CRYPTTO_USER (1)
```

If a login attempt fails because the password is invalid, the HSM records a CN_LOGIN event with the user name and type provided in the login command. The response displays the error message with the RET_USER_LOGIN_FAILURE error code.

```
Time: 01/24/18 17:44:25.013218, usecs:1516815865013218
Sequence No : 0x5
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_LOGIN (0xd)
Session Handle : 0xc008002
Response : 163:HSM Error: RET_USER_LOGIN_FAILURE
Log type : MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG (2)
User Name : testuser
User Type : CN_CRYPTTO_USER (1)
```

Example: Create and Delete Users

This example shows the log events that are recorded when a crypto officer (CO) creates and deletes users.

The first event records a CO, admin, logging into the HSM. The sequence number of 0x0 indicates that this is the first event in the log stream. The name and type of the user who logged in are included in the event.

```
Time: 01/16/18 01:48:49.824999, usecs:1516067329824999
Sequence No : 0x0
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_LOGIN (0xd)
Session Handle : 0x7014006
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG (2)
User Name : admin
User Type : CN_CRYPTTO_OFFICER (2)
```

The next event in the log stream (sequence 0x1) records the CO creating a new crypto user (CU). The name and type of the new user are included in the event.

```
Time: 01/16/18 01:49:39.437708, usecs:1516067379437708
Sequence No : 0x1
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
```

```
Opcode : CN_CREATE_USER (0x3)
Session Handle : 0x7014006
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG (2)
User Name : bob
User Type : CN_CRYPT_USER (1)
```

Then, the CO creates another crypto officer, *alice*. The sequence number indicates that this action followed the previous one with no intervening actions.

```
Time: 01/16/18 01:49:55.993404, usecs:1516067395993404
Sequence No : 0x2
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_CREATE_CO (0x4)
Session Handle : 0x7014007
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG (2)
User Name : alice
User Type : CN_CRYPT_OFFICER (2)
```

Later, the CO named *admin* logs in and deletes the crypto officer named *alice*. The HSM records a `CN_DELETE_USER` event. The name and type of the deleted user are included in the event.

```
Time: 01/23/18 19:58:23.451420, usecs:1516737503451420
Sequence No : 0xb
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_DELETE_USER (0xa1)
Session Handle : 0x7014007
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG (2)
User Name : alice
User Type : CN_CRYPT_OFFICER (2)
```

Example: Create and Delete a Key Pair

This example shows the events that are recorded in an HSM audit log when you create and delete a key pair.

The following event records the crypto user (CU) named *crypto_user* logging in to the HSM.

```
Time: 12/13/17 23:09:04.648952, usecs:1513206544648952
Sequence No: 0x28
Reboot counter: 0xe8
Command Type(hex): CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode: CN_LOGIN (0xd)
Session Handle: 0x2014005
Response: 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type: MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG (2)
User Name: crypto_user
User Type: CN_CRYPT_USER (1)
```

Next, the CU generates a key pair (`CN_GENERATE_KEY_PAIR`). The private key has key handle 131079. The public key has key handle 131078.

```
Time: 12/13/17 23:09:04.761594, usecs:1513206544761594
Sequence No: 0x29
Reboot counter: 0xe8
Command Type(hex): CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode: CN_GENERATE_KEY_PAIR (0x19)
```

```
Session Handle: 0x2014004
Response: 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type: MGMT_KEY_DETAILS_LOG (1)
Priv/Secret Key Handle: 131079
Public Key Handle: 131078
```

The CU immediately deletes the key pair. A CN_DESTROY_OBJECT event records the deletion of the public key (131078).

```
Time: 12/13/17 23:09:04.813977, usecs:1513206544813977
Sequence No: 0x2a
Reboot counter: 0xe8
Command Type(hex): CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode: CN_DESTROY_OBJECT (0x11)
Session Handle: 0x2014004
Response: 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type: MGMT_KEY_DETAILS_LOG (1)
Priv/Secret Key Handle: 131078
Public Key Handle: 0
```

Then, a second CN_DESTROY_OBJECT event records the deletion of the private key (131079).

```
Time: 12/13/17 23:09:04.815530, usecs:1513206544815530
Sequence No: 0x2b
Reboot counter: 0xe8
Command Type(hex): CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode: CN_DESTROY_OBJECT (0x11)
Session Handle: 0x2014004
Response: 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type: MGMT_KEY_DETAILS_LOG (1)
Priv/Secret Key Handle: 131079
Public Key Handle: 0
```

Finally, the CU logs out.

```
Time: 12/13/17 23:09:04.817222, usecs:1513206544817222
Sequence No: 0x2c
Reboot counter: 0xe8
Command Type(hex): CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode: CN_LOGOUT (0xe)
Session Handle: 0x2014004
Response: 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type: MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG (2)
User Name: crypto_user
User Type: CN_CRYPT_USER (1)
```

Example: Generate and Synchronize a Key

This example shows the effect of creating a key in a cluster with multiple HSMs. The key is generated on one HSM, extracted from the HSM as a masked object, and inserted in the other HSMs as a masked object.

Note

The client tools might fail to synchronize the key, or the command might include the **min_srv** parameter, which synchronizes the key only to the specified number of HSMs. In either case, the AWS CloudHSM service synchronizes the key to the other HSMs in the cluster. Because the HSMs record only client-side management commands in their logs, the server-side synchronization is not recorded in the HSM log.

First consider the log stream of the HSM that receives and executes the commands. The log stream is named for HSM ID, `hsm-abcde123456`, but the HSM ID does not appear in the log events.

First, the `testuser` crypto user (CU) logs in to the `hsm-abcde123456` HSM.

```
Time: 01/24/18 00:39:23.172777, usecs:1516754363172777
Sequence No : 0x0
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_LOGIN (0xd)
Session Handle : 0xc008002
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG (2)
User Name : testuser
User Type : CN_CRYPTO_USER (1)
```

The CU runs an [exSymKey \(p. 151\)](#) command to generate a symmetric key. The `hsm-abcde123456` HSM generates a symmetric key with a key handle of 262152. The HSM records a `CN_GENERATE_KEY` event in its log.

```
Time: 01/24/18 00:39:30.328334, usecs:1516754370328334
Sequence No : 0x1
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_GENERATE_KEY (0x17)
Session Handle : 0xc008004
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_KEY_DETAILS_LOG (1)
Priv/Secret Key Handle : 262152
Public Key Handle : 0
```

The next event in the log stream for `hsm-abcde123456` records the first step in the key synchronization process. The new key (key handle 262152) is extracted from the HSM as a masked object.

```
Time: 01/24/18 00:39:30.330956, usecs:1516754370330956
Sequence No : 0x2
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_EXTRACT_MASKED_OBJECT_USER (0xf0)
Session Handle : 0xc008004
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_KEY_DETAILS_LOG (1)
Priv/Secret Key Handle : 262152
Public Key Handle : 0
```

Now consider the log stream for HSM `hsm-zyxwv987654`, another HSM in the same cluster. This log stream also includes a login event for the `testuser` CU. The time value shows that occurs shortly after the user logs in to the `hsm-abcde123456` HSM.

```
Time: 01/24/18 00:39:23.199740, usecs:1516754363199740
Sequence No : 0xd
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_LOGIN (0xd)
Session Handle : 0x7004004
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG (2)
User Name : testuser
User Type : CN_CRYPTO_USER (1)
```

This log stream for this HSM does not have a `CN_GENERATE_KEY` event. But it does have an event that records synchronization of the key to this HSM. The `CN_INSERT_MASKED_OBJECT_USER` event records the receipt of key 262152 as a masked object. Now key 262152 exists on both HSMs in the cluster.

```
Time: 01/24/18 00:39:30.408950, usecs:1516754370408950
Sequence No : 0xe
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_INSERT_MASKED_OBJECT_USER (0xf1)
Session Handle : 0x7004003
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_KEY_DETAILS_LOG (1)
Priv/Secret Key Handle : 262152
Public Key Handle : 0
```

When the CU user logs out, this `CN_LOGOUT` event appears only in the log stream of the HSM that received the commands.

Example: Export a Key

This example shows the audit log events that are recorded when a crypto user (CU) exports keys from a cluster with multiple HSMs.

The following event records the CU (`testuser`) logging into [key_mgmt_util](#) (p. 119).

```
Time: 01/24/18 19:42:22.695884, usecs:1516822942695884
Sequence No : 0x26
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_LOGIN (0xd)
Session Handle : 0x7004004
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_USER_DETAILS_LOG (2)
User Name : testuser
User Type : CN_CRYPT_USER (1)
```

The CU runs an [exSymKey](#) (p. 129) command to export key 7, a 256-bit AES key. The command uses key 6, a 256-bit AES key on the HSMs, as the wrapping key.

The HSM that receives the command records a `CN_WRAP_KEY` event for key 7, the key that is being exported.

```
Time: 01/24/18 19:51:12.860123, usecs:1516823472860123
Sequence No : 0x27
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_WRAP_KEY (0x1a)
Session Handle : 0x7004003
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_KEY_DETAILS_LOG (1)
Priv/Secret Key Handle : 7
Public Key Handle : 0
```

Then, the HSM records a `CN_NIST_AES_WRAP` event for the wrapping key, key 6. The key is wrapped and then immediately unwrapped, but the HSM records only one event.

```
Time: 01/24/18 19:51:12.905257, usecs:1516823472905257
Sequence No : 0x28
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_NIST_AES_WRAP (0x1e)
Session Handle : 0x7004003
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_KEY_DETAILS_LOG (1)
Priv/Secret Key Handle : 6
```



```
Public Key Handle : 0
```

The **exSymKey** command writes the exported key to a file but does not change the key on the HSM. Consequently, there are no corresponding events in the logs of other HSMs in the cluster.

Example: Import a Key

This example shows the audit log events that are recorded when you import keys into the HSMs in a cluster. In this example, the crypto user (CU) uses the **imSymKey** (p. 162) command to import an AES key into the HSMs. The command uses key 6 as the wrapping key.

The HSM that receives the commands first records a **CN_NIST_AES_WRAP** event for key 6, the wrapping key.

```
Time: 01/24/18 19:58:23.170518, usecs:1516823903170518
Sequence No : 0x29
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_NIST_AES_WRAP (0x1e)
Session Handle : 0x7004003
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_KEY_DETAILS_LOG (1)
Priv/Secret Key Handle : 6
Public Key Handle : 0
```

Then, the HSM records a **CN_UNWRAP_KEY** event that represents the import operation. The imported key is assigned a key handle of 11.

```
Time: 01/24/18 19:58:23.200711, usecs:1516823903200711
Sequence No : 0x2a
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_UNWRAP_KEY (0x1b)
Session Handle : 0x7004003
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_KEY_DETAILS_LOG (1)
Priv/Secret Key Handle : 11
Public Key Handle : 0
```

When a new key is generated or imported, the client tools automatically attempt to synchronize the new key to other HSMs in the cluster. In this case, the HSM records a **CN_EXTRACT_MASKED_OBJECT_USER** event when key 11 is extracted from the HSM as a masked object.

```
Time: 01/24/18 19:58:23.203350, usecs:1516823903203350
Sequence No : 0x2b
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_EXTRACT_MASKED_OBJECT_USER (0xf0)
Session Handle : 0x7004003
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_KEY_DETAILS_LOG (1)
Priv/Secret Key Handle : 11
Public Key Handle : 0
```

The log streams of other HSMs in the cluster reflect the arrival of the newly imported key.

For example, this event was recorded in the log stream of a different HSM in the same cluster. This **CN_INSERT_MASKED_OBJECT_USER** event records the arrival of a masked object that represents key 11.

```
Time: 01/24/18 19:58:23.286793, usecs:1516823903286793
Sequence No : 0xb
```

```
Reboot counter : 0x107
Command Type(hex) : CN_MGMT_CMD (0x0)
Opcode : CN_INSERT_MASKED_OBJECT_USER (0xf1)
Session Handle : 0xc008004
Response : 0:HSM Return: SUCCESS
Log type : MGMT_KEY_DETAILS_LOG (1)
Priv/Secret Key Handle : 11
Public Key Handle : 0
```

Audit Log Reference

AWS CloudHSM records HSM management commands in audit log events. Each event has an operation code (Opcode) value that identifies the action that occurred and its response. You can use the Opcode values to search, sort, and filter the logs.

The following table defines the Opcode values in an AWS CloudHSM audit log.

Operation Code (Opcode)	Description
User Login: These events include the user name and user type.	
CN_LOGIN (0xd)	User login (p. 106) (excludes appliance user [AU]).
CN_LOGOUT (0xe)	User logout (p. 106) (excludes appliance user [AU]).
CN_APP_FINALIZE	App finalize (logged only when user did not explicitly log out)
CN_CLOSE_SESSION	Close session (logged only when user did not explicitly log out)
User Management: These events include the user name and user type.	
CN_CREATE_USER (0x3)	Create a crypto user (CU) (p. 85)
CN_CREATE_CO	Create a crypto officer (CO) (p. 85)
CN_CREATE_APPLIANCE_USER	Create an appliance user (AU) (p. 85)
CN_DELETE_USER	Delete a user (p. 88)
CN_CHANGE_PSWD	Change a user password (p. 82)
CN_SET_M_VALUE	Set quorum authentication (M of N) for a user action.
CN_APPROVE_TOKEN	Approve a quorum authentication token for a user action.
Key Management: These events include the key handle.	
CN_GENERATE_KEY	Generate a symmetric key (p. 151)
CN_GENERATE_KEY_PAIR (0x19)	Generate a key pair (DSA (p. 137), ECC (p. 142), or RSA (p. 146))
CN_CREATE_OBJECT	Import a public key (without wrapping)
CN_MODIFY_OBJECT	Set a key attribute in key_mgmt_util (p. 170) or cloudhsm_mgmt_util (p. 109) .

Operation Code (Opcode)	Description
CN_DESTROY_OBJECT (0x11)	Delete a key (p. 126)
CN_TOMBSTONE_OBJECT	Mark the key for deletion, but do not remove it
CN_SHARE_OBJECT	Share or unshare a key (p. 112)
CN_WRAP_KEY	Export an encrypted copy of a key (wrapKey (p. 175))
CN_UNWRAP_KEY	Import an encrypted copy of a key (unwrapKey (p. 172))
CN_NIST_AES_WRAP	Encrypt or decrypt a file (aesWrapUnwrap (p. 124))
CN_INSERT_MASKED_OBJECT_USER	Receive a key (as a masked object) from another HSM in the cluster; this event is recorded when a client action synchronizes the key
CN_EXTRACT_MASKED_OBJECT_USER	Send a key (as a masked object) to other HSMs in the cluster; this event is recorded when a client action synchronizes the key
Clone HSMs	
CN_CLONE_SOURCE_INIT	Clone source start
CN_CLONE_SOURCE_STAGE1	Clone source end
CN_CLONE_TARGET_INIT	Clone target start
CN_CLONE_TARGET_STAGE1	Clone target end
Certificate-Based Authentication	
CN_CERT_AUTH_STORE_CERT	Store a certificate
CN_CERT_AUTH_VALIDATE_PEER_CERTS	Validate a certificate
CN_CERT_AUTH_SOURCE_KEY_EXCHANGE	Source key exchange
CN_CERT_AUTH_TARGET_KEY_EXCHANGE	Target key exchange
HSM Instance Commands	
CN_INIT_TOKEN (0x1)	Initialize the HSM: Start
CN_INIT_DONE	Initialize the HSM: Complete
CN_GEN_KEY_ENC_KEY	Generate a key encryption key (KEK)
CN_GEN_PSWD_ENC_KEY (0x1d)	Generate a password encryption key (PEK)
CN_CLOSE_PARTITION_SESSIONS	Close a session on the HSM
CN_STORE_KBK_SHARE	Store the key backup key (KBK)
CN_SET_NODEID	Set the node ID of the HSM in the cluster
CN_ZEROIZE	Zeroize the HSM

Getting Metrics

You can retrieve metrics from your AWS CloudHSM environment by [getting CloudWatch metrics](#) (p. 262).

Topics

- [Getting CloudWatch Metrics](#) (p. 262)

Getting CloudWatch Metrics

AWS CloudHSM publishes metrics about your HSM instances to your CloudWatch dashboard. The metrics can be grouped by region, by cluster ID, and by HSM ID. Note, however, that the HSM ID will change if AWS CloudHSM replaces a failed HSM. We therefore recommend that you alarm and measure on the regional or cluster ID level rather than on the HSM ID. The following metrics are available:

- **HsmUnhealthy:** The HSM instance is not performing properly. AWS CloudHSM automatically replaces unhealthy instances for you. However, you can proactively expand cluster size to avoid HSM replacement.
- **HsmTemperature:** Junction temperature of the hardware processor. The system shuts down if temperature reaches 110 degrees Centigrade.
- **HsmKeysSessionOccupied:** Number of session keys being used by the HSM instance.
- **HsmKeysTokenOccupied:** Number of token keys being used by the HSM instance and the cluster.
- **HsmSslCtxsOccupied:** Number of end-to-end encrypted channels currently established for the HSM instance. Up to 2048 channels are allowed.
- **HsmSessionCount:** Number of open connections to the HSM instance. Up to 2048 are allowed. By default, the client daemon is configured to open two sessions with each HSM instance under one end-to-end encrypted channel.
- **HsmUsersAvailable:** Number of additional users that can be created. This equals the maximum number of users, **HsmUsersMax**, minus the users created to date.
- **HsmUsersMax:** Maximum number of users that can be created on the HSM instance. Currently this is 1024.
- **InterfaceEth2OctetsInput :** Cumulative sum of traffic to the HSM to date. We recommend that you also examine Amazon EC2 instance metrics.
- **InterfaceEth2OctetsOutput :** see the preceding metric - **InterfaceEth2OctetsInput**.

Troubleshooting AWS CloudHSM

If you encounter problems with AWS CloudHSM, the following topics can help you resolve them.

Topics

- [Known Issues](#) (p. 263)
- [Lost Connection to the Cluster](#) (p. 268)
- [Keep HSM Users In Sync Across HSMs In The Cluster](#) (p. 270)
- [Verify the Performance of the HSM](#) (p. 270)
- [Resolving Cluster Creation Failures](#) (p. 273)
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Known Issues

The following issues are currently known for AWS CloudHSM.

Topics

- [Known Issues for all HSM instances](#) (p. 263)
- [Known Issues for Amazon EC2 Instances Running Amazon Linux 2](#) (p. 265)
- [Known Issues for the PKCS #11 SDK](#) (p. 265)
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Known Issues for all HSM instances

The following issues impact all AWS CloudHSM users regardless of whether they use the `key_mgmt_util` command line tool, the PKCS #11 SDK, the JCE SDK, or the OpenSSL SDK.

Issue: AES key wrapping uses PKCS#5 padding instead of providing a standards-compliant implementation of key wrap with zero padding. Additionally, key wrap with no padding is not supported.

- **Impact:** There is no impact if you wrap and unwrap within AWS CloudHSM. Keys wrapped with AWS CloudHSM cannot be unwrapped within other HSMs or software that expects compliance to the no-padding specification. This is because 8 bytes of padding data might be suffixed to your key data following a standards-compliant unwrap. Externally wrapped keys cannot be properly unwrapped into an AWS CloudHSM instance.
- **Workaround:** To externally unwrap a key that was wrapped with AES Key Wrapping on a AWS CloudHSM instance, strip the extra padding before you attempt to use the key. You can do this by trimming the extra bytes in a file editor or copying only the key bytes into a new buffer in your code.
- **Resolution status:** We are fixing the client and SDKs to provide SP800-38F compliant AES key wrapping. Updates will be announced in the AWS CloudHSM forum and on the version history page. The update will include mechanisms to assist you in rewrapping any existing wrapped keys in a standards-compliant way.

Issue: The client daemon requires at least one valid IP address in its configuration file to successfully connect to the cluster.

- **Impact:** If you delete every HSM in your cluster and then add another HSM, which gets a new IP address, the client daemon continues to search for your HSMs at their original IP addresses.
- **Workaround:** If you run an intermittent workload, we recommend that you use the `IpAddress` argument in the `CreateHsm` function to set the elastic network interface (ENI) to its original value. Note that an ENI is specific to an Availability Zone (AZ). The alternative is to delete the `/opt/cloudhsm/daemon/1/cluster.info` file and then reset the client configuration to the IP address of your new HSM. You can use the `client -a <IP address>` command. For more information, see [Install and Configure the AWS CloudHSM Client \(Linux\) \(p. 35\)](#) or [Install and Configure the AWS CloudHSM Client \(Windows\) \(p. 37\)](#).

Issue: There was an upper limit of 16 KB on data that can be hashed and signed by AWS CloudHSM.

- **Resolution status:** Data less than 16KB in size continues to be sent to the HSM for hashing. We have added capability to hash locally, in software, data between 16KB and 64KB in size. The client and the SDKs will explicitly fail if the data buffer is larger than 64KB. You must update your client and SDK(s) to version 1.1.1 or higher to benefit from the fix.

Issue: Imported keys could not be specified as nonexportable.

- **Resolution Status:** This issue is fixed. No action is required on your part to benefit from the fix.

Issue: If you have a single HSM in your cluster, HSM failover does not work correctly.

- **Impact:** If the single HSM instance in your cluster loses connectivity, the client will not reconnect with it even if the HSM instance is later restored.
- **Workaround:** We recommend at least two HSM instances in any production cluster. If you use this configuration, you will not be impacted by this issue. For single-HSM clusters, bounce the client daemon to restore connectivity.
- **Resolution status:** This issue has been resolved in the [AWS CloudHSM client 1.1.2 \(p. 276\)](#) release. You must upgrade to this client to benefit from the fix.

Issue: If you exceed the key capacity of the HSMs in your cluster within a short period of time, the client enters an unhandled error state.

- **Impact:** When the client encounters the unhandled error state, it freezes and must be restarted.
- **Workaround:** Test your throughput to ensure you are not creating session keys at a rate that the client is unable to handle. You can lower your rate by adding an HSM to the cluster or slowing down the session key creation.
- **Resolution status:** This issue has been resolved in the [AWS CloudHSM client 1.1.2 \(p. 276\)](#) release. You must upgrade to this client to benefit from the fix.

Issue: Digest operations with HMAC keys of size greater than 800 bytes are not supported.

- **Impact:** HMAC keys larger than 800 bytes can be generated on or imported into the HSM. However, if you use this larger key in a digest operation via the JCE or `key_mgmt_util`, the operation will fail. Note that if you are using PKCS11, HMAC keys are limited to a size of 64 bytes.
- **Workaround:** If you will be using HMAC keys for digest operations on the HSM, ensure the size is smaller than 800 bytes.
- **Resolution status:** None at this time.

Known Issues for Amazon EC2 Instances Running Amazon Linux 2

Issue: Amazon Linux 2 version 2018.07 uses an updated `ncurses` package (version 6) that is currently incompatible with the AWS CloudHSM SDKs. The following error will be returned upon running the AWS CloudHSM `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` (p. 74) or `key_mgmt_util` (p. 119):

```
/opt/cloudhsm/bin/cloudhsm_mgmt_util: error while loading shared libraries:  
libncurses.so.5: cannot open shared object file: No such file or directory
```

- **Impact:** Instances running on Amazon Linux 2 version 2018.07 will be unable to use *all* AWS CloudHSM utilities.
- **Workaround:** Issue the following command on your Amazon Linux 2 EC2 instances to install the supported `ncurses` package (version 5):

```
sudo yum install ncurses-compat-libs
```

- **Resolution status:** This issue has been resolved in the [AWS CloudHSM client 1.1.2](#) (p. 276) release. You must upgrade to this client to benefit from the fix.

Known Issues for the PKCS #11 SDK

Issue: PKCS #11–compliant error messages are not directly available from the HSM instance.

- **Impact:** The PKCS #11 library makes two round trips to the HSM per call: The first verifies whether the requested operation is permitted. The second executes the operation if it is permitted. This results in slower performance.
- **Workaround:** We provide an alternative PKCS #11 library with a local Redis cache so permissions for the requested operation can be checked locally. For details, including information about the limitations of this solution, see [Install the PKCS #11 Library with Redis \(Optional\)](#) (p. 185).
- **Resolution status:** We are implementing fixes to directly provide PKCS #11–compliant error messages, removing the need for the Redis workaround. The updated PKCS #11 library will be announced on the version history page.

Issue: The `CKA_DERIVE` attribute was not supported and was not handled.

- **Resolution status:** We have implemented fixes to accept `CKA_DERIVE` if it is set to `FALSE`. `CKA_DERIVE` set to `TRUE` will not be supported until we begin to add key derivation function support to AWS CloudHSM. You must update your client and SDK(s) to version 1.1.1 or higher to benefit from the fix.

Issue: The `CKA_SENSITIVE` attribute was not supported and was not handled.

- **Resolution status:** We have implemented fixes to accept and properly honor the `CKA_SENSITIVE` attribute. You must update your client and SDK(s) to version 1.1.1 or higher to benefit from the fix.

Issue: Multipart hashing and signing are not supported.

- **Impact:** `C_DigestUpdate` and `C_DigestFinal` are not implemented. `C_SignFinal` is also not implemented and will fail with `CKR_ARGUMENTS_BAD` for a non-NULL buffer.

- **Workaround:** Hash your data within your application and use AWS CloudHSM only for signing the hash.
- **Resolution status:** We are fixing the client and the SDKs to correctly implement multipart hashing. Updates will be announced in the AWS CloudHSM forum and on the version history page.

Issue: `C_GenerateKeyPair` does not handle `CKA_MODULUS_BITS` or `CKA_PUBLIC_EXPONENT` in the private template in a manner that is compliant with standards.

- **Impact:** `C_GenerateKeyPair` should return `CKA_TEMPLATE_INCONSISTENT` when the private template contains `CKA_MODULUS_BITS` or `CKA_PUBLIC_EXPONENT`. It instead generates a private key for which all usage fields are set to `FALSE`. The key cannot be used.
- **Workaround:** We recommend that your application check the usage field values in addition to the error code.
- **Resolution status:** We are implementing fixes to return the proper error message when an incorrect private key template is used. The updated PKCS #11 library will be announced on the version history page.

Issue: You could not hash more than 16KB of data. For larger buffers, only the first 16KB will be hashed and returned. The excess data would have been silently ignored.

- **Resolution status:** Data less than 16KB in size continues to be sent to the HSM for hashing. We have added capability to hash locally, in software, data between 16KB and 64KB in size. The client and the SDKs will explicitly fail if the data buffer is larger than 64KB. You must update your client and SDK(s) to version 1.1.1 or higher to benefit from the fix.

Issue: Buffers for the `C_Encrypt` and `C_Decrypt` API operations cannot exceed 16 KB when using the `CKM_AES_GCM` mechanism. Also, AWS CloudHSM does not support multipart AES-GCM encryption.

- **Impact:** You cannot use the `CKM_AES_GCM` mechanism to encrypt data larger than 16 KB.
- **Workaround:** You can use an alternative mechanism such as `CKM_AES_CBC` or you can divide your data into pieces and encrypt each piece individually. You must manage the division of your data and subsequent encryption. AWS CloudHSM does not perform multipart AES-GCM encryption for you. Note that FIPS requires that the initialization vector (IV) for AES-GCM be generated on the HSM. Therefore, the IV for each piece of your AES-GCM encrypted data will be different.
- **Resolution status:** We are fixing the SDK to fail explicitly if the data buffer is too large. We return `CKR_MECHANISM_INVALID` for the `C_EncryptUpdate` and `C_DecryptUpdate` API operations. We are evaluating alternatives to support larger buffers without relying on multipart encryption. Updates will be announced in the AWS CloudHSM forum and on the version history page.

Issue: ECDH key derivation is executed partially within the HSM. Your EC private key remains within the HSM at all times, but the key derivation process is performed in multiple steps. As a result, intermediate results from each step are available on the client.

- **Impact:** The key derived using the `CKM_ECDH1_DERIVE` mechanism is first available on the client and is then imported into the HSM. A key handle is then returned to your application.
- **Workaround:** If you are implementing SLL/TLS Offload in AWS CloudHSM, this limitation may not be an issue. If your application requires your key to remain within an FIPS boundary at all times, consider using an alternative protocol that does not rely on ECDH key derivation.
- **Resolution status:** We are developing the option to perform ECDH key derivation entirely within the HSM. The updated implementation will be announced on the version history page once available.

Known Issues for the JCE SDK

Issue: Key wrap and key unwrap functions are not implemented.

- **Impact:** You cannot programmatically wrap or unwrap keys using the JCE.
- **Workaround:** You can script `key_mgmt_util` to wrap and unwrap keys.
- **Resolution status:** We are planning to add support for key wrap and unwrap directly through the JCE. The update will be announced on the version history page once available.

Issue: The JCE KeyStore is read only.

- **Impact:** You cannot store an object type that is not supported by the HSM in the JCE keystore today. Specifically, you cannot store certificates in the keystore. This precludes interoperability with tools like `jarsigner`, which expect to find the certificate in the keystore.
- **Workaround:** You can rework your code to load certificates from local files or from an S3 bucket location instead of from the keystore.
- **Resolution status:** We are adding support for certificate storage in the keystore. The feature will be announced on the version history page once available.

Issue: Buffers for AES-GCM encryption cannot exceed 16,000 bytes. Also, multi-part AES-GCM encryption is not supported.

- **Impact:** You cannot use AES-GCM to encrypt data larger than 16,000 bytes.
- **Workaround:** You can use an alternative mechanism, such as AES-CBC, or you can divide your data into pieces and encrypt each piece individually. If you divide the data, you must manage the divided ciphertext and its decryption. Because FIPS requires that the initialization vector (IV) for AES-GCM be generated on the HSM, the IV for each AES-GCM-encrypted piece of data will be different.
- **Resolution status:** We are fixing the SDK to fail explicitly if the data buffer is too large. We are evaluating alternatives that support larger buffers without relying on multi-part encryption. Updates will be announced in the AWS CloudHSM forum and on the version history page.

Known Issues for the OpenSSL SDK

Issue: Only RSA offload to the HSM is supported by default.

- **Impact:** To maximize performance, the SDK is not configured to offload additional functions such as random number generation or EC-DH operations.
- **Workaround:** Please contact us through a support case if you need to offload additional operations.
- **Resolution status:** We are adding support to the SDK to configure offload options through a configuration file. The update will be announced on the version history page once available.

Issue: RSA encryption and decryption with OAEP padding using a key on the HSM is not supported.

- **Impact:** Any call to RSA encryption and decryption with OAEP padding fails with a divide-by-zero error. This occurs because the OpenSSL dynamic engine calls the operation locally using the fake PEM file instead of offloading the operation to the HSM.
- **Workaround:** You can perform this procedure by using either the [AWS CloudHSM Software Library for PKCS #11 \(p. 183\)](#) or the [AWS CloudHSM Software Library for Java \(p. 194\)](#).
- **Resolution status:** We are adding support to the SDK to correctly offload this operation. The update will be announced on the version history page once available.

Issue: Only private key generation of RSA and ECC keys is offloaded to the HSM. For any other key type, the OpenSSL AWS CloudHSM engine is not used for call processing. The local OpenSSL engine is used instead. This generates a key locally in software.

- **Impact:** Because the failover is silent, there is no indication that you have not received a key that was securely generated on the HSM. You will see an output trace that contains the string ". +++++" if the key is locally generated by OpenSSL in software. This trace is absent when the operation is offloaded to the HSM. Because the key is not generated or stored on the HSM, it will be unavailable for future use.
- **Workaround:** Only use the OpenSSL engine for key types it supports. For all other key types, use PKCS #11 or JCE in applications, or use `key_mgmt_util` in the AWS CLI.

Lost Connection to the Cluster

When you [configured the AWS CloudHSM client \(p. 37\)](#), you provided the IP address of the first HSM in your cluster. This IP address is saved in the configuration file for the AWS CloudHSM client. When the client starts, it tries to connect to this IP address. If it can't—for example, because the HSM failed or you deleted it—you might see errors like the following:

```
LIQUIDSECURITY: Daemon socket connection error
```

```
LIQUIDSECURITY: Invalid Operation
```

To resolve these errors, update the configuration file with the IP address of an active, reachable HSM in the cluster.

To update the configuration file for the AWS CloudHSM client

1. Use one of the following ways to find the IP address of an active HSM in your cluster.
 - View the **HSMs** tab on the cluster details page in the [AWS CloudHSM console](#).
 - Use the AWS Command Line Interface (AWS CLI) to issue the [describe-clusters](#) command.

You need this IP address in a subsequent step.

2. Use the following command to stop the client.

Amazon Linux

```
$ sudo stop cloudhsm-client
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client stop
```

CentOS 6

```
$ sudo stop cloudhsm-client
```

CentOS 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client stop
```

RHEL 6

```
$ sudo stop cloudhsm-client
```

RHEL 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client stop
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client stop
```

Windows

You can use **Ctrl+C** to stop the client.

3. Use the following command to update the client's configuration file, providing the IP address that you found in a previous step.

```
$ sudo /opt/cloudhsm/bin/configure -a <IP address>
```

4. Use the following command to start the client.

Amazon Linux

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

CentOS 6

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

CentOS 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

RHEL 6

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

RHEL 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

Windows

```
C:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM>start "cloudhsm_client" cloudhsm_client.exe C:
\ProgramData\Amazon\CloudHSM\data\cloudhsm_client.cfg
```

Keep HSM Users In Sync Across HSMs In The Cluster

To [manage your HSM's users \(p. 53\)](#), you use a AWS CloudHSM command line tool known as `cloudhsm_mgmt_util`. It communicates only with the HSMs that are in the tool's configuration file. It's not aware of other HSMs in the cluster that are not in the configuration file.

AWS CloudHSM synchronizes the keys on your HSMs across all other HSMs in the cluster, but it doesn't synchronize the HSM's users or policies. When you use `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` to [manage HSM users \(p. 53\)](#), these user changes might affect only some of the cluster's HSMs—the ones that are in the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` configuration file. This can cause problems when AWS CloudHSM syncs keys across HSMs in the cluster, because the users that own the keys might not exist on all HSMs in the cluster.

To avoid these problems, edit the `cloudhsm_mgmt_util` configuration file *before* managing users. For more information, see [Step 4: Update the cloudhsm_mgmt_util Configuration File \(p. 77\)](#).

Verify the Performance of the HSM

To verify the performance of the HSMs in your AWS CloudHSM cluster, you can use the `pkpspeed` (Linux) or `pkpspeed_blocking` (Windows) tool that is included with the AWS CloudHSM client software. For more information about installing the client on a Linux EC2 instance, see [Install and Configure the AWS CloudHSM Client \(Linux\) \(p. 35\)](#). For more information about installing the client on a Windows instance, see [Install and Configure the AWS CloudHSM Client \(Windows\) \(p. 37\)](#).

After you install and configure the AWS CloudHSM client, run the following command to start it.

Amazon Linux

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

Amazon Linux 2

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

CentOS 6

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

CentOS 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

RHEL 6

```
$ sudo start cloudhsm-client
```

RHEL 7

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

```
$ sudo service cloudhsm-client start
```

Windows

```
C:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM>start "cloudhsm_client" cloudhsm_client.exe C:\ProgramData\Amazon\CloudHSM\data\cloudhsm_client.cfg
```

If you have already installed the client software, you might need to download and install the latest version to get pkpspeed. You can find the pkpspeed tool at `/opt/cloudhsm/bin/pkpspeed` in Linux or `C:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM\` in Windows.

To use pkpspeed, run the **pkpspeed** command or **pkpspeed_blocking.exe**, specifying the user name and password of a crypto user (CU) on the HSM. Then set the options to use while considering the following recommendations.

Recommendations

- To test the performance of RSA sign and verify operations, choose the `RSA_CRT` cipher in Linux or option B in Windows. Don't choose RSA (option A in Windows). The ciphers are equivalent, but `RSA_CRT` is optimized for performance.
- Start with a small number of threads. For testing AES performance, one thread is typically enough to show maximum performance. For testing RSA performance(`RSA_CRT`), three or four threads is typically enough.

The following examples show the options that you can choose with pkpspeed (Linux) or pkpspeed_blocking (Windows) to test the HSM's performance for RSA and AES operations.

Example – Using pkpspeed to test RSA performance

You can run this example on Windows, Linux, and compatible operating systems.

Linux

Use these instructions for Linux and compatible operating systems.

```
/opt/cloudhsm/bin/pkpspeed -s CU user name -p password
SDK Version: 2.03

    Available Ciphers:
        AES_128
        AES_256
        3DES
        RSA (non-CRT. modulus size can be 2048/3072)
        RSA_CRT (same as RSA)
For RSA, Exponent will be 65537

Current FIPS mode is: 00002
Enter the number of thread [1-10]: 3
Enter the cipher: RSA_CRT
Enter modulus length: 2048
```

```
Enter time duration in Secs: 60
Starting non-blocking speed test using data length of 245 bytes...
[Test duration is 60 seconds]

Do you want to use static key[y/n] (Make sure that KEK is available)?n
```

Windows

```
c:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM>pkpspeed_blocking.exe -s CU user name -p password

Please select the test you want to run

RSA non-CRT----->A
RSA CRT----->B
Basic 3DES CBC----->C
Basic AES----->D
FIPS Random----->H
Random----->I
AES GCM ----->K

eXit----->X
B

Running 4 threads for 25 sec

Enter mod size(2048/3072):2048
Do you want to use Token key[y/n]n
Do you want to use static key[y/n] (Make sure that KEK is available)? n
OPERATIONS/second      821/1
OPERATIONS/second      833/1
OPERATIONS/second      845/1
OPERATIONS/second      835/1
OPERATIONS/second      837/1
OPERATIONS/second      836/1
OPERATIONS/second      837/1
OPERATIONS/second      849/1
OPERATIONS/second      841/1
OPERATIONS/second      856/1
OPERATIONS/second      841/1
OPERATIONS/second      847/1
OPERATIONS/second      838/1
OPERATIONS/second      843/1
OPERATIONS/second      852/1
OPERATIONS/second      837/
```

Example – Using pkpspeed to test AES performance

Linux

Use these instructions for Linux and compatible operating systems.

```
/opt/cloudhsm/bin/pkpspeed -s <CU user name> -p <password>

SDK Version: 2.03

    Available Ciphers:
        AES_128
        AES_256
        3DES
        RSA (non-CRT. modulus size can be 2048/3072)
        RSA_CRT (same as RSA)
For RSA, Exponent will be 65537
```

```
Current FIPS mode is: 00000002
Enter the number of thread [1-10]: 1
Enter the cipher: AES_256
Enter the data size [1-16200]: 8192
Enter time duration in Secs: 60
Starting non-blocking speed test using data length of 8192 bytes...
```

Windows

```
c:\Program Files\Amazon\CloudHSM>pkpspeed_blocking.exe -s CU user name -p password
login as USER
Initializing Cfm2 library
    SDK Version: 2.03

    Current FIPS mode is: 00000002
Please enter the number of threads [MAX=400] : 1
Please enter the time in seconds to run the test [MAX=600]: 20

Please select the test you want to run

RSA non-CRT----->A
RSA CRT----->B
Basic 3DES CBC----->C
Basic AES----->D
FIPS Random----->H
Random----->I
AES GCM ----->K

eXit----->X
D

Running 1 threads for 20 sec

Enter the key size(128/192/256):256
Enter the size of the packet in bytes[1-16200]:8192
OPERATIONS/second          9/1
OPERATIONS/second          10/1
OPERATIONS/second          11/1
OPERATIONS/second          10/1
OPERATIONS/second          10/1
OPERATIONS/second          10/1
OPERATIONS/second          10/...
```

Resolving Cluster Creation Failures

When you create a cluster, AWS CloudHSM creates the `AWSServiceRoleForCloudHSM` service-linked role, if the role does not already exist. If AWS CloudHSM cannot create the service-linked role, your attempt to create a cluster might fail.

This topic explains how to resolve the most common problems so you can create a cluster successfully. You need to create this role only one time. Once the service-linked role is created in your account, you can use any of the supported methods to create additional clusters and to manage them.

The following sections offer suggestions to troubleshoot cluster creation failures that are related to the service-linked role. If you try them but are still unable to create a cluster, contact [AWS Support](#). For more information about the `AWSServiceRoleForCloudHSM` service-linked role, see [Understanding Service-Linked Roles \(p. 19\)](#).

Topics

- [Add the Missing Permission \(p. 274\)](#)
- [Create the Service-Linked Role Manually \(p. 274\)](#)
- [Use a Nonfederated User \(p. 274\)](#)

Add the Missing Permission

To create a service-linked role, the user must have the `iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole` permission. If the IAM user who is creating the cluster does not have this permission, the cluster creation process fails when it tries to create the service-linked role in your AWS account.

When a missing permission causes the failure, the error message includes the following text.

```
This operation requires that the caller have permission to call iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole
to create the CloudHSM Service Linked Role.
```

To resolve this error, give the IAM user who is creating the cluster the `AdministratorAccess` permission or add the `iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole` permission to the user's IAM policy. For instructions, see [Adding Permissions to a New or Existing User](#).

Then try to [create the cluster \(p. 21\)](#) again.

Create the Service-Linked Role Manually

You can use the IAM console, CLI, or API to create the `AWSServiceRoleForCloudHSM` service-linked role. For more information, see [Creating a Service-Linked Role](#) in the *IAM User Guide*.

Use a Nonfederated User

Federated users, whose credentials originate outside of AWS, can perform many of the tasks of a nonfederated user. However, AWS does not allow users to make the API calls to create a service-linked role from a federated endpoint.

To resolve this problem, [create a non-federated user \(p. 15\)](#) with the `iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole` permission, or give an existing non-federated user the `iam:CreateServiceLinkedRole` permission. Then have that user [create a cluster \(p. 21\)](#) from the AWS CLI. This creates the service-linked role in your account.

Once the service-linked role is created, if you prefer, you can delete the cluster that the nonfederated user created. Deleting the cluster does not affect the role. Thereafter, any user with the required permissions, including federated users, can create AWS CloudHSM clusters in your account.

To verify that the role was created, open the IAM console at <https://console.aws.amazon.com/iam/> and choose **Roles**. Or use the IAM `get-role` command in the AWS CLI.

```
$ aws iam get-role --role-name AWSServiceRoleForCloudHSM
{
  "Role": {
    "Description": "Role for CloudHSM service operations",
    "AssumeRolePolicyDocument": {
      "Version": "2012-10-17",
      "Statement": [
        {
          "Action": "sts:AssumeRole",
          "Effect": "Allow",
          "Principal": {
            "Service": "cloudhsm.amazonaws.com"
          }
        }
      ]
    }
  }
}
```



```
    }  
  }  
]  
,  
"RoleId": "AROAJ4I6WN5QVGG5G7CBY",  
"CreateDate": "2017-12-19T20:53:12Z",  
"RoleName": "AWSServiceRoleForCloudHSM",  
"Path": "/aws-service-role/cloudhsm.amazonaws.com/",  
"Arn": "arn:aws:iam::111122223333:role/aws-service-role/cloudhsm.amazonaws.com/  
AWSServiceRoleForCloudHSM"  
}  
}
```

Missing AWS CloudHSM Audit Logs in CloudWatch

If you created a cluster before January 20th, 2018, you will need to manually configure a [service-linked role \(p. 19\)](#) in order to enable the delivery of that cluster's audit logs. For instructions on how to enable a service-linked role on an HSM cluster, see [Understanding Service-Linked Roles \(p. 19\)](#), as well as [Creating a Service-Linked Role](#) in the IAM User Guide.

AWS CloudHSM Client and Software Information

To manage and use the HSMs in your cluster, you use the [AWS CloudHSM client \(p. 8\)](#) and related software libraries. If you installed the AWS CloudHSM client for [Linux \(p. 35\)](#) or [Windows \(p. 37\)](#) and any required [software libraries \(p. 183\)](#), you have all the software needed to use AWS CloudHSM.

This section provides information about supported platforms and a full version history.

Topics

- [AWS CloudHSM Client and Software Version History \(p. 276\)](#)
- [Supported Platforms \(p. 287\)](#)

AWS CloudHSM Client and Software Version History

This section describes the updates to each version of the [AWS CloudHSM client \(p. 8\)](#) and related software libraries. We recommend that you use the most recent versions whenever possible.

This section includes links to download newer versions of the software. We recommend updating your AWS CloudHSM client and software libraries in order to utilize new features and fixes as they are released.

Topics

- [Current Version: 1.1.2 \(p. 276\)](#)
- [Version: 1.1.1 \(p. 278\)](#)
- [Version: 1.1.0 \(p. 281\)](#)
- [Version: 1.0.18 \(p. 283\)](#)
- [Version 1.0.14 \(p. 285\)](#)
- [Version 1.0.11 \(p. 285\)](#)
- [Version 1.0.10 \(p. 286\)](#)
- [Version 1.0.8 \(p. 286\)](#)
- [Version 1.0.7 \(p. 287\)](#)
- [Version 1.0.0 \(p. 287\)](#)

Current Version: 1.1.2

To download the software, choose the tab for your preferred operating system, then choose the link to each software package.

Amazon Linux

Download the version 1.1.2 software for Amazon Linux:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)

- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

Amazon Linux 2

Download the version 1.1.2 software for Amazon Linux 2:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

CentOS 6

Download the version 1.1.2 software for CentOS 6:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

CentOS 7

Download the version 1.1.2 software for CentOS 7:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

RHEL 6

Download the version 1.1.2 software for RedHat Enterprise Linux 6:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

RHEL 7

Download the version 1.1.2 software for RedHat Enterprise Linux 7:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

Download the version 1.1.2 software for Ubuntu 16.04 LTS:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

Windows Server

The latest AWS CloudHSM client software for Windows is [version 1.1.1 \(p. 278\)](#).

Version 1.1.2 contains performance improvements and bug fixes. Significant changes in this version are as follows:

AWS CloudHSM Client Software

- Improved performance and bug fixes.

PKCS #11 Library

- DER-formatted EC public keys are now correctly imported.

Note

At this time, AWS CloudHSM continues to support the ability to import EC keys in raw format. Support for this format may be deprecated at a future time, as it is not compliant with PKCS#11 specifications.

- Improved performance and bug fixes.

OpenSSL Dynamic Engine

- Updated the version for consistency.

Java Library

- Updated the version for consistency.

Windows (CNG, KSP)

- No update. Continue to use version 1.1.1.

Version: 1.1.1

To download the software, choose the tab for your preferred operating system, then choose the link to each software package.

Amazon Linux

Download the version 1.1.1 software for Amazon Linux:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

Amazon Linux 2

Download the version 1.1.1 software for Amazon Linux 2:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

CentOS 6

Download the version 1.1.1 software for CentOS 6:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

CentOS 7

Download the version 1.1.1 software for CentOS 7:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

RHEL 6

Download the version 1.1.1 software for RedHat Enterprise Linux 6:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

RHEL 7

Download the version 1.1.1 software for RedHat Enterprise Linux 7:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

Download the version 1.1.1 software for Ubuntu 16.04 LTS:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)

- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

Windows Server

AWS CloudHSM supports 64-bit versions of Windows Server 2012, Windows Server 2012 R2 and Windows Server 2016. The AWS CloudHSM 1.1.1 client software for Windows Server includes the required CNG and KSP providers. For details, see [Install and Configure the AWS CloudHSM Client \(Windows\)](#) (p. 37).

Download the version 1.1.1 software for Windows Server:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#) for Windows Server

Version 1.1.1 is a strongly recommended upgrade, as it contains a security fix. Significant changes in this version are as follows:

AWS CloudHSM Client Software

- Improved stability and bug fixes.
- In `cloud_hsm_mgmt_util`, `enable_e2e` now set by default.
- **SECURITY FIX:** in `key_mgmt_util`, resolved issue with the incorrect PKCS#1v1.5 signature parsing. This eliminates potential errors when validating signatures with imported RSA keys that use a public exponent of 3. CloudHSM does not allow generating RSA keys with exponents smaller than 65537 to meet FIPS 140-2 requirements.

PKCS #11 Library

- Improved stability and bug fixes.
- **SECURITY FIX:** Resolved issue with incorrect PKCS#1v1.5 signature parsing. This eliminates potential errors when validating signatures with imported RSA keys that use a public exponent of 3. CloudHSM does not allow generating RSA keys with exponents smaller than 65537 to meet FIPS 140-2 requirements.
- **BREAKING CHANGE:** To protect against user error, AES-GCM initialization now requires the user supplied IV buffer to be zeroized. NIST requires the IV for AES-GCM to be generated by the HSM and noted by the application after encryption is complete, as described [here](#) (p. 189). IV is always 12 bytes long.
- Added support for `CKM_RSA_PKCS_KEY_PAIR_GEN` mechanism.
- Added software hashing of buffers larger than 16KB for digest, sign and verify operations. Hashes of buffers less than 16KB continue to be offloaded to the HSM as before.
- **BREAKING CHANGE:** Strengthened PKCS#11 compliance, including explicit failure when handling unsupported or inconsistent attributes. If your application was not strictly PKCS#11 compliant before, you may experience errors or failures after updating to this version. Specifically:
 - If an application is already logged in, logging in will now return the error `CKR_USER_ALREADY_LOGGED_IN`.
 - `CKA_KEY_GEN_MECHANISM` will cause an error if included in a `C_CreateObject` call.
 - `CKA_ALWAYS_SENSITIVE`, `CKA_LOCAL` and `CKA_NEVER_EXTRACTABLE` will cause errors if included in a key generation or import template.
 - `CKA_VALUE_LEN` is now validated.
 - By default, new keys are scoped as session keys rather than token keys, to comply with PKCS#11.

OpenSSL Dynamic Engine

- Improved stability and bug fixes.
- **SECURITY FIX:** Resolved issue with incorrect PKCS#1v1.5 signature parsing. This eliminates potential errors when validating signatures with imported RSA keys that use a public exponent of 3. CloudHSM does not allow generating RSA keys with exponents smaller than 65537 to meet FIPS 140-2 requirements.

Java Library

- Improved stability and bug fixes.
- Added software hashing of buffers larger than 16KB for digest, sign and verify operations. Hashes of buffers less than 16KB continue to be offloaded to the HSM as before.
- For non-exportable keys, getFormat and getEncoded now return NULL without throwing an exception.

Windows (CNG, KSP)

- **SECURITY FIX:** Resolved issue with incorrect PKCS#1v1.5 signature parsing. This eliminates potential errors when validating signatures with imported RSA keys that use a public exponent of 3. CloudHSM does not allow generating RSA keys with exponents smaller than 65537 to meet FIPS 140-2 requirements.

Version: 1.1.0

To download the software, choose the tab for your preferred operating system, and then choose the link to each software package.

Amazon Linux

Download the version 1.1.0 software for Amazon Linux:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

Amazon Linux 2

Download the version 1.1.0 software for Amazon Linux 2:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

CentOS 6

Download the version 1.1.0 software for CentOS 6:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

CentOS 7

Download the version 1.1.0 software for CentOS 7:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

RHEL 6

Download the version 1.1.0 software for RedHat Enterprise Linux 6:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#) (Supports RHEL 6.5 and later)
- [Java Library](#)

RHEL 7

Download the version 1.1.0 software for RedHat Enterprise Linux 7:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

Download the version 1.1.0 software for Ubuntu 16.04 LTS:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

Windows Server

AWS CloudHSM supports 64-bit versions of Windows Server 2012, Windows Server 2012 R2 and Windows Server 2016. The AWS CloudHSM 1.1.0 client software for Windows Server includes the required CNG and KSP providers. For details, see [Install and Configure the AWS CloudHSM Client \(Windows\)](#) (p. 37).

Download the version 1.1.0 software for Windows Server:

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#) for Windows Server

Significant changes in this version include the following:

AWS CloudHSM Client Software

- Added new Linux platforms.
 - Amazon Linux 2

- Ubuntu 16.04 LTS
- RedHat Enterprise Linux 6 (RHEL 6)
- RedHat Enterprise Linux 7 (RHEL 7)
- CentOS 6
- CentOS 7

CNG/KSP Providers for Windows Server

The AWS CloudHSM client software for Windows Server includes the required CNG and KSP providers.

- Updated the version for consistency.

PKCS #11 Library

- Added support for Linux platforms.

OpenSSL Dynamic Engine

- Added support for Linux platforms.

Java Library

- **If you downloaded this package prior to May 23, 5PM PDT, you will need to recompile your application for it to work with this version of the JCE, as the `loadNative()` method had temporarily changed from non-static to static. Alternatively, you can download the package again, and install the JCE. We have now restored the `loadNative()` method to static.**
- Eliminated the breaking change in version 1.0.18. The `LoginManager.getInstance()` public method accepts `username` and `password` arguments.
- Added support for Linux platforms.

Version: 1.0.18

Version 1.0.18 includes the following software packages for each platform.

Amazon Linux

To download the version 1.0.18 software for Amazon Linux and compatible distributions, choose the link for each package.

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- Java Library – Version 1.0.18 is deprecated due to issues with backward compatibility. Use the current version or version 1.0.14.

Ubuntu

To download the version 1.0.18 software for Ubuntu, choose the link for each package.

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)

- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- Java Library – Version 1.0.18 is deprecated due to issues with backward compatibility. Use the current version or version 1.0.14.

Windows Server

AWS CloudHSM supports Windows Server 2012, Windows Server 2012 R2 and Windows Server 2016. The AWS CloudHSM 1.0.18 client software for Windows Server includes the required CNG and KSP providers. For details, see [Install and Configure the AWS CloudHSM Client \(Windows\)](#) (p. 37).

To download the version 1.0.18 software for Windows, choose the link: [AWS CloudHSM Client](#) for Windows Server.

Significant changes in this version include the following:

AWS CloudHSM Client Software

Added an AWS CloudHSM client for Windows Server. The following Windows Server operating systems are currently supported:

- Microsoft Windows Server 2012 (64-bit)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2 (64-bit)
- Microsoft Windows Server 2016 (64-bit)

CNG/KSP Providers for Windows Server

- Implemented PKCS7Padding for `C_DecryptUpdate` and `C_EncryptUpdate`.
- CKA_ID no longer required for RSA private key generation.
- Improved multi-threading performance.
- Fixed various bugs.

PKCS #11 Library

- Added support for PKCS7Padding.
- Strengthened checks on key templates.
- Fixed various bugs.

OpenSSL Dynamic Engine

- Added support to `getCaviumPrivKey` for ECC-based keys.
- Improved stability when client daemon connectivity is lost.
- Fixed various bugs.

Java Library

- **[Breaking Change]** The `LoginManager.getInstance()` public method does not accept `username` and `password` arguments directly.
- Added support for PKCS7Padding.
- Added wrap and unwrap methods.
- Improved stability when client daemon connectivity is lost.
- Fixed various bugs.

Version 1.0.14

Version 1.0.14 includes the following software packages for each platform.

Amazon Linux

To download the version 1.0.14 software for Amazon Linux and compatible distributions, choose the link for each package.

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

Ubuntu

To download the version 1.0.14 software for Ubuntu, choose the link for each package.

- [AWS CloudHSM Client](#)
- [PKCS #11 Library](#)
- [OpenSSL Dynamic Engine](#)
- [Java Library](#)

Significant changes in this version include the following:

AWS CloudHSM Client Software

- Improved failover behavior.
- Displays version metadata.
- Fixed various bugs.

PKCS #11 Library

- Implemented PKCS7Padding for `C_DecryptUpdate` and `C_EncryptUpdate`.
- CKA_ID no longer required for RSA private key generation.
- Improved multi-threading performance.
- Fixed various bugs.

OpenSSL Dynamic Engine

- Added support for CSRs for ECC keys.
- Improved stability and failure handling.

Java Library

No changes. Updated the version number for consistency.

Version 1.0.11

Significant changes in this version include the following:

AWS CloudHSM Client Software

- Improved load balancing.
- Improved performance.
- Improved handling of lost server connections.

PKCS #11 Library

- Added support for the CKM_RSA_PKCS_PSS sign/verify mechanism.

OpenSSL Dynamic Engine

- Updated the version number for consistency.

Java Library

- Improved the performance of several algorithms.
- Added Triple DES (3DES) key import feature.
- Various bug fixes.

Version 1.0.10

Significant changes in this version include the following:

AWS CloudHSM Client Software

- Updated the key_mgmt_util command line tool to enable AES wrapped key import.
- Improved performance.
- Fixed various bugs.

PKCS #11 Library

- Updated the version number for consistency.

OpenSSL Dynamic Engine

- Updated the version number for consistency.

Java Library

- Added support for additional algorithms.
- Improved performance.

Version 1.0.8

Significant changes in this version include the following:

AWS CloudHSM Client Software

- Improved setup experience.

- Added respawning to the client upstart service.
- Fixed various bugs.

PKCS #11 Library

- Fixed bugs to address relative paths in the Redis setup.

OpenSSL Dynamic Engine

- Improved performance.

Java Library

- Updated the version number for consistency.

Version 1.0.7

Significant changes in this version include the following:

AWS CloudHSM Client Software

- Added the [pkpspeed \(p. 270\)](#) performance testing tool.
- Fixed bugs to improve stability and performance.

PKCS #11 Library

- Added an accelerated version of the library that uses a Redis local cache to improve performance.
- Fixed bugs related to attribute handling.
- Added the ability to generate ECDSA keys.

OpenSSL Dynamic Engine

- Updated the version number for consistency.

Java Library

- Added support for additional algorithms.
- Signed the JAR files for compatibility with the Sun JCE provider.

Version 1.0.0

This is the initial release.

Supported Platforms

The [AWS CloudHSM client \(p. 8\)](#) and related [software libraries \(p. 183\)](#) support 64-bit versions of the following operating systems.

Note

Earlier versions of the software do not support all listed operating systems. For detailed information about each version of the AWS CloudHSM client and related software, see [AWS CloudHSM Client and Software Version History \(p. 276\)](#).

Note

If you are running CloudHSM client 1.1.1 or earlier on an Amazon Linux 2 EC2 instance, see [Known Issues for Amazon EC2 Instances Running Amazon Linux 2 \(p. 265\)](#).

Library	Operating System
AWS CloudHSM Client	Amazon Linux
	Amazon Linux 2
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6.7+
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7.3+
	CentOS 6.7+
	CentOS 7.3+
	Ubuntu 16.04 LTS
	Microsoft Windows Server 2012
	Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2
	Microsoft Windows Server 2016
CNG/KSP Providers	Microsoft Windows Server 2012
	Microsoft Windows Server 2012 R2
	Microsoft Windows Server 2016
PKCS #11	Amazon Linux
	Amazon Linux 2
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6.7+
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7.3+
	CentOS 6.7+
	CentOS 7.3+
	Ubuntu 16.04 LTS
OpenSSL Dynamic Engine (Compatible with OpenSSL 1.0.2[f+])	Amazon Linux
	Amazon Linux 2
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6.7+
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7.3+
	CentOS 6.7+

Library	Operating System
	CentOS 7.3+
	Ubuntu 16.04 LTS
JCE Provider (Supported on OpenJDK 1.8)	Amazon Linux
	Amazon Linux 2
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6.7
	Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7.3+
	CentOS 6.7+
	CentOS 7.3+
	Ubuntu 16.04 LTS

Document History

Latest documentation update: September 10, 2018

The following table describes the documentation release history of AWS CloudHSM after May 2018.

update-history-change	update-history-description	update-history-date
Updated Known Issues (p. 290)	New content was added to the Known Issues section of the Troubleshooting guide.	November 8, 2018
Added new content (p. 290)	Released AWS CloudHSM client version 1.1.2 for Linux platforms. For more information, see AWS CloudHSM Client and Version Software History .	November 8, 2018
Added region support (p. 290)	Added AWS CloudHSM support for the EU (Paris) and Asia Pacific (Seoul) regions.	October 24, 2018
Added new content (p. 290)	Added the ability to delete and restore AWS CloudHSM backups. For more information, see Deleting and Restoring an AWS CloudHSM Cluster Backup .	September 10, 2018
Added new content (p. 290)	Added automatic audit log delivery to Amazon CloudWatch Logs. For more information, see Monitoring AWS CloudHSM Audit Logs in Amazon CloudWatch Logs .	August 13, 2018
Added new content (p. 290)	Added the ability to copy an AWS CloudHSM cluster backup across regions. For more information, see Copying A Backup Across Regions .	July 30, 2018
Added region support (p. 290)	Added AWS CloudHSM support for the EU (London) region.	June 13, 2018

The following table describes the documentation release history of AWS CloudHSM before June 2018.

Change	Description	Date
New content	Added AWS CloudHSM client and library support for Amazon Linux 2, Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 6, Red Hat Enterprise Linux (RHEL) 7,	May 10, 2018

Change	Description	Date
	CentOS 6, CentOS 7, and Ubuntu 16.04 LTS. For more information, see Install and Configure the AWS CloudHSM Client (Linux) (p. 35).	
New content	<p>Added a Windows AWS CloudHSM client. For more information, see the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install and Configure the AWS CloudHSM Client (Windows) (p. 37) • KSP and CNG Providers for Windows (p. 203) • Configure Windows Server as a Certificate Authority (CA) with AWS CloudHSM (p. 236) 	April 30, 2018
New content	Added quorum authentication (M of N access control) for crypto officers (COs). For more information, see Enforcing Quorum Authentication (M of N Access Control) (p. 61).	November 9, 2017
Update	Added documentation about using the key_mgmt_util command line tool. For more information, see key_mgmt_util Command Reference (p. 122).	November 9, 2017
New content	Added Oracle Transparent Data Encryption. For more information, see Oracle Database Encryption (p. 239).	October 25, 2017
New content	Added SSL Offload. For more information, see SSL/TLS Offload (p. 209).	October 12, 2017
New guide	This release introduces AWS CloudHSM	August 14, 2017