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# INTRODUCTION

*Configuring and Administering ColdFusion MX* is intended for anyone who needs to configure and manage their ColdFusion development environment.

## About Macromedia ColdFusion MX 7 documentation

The ColdFusion MX 7 documentation is designed to provide support for the complete spectrum of participants.

### Documentation set

The ColdFusion MX 7 documentation set includes the following titles:

<b>Book</b>	<b>Description</b>
<i>Installing and Using ColdFusion MX</i>	Describes system installation and basic configuration for Microsoft Windows, Solaris, and Linux. <a href="http://www.macromedia.com/go/livedocs_cfm7docs_installing">www.macromedia.com/go/livedocs_cfm7docs_installing</a>
<i>Configuring and Administering ColdFusion MX</i>	Part I describes how to manage the ColdFusion environment, including connecting to your data sources and configuring security for your applications. Part II describes Verity search tools and utilities that you can use for configuring the Verity Search Server, as well as creating, managing, and troubleshooting Verity collections. To see this manual, go to <a href="http://www.macromedia.com/go/livedocs_cfm7docs_configadmin">www.macromedia.com/go/livedocs_cfm7docs_configadmin</a> .
<i>ColdFusion MX Developer's Guide</i>	Describes how to develop your dynamic web applications, including retrieving and updating your data, and using structures and forms. This manual includes two volumes. To see this manual, go to <a href="http://www.macromedia.com/go/livedocs_cfm7docs_dev">www.macromedia.com/go/livedocs_cfm7docs_dev</a> .
<i>Getting Started Building ColdFusion MX Applications</i>	Contains an overview of ColdFusion features and application development procedures. This manual includes a tutorial that guides you through the process of developing a sample ColdFusion application. To see this manual online, go to <a href="http://www.macromedia.com/go/livedocs_cfm7docs_gs">www.macromedia.com/go/livedocs_cfm7docs_gs</a> .
<i>CFML Reference</i>	Provides descriptions, syntax, usage, and code examples for all ColdFusion tags, functions, and variables. This manual includes two volumes. To see this manual, go to <a href="http://www.macromedia.com/go/livedocs_cfm7docs_cfml_reference">www.macromedia.com/go/livedocs_cfm7docs_cfml_reference</a> .
<i>CFML Quick Reference</i>	Shows the syntax of ColdFusion tags, functions, and variables in a brief guide.

## Viewing online documentation

All ColdFusion MX documentation is available online in HTML and Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (PDF) files. Go to the documentation home page for ColdFusion MX on the Macromedia website: [www.macromedia.com](http://www.macromedia.com). In addition, you can view the documentation in LiveDocs, which lets you add comments to pages and view the latest comments added by Macromedia, by going to [www.macromedia.com/go/livedocs\\_cfm7docs](http://www.macromedia.com/go/livedocs_cfm7docs).



# PART I

## Administering ColdFusion MX 7

This part describes how to manage the ColdFusion environment, including using the ColdFusion MX Administrator, connecting to your data sources, managing your web server, deploying your applications, and configuring security for your applications.

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# CHAPTER 1

## Administering ColdFusion MX

This chapter presents an overview of Macromedia ColdFusion MX 7 configuration and administration tasks. Although you perform most ColdFusion MX administration tasks using the ColdFusion MX Administrator, you also manage databases, web server configurations, and the Verity Search Server.

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### About the ColdFusion MX Administrator

The ColdFusion MX Administrator provides a browser-based interface for managing your ColdFusion environment. You can configure many settings to provide optimal levels of security and functionality. The available options are based on your edition of ColdFusion MX 7—Standard or Enterprise—as well as your configuration: server, multiserver, or J2EE. For more information on ColdFusion MX configurations, see “About the ColdFusion MX 7 installation” in Chapter 1, “Preparing to Install ColdFusion MX 7,” in *Installing and Using ColdFusion MX*.

The default location for the ColdFusion MX Administrator login page is:

`http://servername[:portnumber]/CFIDE/administrator/index.cfm`

Where *servername* is the fully qualified domain name of your web server. Common values for *servername* are localhost or 127.0.0.1 (each refers to the web server on the local computer).

If you are using the ColdFusion built-in web server, include the port number as part of the servername. The default port number for the server configuration is 8500; for example, `http://servername:8500/CFIDE/administrator/index.cfm`. The default port number for the multiserver configuration is 8300. If you are using the J2EE configuration, include the port number used by the J2EE application server’s web server.

**Tip:** If you were using the built-in web server in a previous version and upgraded to ColdFusion MX 7, the installer automatically finds an unused port for the built-in web server (typically 8501).

If your ColdFusion MX Administrator is on a remote computer, use the Domain Name Services (DNS) name or Internet Protocol (IP) address of the remote host.

To access the ColdFusion MX Administrator, enter the password specified when you installed ColdFusion MX.

**Tip:** If you are running in a multihomed environment and have problems displaying the ColdFusion MX Administrator, see [Chapter 4, “Web Server Management,”](#) on page 65 for configuration information.

For more information, see [Chapter 2, “Using the ColdFusion MX Administrator,”](#) on page 13.

## About web server administration

ColdFusion MX applications require a web server to process ColdFusion Markup Language (CFML) pages. The server and multiserver configurations provide a built-in web server along with support for external web servers, such as Apache, IIS, and Sun ONE Web Server (formerly known as iPlanet).

For more information, see [Chapter 4, “Web Server Management,”](#) on page 65.

## About Verity administration

ColdFusion MX includes Verity K2 Server search technology. Verity K2 Server is a high-performance search engine designed to process searches quickly in a high-performance, distributed system.

For more information, see [Chapter 8, “Introducing Verity and Verity Tools,”](#) on page 105.

# CHAPTER 2

## Using the ColdFusion MX Administrator

This chapter explains the basic administration tasks, following the structure of the Macromedia ColdFusion MX Administrator sections. It also includes a brief description of each Administrator screen and a discussion of performing Administrator functionality programmatically through the Administrator application programming interface (API).

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## Initial administration tasks

Immediately after you install ColdFusion MX, you might have to perform some or all of the administrative tasks described in the following table:

Task	Description
Establish database connections	ColdFusion applications require data source connections to query and write to databases. To create, verify, edit, and delete database connections, use the Data Sources page. For more information, see <a href="#">Chapter 3, “Data Source Management,” on page 43</a> .
Specify directory mappings	Directory mappings redirect relative file paths to physical directories on your server. To specify server-wide directory aliases, use the Mappings page. For more information, see <a href="#">“Mappings page” on page 20</a> .
Configure debugging settings	Debugging information provides important data about CFML page processing. To choose the debugging information to display, and to designate an IP address to receive debugging information, use the Debugging & Logging section. For more information, see <a href="#">“Debugging Settings and Debugging IPs pages” on page 26</a> .
Set up e-mail	E-mail lets ColdFusion applications send automated e-mail messages. To configure an e-mail server and mail options, use the Mail Server page. For more information, see <a href="#">“Mail Server page” on page 20</a> .
Change passwords	You might have to change the passwords that you set for the ColdFusion MX Administrator and RDS during ColdFusion MX installation. To change passwords, use the Security section. For more information, see <a href="#">“CF Admin Password page” on page 35</a> and <a href="#">“RDS Password page” on page 36</a> .
Configure Java settings	(Server configuration only) You might have to customize Java settings, such as classpath information, to meet the needs of your applications. To change Java settings, use the Java and JVM page. For more information, see <a href="#">“Extensions section” on page 32</a> .
Restrict tag access	Some CFML tags might present a potential security risk for your server. To disable certain tags, use the Sandbox Security page. For more information, see <a href="#">Chapter 6, “Administering Security,” on page 85</a> .

## Accessing user assistance

You can obtain assistance from the ColdFusion MX Administrator in the following ways:

**Online Help** You access the context-sensitive online Help by clicking the question-mark icon on any ColdFusion MX Administrator page. The online Help has procedural and brief overview content for the ColdFusion MX Administrator page that you are viewing. This information appears in a new browser window and contains standard Contents, Index, and Search tabs.

**Getting Started Experience** Click the Getting Started link to open the Getting Started Experience, which provides descriptions of new features, code examples, and sample applications to help you learn about ColdFusion MX.

**Documentation** Click the Documentation link to access the entire ColdFusion MX documentation set online.

**Tech notes** Click the Tech Notes link to access the collection of articles about ColdFusion MX from the Macromedia website ([www.macromedia.com](http://www.macromedia.com)).

## Server Settings section

The Server Settings section lets you manage client and memory variables, mappings, charting, and archiving. You also configure e-mail and Java settings in this section.

The Server Settings section contains the following pages:

- [Settings page](#)
- [Caching page](#)
- [Client Variables page](#)
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- [Mappings page](#)
- [Mail Server page](#)
- [Charting Settings page](#)
- [Java and JVM Settings page](#)
- [ColdFusion Archives page](#)
- [Settings Summary page](#)

### Settings page

The Settings page of the ColdFusion MX Administrator contains configuration options that you can set or enable to manage ColdFusion MX. These options can significantly affect server performance. The following table describes the options:

Option	Description
Maximum number of simultaneous requests (not available in J2EE configuration)	Enter a number to limit simultaneous requests to ColdFusion MX. When the server reaches the limit, requests are queued and handled in the order received. Limiting the number of simultaneous requests can improve performance.
Timeout requests after <i>n</i> seconds	Select this option to prevent unusually lengthy requests from using up server resources. Enter a limit to the time that ColdFusion MX waits before terminating a request. Requests that take longer than the timeout period are terminated.
Use UUID for cftoken	Specify whether to use a universally unique identifier (UUID), rather than a random number, for a cftoken.

Option	Description
Enable HTTP status codes	Select this option to configure ColdFusion MX to set a status code of 500 Internal Server Error for an unhandled error. Disable this option to configure ColdFusion MX to set a status code of 200 OK for everything, including unhandled errors.
Enable Whitespace Management (not available in J2EE configuration)	Select this option to compress repeating sequences of spaces, tabs, and carriage return/linefeeds. Compressing whitespace can significantly compact the output of a ColdFusion page.
Enable Global Script Protection	Select this option to protect Form, URL, CGI, and Cookie scope variables from cross-site scripting attacks. Select this option if your application does not contain this type of protection logic.
Default CFFORM ScriptSrc Directory	Specify the default path (relative to the web root) to the directory that contains the cfform.js file. Developers reference this file in the ScriptSrc attribute of the <code>cfform</code> tag. In a hosted environment, you might need to move the cfform.js file to a directory other than CFIDE.
Missing Template Handler	Specify a page to execute when ColdFusion MX cannot find a requested page. This specification is relative to the web root. <b>Note:</b> If the user is running Microsoft Internet Explorer with "Show Friendly HTTP error messages" enabled in advanced settings (the default), Internet Explorer will only display this page if it contains more than 512 bytes.
Site-wide Error Handler	Specify a page to execute when ColdFusion MX encounters an error while processing a request. This specification is relative to the web root. When you define a site-wide error handler or missing template handler, ColdFusion MX does not log page not found errors and exceptions. <b>Note:</b> If the user is running Internet Explorer with "Show Friendly HTTP error messages" enabled in advanced settings (the default), Internet Explorer will only display this page if it contains more than 512 bytes.

## Caching page

The Caching page of the Administrator contains configuration options that you can set or enable to cache templates, queries, and data sources. These options can significantly affect server performance. The following table describes the settings:

Option	Description
Maximum number of cached templates	Select this option by entering a value that specifies the number of templates that ColdFusion MX caches. For best performance, set this to a value that is large enough to contain your application's commonly accessed ColdFusion pages, yet small enough to avoid excessive reloading. You can experiment with a range of values on your development server; a suitable starting point is one page per MB of Java Virtual Machine (JVM) size.
Trusted cache	Select this option if you want ColdFusion MX to use cached templates without checking whether they changed. For sites that are not updated frequently, using this option minimizes file system overhead.



Option	Description
Save Class Files	Select this option to save to disk the class files generated by the ColdFusion bytecode compiler. During the development phase, it is typically faster if you disable this option.
Cache web server paths (not available in J2EE configuration)	Select this option to cache ColdFusion page paths for a single server. Clear this option if ColdFusion MX connects to a web server with multiple websites or multiple virtual websites.
Limit the maximum number of cached queries on the server to [n] queries	Select this option by entering a value to limit the maximum number of cached queries that the server maintains. Cached queries allow retrieval of result sets from memory rather than through a database transaction. Because queries reside in memory, and query result set sizes differ, you must provide a limit for the number of cached queries. You enable cached queries with the <code>cachedwithin</code> or <code>cachedafter</code> attributes of the <code>cfquery</code> tag.
Clear Template Cache Now	Empties the template cache. ColdFusion reloads templates into memory the next time they are requested and recompiles them if they have been modified.

## Client Variables page

Client variables let you store user information and preferences between sessions. Using information from client variables, you can customize page content for individual users.

You enable client variable default settings in ColdFusion MX on the Client Variables page of the Administrator. ColdFusion MX lets you store client variables in the following ways:

- In database tables

**Note:** If your data source uses one of the JDBC drivers bundled with ColdFusion MX 7, ColdFusion MX can automatically create the necessary tables. If your data source uses the ODBC Socket or a third-party JDBC driver, you must manually create the necessary CDATA and CGLOBAL database tables.

- As cookies in users' web browsers
- In the operating system registry

**Caution:** Macromedia recommends that you do not store client variables in the registry because it can critically degrade performance of the server. If you do use the registry to store client variables, you must allocate sufficient memory and disk space.

You can override settings specified in the Client Variables page using the `Application.cfc` file or the `cfapplication` tag. For more information, see *ColdFusion MX Developer's Guide*.

The following table compares the client variable storage options:

Storage type	Advantages	Disadvantages
Data source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can use existing data source</li> <li>• Portable: not tied to the host system or operating system</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requires database transaction to read/write variables</li> <li>• More complex to implement</li> </ul>
Browser cookies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simple implementation</li> <li>• Good performance</li> <li>• Can be set to expire automatically</li> <li>• Client-side control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Users can configure browsers to disallow cookies</li> <li>• Cookie data is limited to 4 KB</li> <li>• Netscape Navigator allows only 20 cookies from one host; ColdFusion MX uses three cookies to store read-only data, leaving only 17 cookies available</li> </ul>
System registry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Simple implementation</li> <li>• Good performance</li> <li>• Registry can be exported easily to other systems</li> <li>• Server-side control</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible restriction of the registry's maximum size limit in Windows in the Control Panel</li> <li>• Integrated with the host system: not practical for clustered servers</li> <li>• Not available for UNIX</li> </ul>

## Migrating client variable data

To migrate your client variable data to another data source, you should know the structure of the database tables that store this information. Client variables stored externally use two simple database tables, like those shown in the following tables:

### CDATA Table

Column	Data type
cfid	CHAR(64), TEXT, VARCHAR, or equivalent
app	CHAR(64), TEXT, VARCHAR, or equivalent
data	MEMO, LONGTEXT, LONG VARCHAR, or equivalent

### CGLOBAL Table

Column	Data type
cfid	CHAR(64), TEXT, VARCHAR, or equivalent
data	MEMO, LONGTEXT, LONG VARCHAR, or equivalent
lvisit	TIMESTAMP, DATETIME, DATE, or equivalent

## Creating client variable tables

Use the following sample ColdFusion page as a model for creating client variable database tables in your own database. However, keep in mind that not all databases support the same column data type names. For the proper data type, see your database documentation.

**Tip:** The ColdFusion MX Administrator can create client variable tables for data sources that use one of the bundled JDBC drivers. For more information, see the online help.

## Sample table creation page

<!--- Create the Client variable storage tables in a datasource. This example applies to Microsoft Access databases. --->

```
<cfquery name="data1" datasource="#DSN#">
CREATE TABLE CDATA
(
    cfid char(20),
    app char(64),
    data memo
)
</cfquery>
```

```
<cfquery name="data2" datasource="#DSN#">
    CREATE UNIQUE INDEX id1
    ON CDATA (cfid,app)
</cfquery>
```

```
<cfquery name="global1" datasource="#DSN#">
CREATE TABLE CGLOBAL
(
    cfid char(20),
    data memo,
    lvisit date
)
</cfquery>
```

```
<cfquery name="global2" datasource="#DSN#">
    CREATE INDEX id2
    ON CGLOBAL (cfid)
</cfquery>
```

```
<cfquery name="global2" datasource="#DSN#">
    CREATE INDEX id3
    ON CGLOBAL (lvisit)
</cfquery>
```

## Memory Variables page

You use the Memory Variables page of the ColdFusion MX Administrator to enable application and session variables server-wide. By default, application and session variables are enabled when you install ColdFusion MX. If you disable either type of variable in the Memory Variables page, you cannot use them in a ColdFusion application.

You can specify maximum and default timeout values for session and application variables. Unless you define a timeout value in an Application.cfc or Application.cfm file, application variables expire in two days. Session variables expire when user sessions end. To change these behaviors, enter new default and maximum timeout values on the Memory Variables page of the Administrator.

**Note:** Timeout values that you specify for application variables override the timeout values set in the Application.cfc or Application.cfm file.

You can also specify whether to use J2EE session variables. When you enable the J2EE session variables, ColdFusion creates an identifier for each session and does not use the CFToken or CFID cookie value. For more information, see *ColdFusion MX Developer's Guide*.

**Note:** When using J2EE sessions, ensure that the session timeout, specified in the `WEB-INF/web.xml session-timeout` element is longer than the session timeout that you specify in the ColdFusion MX Administrator and longer than any `sessiontimeout` attribute specified in a `cfapplication` tag.

## Mappings page

You use the Mappings page of the ColdFusion MX Administrator to add, update, and delete logical aliases for paths to directories on your server. ColdFusion mappings apply only to pages processed by ColdFusion MX with the `cfinclude` and `cfmodule` tags. If you save CFML pages outside of the `web_root` directory (or whatever directory is mapped to "/"), you must add a mapping to the location of those files on your server.

Assume that the "/" mapping on your server points to `C:\CFusionMX7\wwwroot`, but all your ColdFusion header pages reside in `C:\2002\newpages\headers`. In order for ColdFusion MX to find your header pages, you must add a mapping in the ColdFusion MX Administrator that points to `C:\2002\newpages\headers` (for example, add a mapping for `/headers` that points to `C:\2002\newpages\headers`). In the ColdFusion pages located in `C:\CFusionMX7\wwwroot`, you reference these header pages using `/headers` in your `cfinclude` and `cfmodule` tags.

**Note:** ColdFusion mappings are different from web server virtual directories. For information on creating a virtual directory to access a given directory using a URL in your web browser, consult your web server's documentation.

## Mail Server page

You use the Mail Server page of the ColdFusion MX Administrator to specify a mail server to send automated e-mail messages. ColdFusion MX supports the Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) for sending e-mail messages and the Post Office Protocol (POP) for retrieving e-mail messages from your mail server. To use e-mail messaging in your ColdFusion applications, you must have access to an SMTP server and a POP account.

The ColdFusion MX Enterprise Edition supports mail server failover as well as additional mail delivery options.

The ColdFusion implementation of SMTP mail uses a spooled architecture. This means that when a `cfmail` tag is processed in an application page, the messages generated might not be sent immediately. If ColdFusion is extremely busy or has a large queue, delivery could occur after some delay.

**Note:** For more information about the `cfmail` tag, see "Sending SMTP e-mail with the `cfmail` tag" in Chapter 39, "Sending and Receiving E-Mail," in *ColdFusion MX Developer's Guide*.

## Mail Server Settings area

The following table describes basic mail server settings:

Option	Description
Mail Server	Enter a valid mail server for sending dynamic SMTP mail messages in the text box. You can enter an Internet address, such as mail.company.com, or the IP address of the mail server, such as 127.0.0.1.
Verify Mail Server Connection	Select this option to verify that ColdFusion MX can connect to your specified mail server after you submit this form. Whether or not you use this option, you should verify that your mail server connection works by sending a test message.
Server Port	Enter the number of the port on which the mail server is running. Contact your server administrator if you are unsure of the appropriate port number.
Backup Mail Servers (Enterprise Edition only)	Enter zero or more backup servers for sending SMTP mail messages. You can enter an Internet address, such as mail.company.com, or the IP address of the mail server, such as 127.0.0.1. Separate multiple servers with a comma. If the mail server requires authentication, prepend the mail server with the username and password, as follows: <i>username:password@mailserveraddress</i> To use a port number other than the default (25), specify <i>mailserveraddress:portnumber</i>
Maintain Connection to Mail Server (Enterprise Edition only)	Select this option to keep mail server connections open after sending a mail message. Enabling this option can enhance performance when delivering multiple messages.
Connection Timeout (seconds)	Enter the number of seconds that ColdFusion MX should wait for a response from the mail server before timing out.

## Mail Spool Settings area

The following table describes mail server spool settings:

Option	Description
Spool Interval (seconds)	Enter the interval, in seconds, at which you want the mail server to process spooled mail.
Mail Delivery Threads (Enterprise Edition only)	Enter the maximum number of simultaneous threads used to deliver spooled mail.

Option	Description
Spool mail messages for delivery (Memory spooling available for Enterprise Edition only)	Select this option to route outgoing mail messages to the mail spooler. If you disable this option, ColdFusion MX delivers outgoing mail messages immediately. In ColdFusion MX Enterprise Edition, you can spool messages to disk (slower, but messages persist across shutdowns) or to memory (faster, but messages do not persist). You can override this setting in the <code>cfmail</code> tag.
Maximum number of messages spooled to memory (Enterprise Edition only)	Enter the maximum number of messages ColdFusion MX will spool to memory before switching to disk spooling.

## Mail Logging Settings area

Select preferences for handling mail logs, as described in the following table:

Option	Description
Error Log Severity	From the drop-down list box, select the type of SMTP-related error message to write to a log file. The options are the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debug (contains Information, Warning, and Error)</li> <li>• Information (contains Warning and Error)</li> <li>• Warning (contains Error)</li> <li>• Error</li> </ul>
Log all e-mail messages sent by ColdFusion MX	Select this option to save to a log file the To, From, and Subject fields of all e-mail messages.

ColdFusion MX writes sent mail and mail error logs to the following directories:

- `\CFusionMX7\logs` (Windows server configuration)
- `/opt/coldfusionmx7/log` (Solaris and Linux server configuration)
- `cf_webapp_root/WEB-INF/cfusion/logs` (multiserver and J2EE configurations, all platforms)

The following table describes the e-mail log files:

Log	Description
mailemail.log	Records sent e-mail messages.
mail.log	Records general e-mail errors.

## Mail Character Set Settings area

Select preferences for the default mail character set, as described in the following table:

Option	Description
Default CFMAIL CharSet	From the drop-down list box, select the default character set used by the <code>cfmail</code> tag. The default value is UTF-8. If the majority of your e-mail clients use a specific character set, you can use this setting to switch to that locale-specific character set. For example, Japanese mail is typically sent using the ISO-2022-JP character set.

## Charting Settings page

The ColdFusion charting and graphing engine lets you produce highly customizable business graphics, in a variety of formats, using the `cfquery` tag. You use the Charting page in the Administrator to control characteristics of the engine.

The following table describes the caching and thread settings for the ColdFusion charting and graphing engine:

Option	Description
Cache Type	Set the cache type. Charts can be cached either in memory or to disk. Memory caching is faster, but more memory intensive.
Maximum number of images in cache	Specify the maximum number of charts to store in the cache. After the cache is full, if you generate a new chart, ColdFusion discards the oldest chart in the cache.
Max number of charting threads	Specify the maximum number of chart requests that can be processed concurrently. The minimum number is 1 and the maximum is 5. (Higher numbers are more memory-intensive.)
Disk cache location	When caching to disk, specify the directory in which to store the generated charts.

## Font Management page

The Font Management page lets you review and define fonts for use with Macromedia FlashPaper and Acrobat PDF output formats. ColdFusion generates FlashPaper and PDF output through the `cfdocument` tag and through the `cfreport` tag, when used to call a report created with the ColdFusion Report Builder.

ColdFusion MX automatically registers Acrobat built-in fonts and fonts located in typical font locations (such as the `Windows\fonts` directory). However, if your server has additional fonts installed in nonstandard locations, you must register them with the ColdFusion MX Administrator so that the `cfdocument` and `cfreport` tags can locate and render PDF and FlashPaper reports.

This page contains the following sections:

**Register New Font with ColdFusion** Lets you browse to a directory that contains fonts, or select a specific font.

**User Defined Fonts** Displays the fonts that have been registered explicitly.

**Current System Fonts** Displays fonts stored in platform-specific system font directories.

For more information on font management, see the ColdFusion MX Administrator online Help. For more information on reporting in ColdFusion MX, see Chapter 32, “Creating Reports for Printing,” in *ColdFusion MX Developer’s Guide*.

## Java and JVM Settings page

The Java and JVM Settings page lets you specify the following settings, which enable ColdFusion MX to work with Java:

Option	Description
Java Virtual Machine Path	The absolute file path to the location of the Java virtual machine (JVM) root directory. The default is <code>cf_root/runtime/jre</code> .
Minimum JVM Heap Size	The JVM initial heap size.
Maximum Memory Size	The JVM maximum heap size. The default value is 512 MB.
Class Path	The file paths to the directories that contain the JAR files used by ColdFusion MX. Specify either the fully qualified name of a directory that contains your JAR files or a fully qualified JAR filename. Use a comma to separate multiple entries.
JVM Arguments	The arguments to the JVM. Use a space to separate multiple entries (for example, <code>-Xint -Xincgc</code> ).

**Note:** This page is available in the server configuration only.

Before ColdFusion saves your changes, it saves a copy of the current `cf_root/runtime/bin/jvm.config` file as `jvm.bak`. If your changes prevent ColdFusion from restarting, use the `jvm.bak` file to restore your system. For more information, see the online help.

## Settings Summary page

The Settings Summary page shows all ColdFusion configuration settings. Click a group name to open that group's Administrator section, where you can edit settings. This page is not enabled in the Standard Edition.

## Data & Services section

The Data & Services section of the Administrator is the interface for ColdFusion MX, data sources, and Verity search and indexing features. The following table describes some common tasks that you can perform in the Data & Services section of the Administrator:

Task	Description
Create and manage JDBC data sources	The Data Sources page lets you establish, edit, and delete JDBC data source connections for ColdFusion MX. For more information, see <a href="#">Chapter 3, "Data Source Management," on page 43</a> .
Create and maintain Verity collections	The Verity Collections page lets you create and delete Verity collections and perform maintenance operations on collections that you create. For more information, see <a href="#">"Verity Collections page" on page 25</a> .
Define mappings for web services	The Web Services page lets you produce and consume remote application functionality over the Internet. For more information, see <a href="#">"Web Services page" on page 26</a> .



The Data & Services section contains the following pages:

- [Data Sources page](#)
- [Verity Collections page](#)
- [Verity K2 Server page](#)
- [Web Services page](#)

## Data Sources page

The Data Sources page lets you create, edit, and delete JDBC data sources. Before you can use a database in a ColdFusion application, you must register the data source in the ColdFusion MX Administrator. For more information, see [Chapter 3, “Data Source Management,” on page 43](#).

## Verity Collections page

ColdFusion MX includes Verity, which provides indexing and searching technology to create, populate, and manage collections of indexed data that are optimized for fast and efficient site searches.

A *collection* is a logical group of documents and metadata about the documents. The *metadata* includes word indexes, an internal documents table of document field information, and logical pointers to the document files.

For more information about building search interfaces, see Chapter 24, “Building a Search Interface,” in *ColdFusion MX Developer’s Guide*.

ColdFusion lets you manage your collections from the Administrator. You can index, optimize, purge, or delete Verity collections that are connected to ColdFusion. You use the icons in the Actions column to perform the following actions:

Action	Description
Index	Analyzes the files in a collection and assembles metadata and pointers to the files.
Optimize	Reclaims space left by deleted and changed files by consolidating collection indexes for faster searching. You should optimize collections regularly.
Purge	Deletes all documents in a collection, but not the collection itself. Leaves the collection directory structure intact.
Delete	Deletes a collection.

The Verity Search Server must be running. If this page is unable to retrieve collections, ensure that the Verity Search Server is running. For more information, see [“Collections and the ColdFusion MX Verity architecture” on page 105](#).

## Verity K2 Server page

You can install Verity on a different host computer from the one ColdFusion MX is running on. If this is the case, you can configure the host that ColdFusion will use when it performs search operations. If you have purchased the Verity product, you may need to use advanced settings to configure the aliases and ports of the services that ColdFusion uses. You should not need to change these values if you are running with the ColdFusion installed version of Verity.

## Web Services page

You can use web services to produce and consume remote application functionality over the Internet. The ColdFusion MX Administrator lets you register web services so that you do not have to specify the entire Web Services Description Language (WSDL) URL when you reference the web service. The first time you reference a web service, ColdFusion MX automatically registers it in the Administrator.

When you register a web service, you can shorten your code and change a web service's URL without editing your code. For more information, see Chapter 36, "Using Web Services," in *ColdFusion MX Developer's Guide*.

## Debugging & Logging section

The Debugging & Logging section contains the following pages:

- [Debugging Settings and Debugging IPs pages](#)
- [Debugging IP Addresses page](#)
- [Logging Settings page](#)
- [Log Files page](#)
- [Scheduled Tasks page](#)
- [System Probes page](#)
- [Code Compatibility Analyzer page](#)
- [License Scanner page](#)

## Debugging Settings and Debugging IPs pages

You use the Debugging Settings and Debugging IPs pages to configure ColdFusion MX to provide debugging information for every application page requested by a browser. You specify debugging preferences using the pages as follows:

- On the Debugging Settings page, select debugging output options. If debugging is enabled, the output appears in block format after normal page output.
- On the Debugging IPs page, restrict access to debugging output. If a debugging option is enabled, debugging output is visible to all users by default.

**Note:** Enabling debugging affects performance. You should not enable debugging on a production server.

The Debugging Settings page provides the following debugging options:

Option	Description
Enable Robust Exception Information	Displays detailed information in the exceptions page, including the template's physical path and URI, the line number and snippet, the SQL statement used (if any), the data source name (if any), and the Java stack trace.
Enable Debugging	Enables the ColdFusion debugging service.
Select Debugging Output Format	Controls debugging format. Select either of the following formats: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• classic.cfm The format available in ColdFusion 5 and earlier. It provides a basic view and few browser restrictions.</li><li>• dockable.cfm A dockable tree-based debugging panel. For details about the panel and browser restrictions, see the online Help.</li></ul>
Report Execution Times	Reports execution times that exceed a specified time limit.
General Debug Information	Show general information about the ColdFusion MX version, template, time stamp, user locale, user agent, user IP, and host name.
Database Activity	Shows the database activity for the SQL Query events and Stored Procedure events in the debugging output.
Exception Information	Shows all ColdFusion exceptions raised for the request in the debugging output.
Tracing Information	Shows trace event information in the debugging output. Tracing lets you track program flow and efficiency using the <code>cftrace</code> tag.
Timer Information	Shows output from the <code>cftimer</code> tag.
Variables	Displays information about parameters, URL parameters, cookies, sessions, and CGI variables in the debugging output.
Enable Performance Monitoring* (Server configuration only)	Enables the standard NT Performance Monitor application to display information about a running server.
Enable CFSTAT* (Server configuration only)	Shows performance information on platforms that do not support the NT Performance Monitor. For more information, see <a href="#">"Using the cfstat utility" on page 28</a> .

\* Restart ColdFusion MX after changing this setting.

## Using the cfstat utility

The `cfstat` command-line utility provides real-time performance metrics for ColdFusion MX. Using a socket connection to obtain metric data, the `cfstat` utility displays the information that ColdFusion MX writes to the System Monitor without actually using the System Monitor application. The following table lists the metrics that the `cfstat` utility returns:

<b>Metric abbreviation</b>	<b>Metric name</b>	<b>Description</b>
Pg/Sec	Page hits per second	The number of ColdFusion pages processed per second. You can reduce this by moving static content to HTML pages.
DB/Sec	Database accesses per second	The number of database accesses per second made by ColdFusion MX. Any difference in complexity and resource load between calls is ignored.
CP/Sec	Cache pops per second	The number of ColdFusion template cache pops per second. A <i>cache pop</i> occurs when ColdFusion MX ejects a cached template from the template cache to make room for a new template.
Req Q'ed	Number of queued requests	The number of requests that are currently waiting for ColdFusion MX to process them. Lower values, which you can achieve with efficient CFML, are better.
Req Run'g	Number of running requests	The number of requests that ColdFusion MX is currently actively processing.
Req TO'ed	Number of timed out requests	The total number of ColdFusion requests that have timed out. Lower values, which you can achieve by aggressive caching, removing unnecessary dynamic operations and third-party events, are better.
AvgQ Time	Average queue time	A running average of the time, in milliseconds, that requests spend waiting for ColdFusion MX to process them. Lower values, which you can achieve with efficient CFML and enhanced caching, are better.
AvgReq Time	Average request time	A running average of the time, in milliseconds, that ColdFusion MX spends to process a request (including queued time). Lower values, which you can achieve with efficient CFML, are better.
AvgDB Time	Average database transaction time	A running average of the time that ColdFusion MX spends on database-related processing of ColdFusion requests.
Bytes In/Sec	Bytes incoming per second	The number of bytes that ColdFusion MX read in the last second (not an average).
Bytes Out/Sec	Bytes outgoing per second	The number of bytes that ColdFusion MX wrote in the last second (not an average).

Before you use the `cfstat` utility, ensure that you selected the Enable Performance Monitoring check box in the ColdFusion MX Administrator (on the Debugging & Logging > Debugging Settings page). If you select this check box, you must restart ColdFusion MX for this change to take effect.

### cfstat options

The `cf_root/bin` directory contains the `cfstat` utility. From that directory, type `cfstat` and use the following switches:

Switch	Description	Comment
-n	Suppress column headers.	Useful for saving output to a file.
-s	Display output in a single line.	Display a single line and delay display of the first line so the <code>cfstat</code> utility can display meaningful values in the per-second counters.
#	Where # is an integer, display output every # seconds.	If you do not specify an integer, the <code>cfstat</code> utility returns one line. Specify this switch with or without the <code>-s</code> switch.

This example runs the `cfstat` utility and displays a new line every 20 seconds:

```
cfstat 20
```

## Debugging IP Addresses page

You use the Debugging IP Addresses page to restrict debugging output to one or more IP addresses. You can add and remove IP addresses.

**Note:** If you do not specify IP addresses, and debugging options are active, ColdFusion MX displays debugging output for all users.

## Logging Settings page

You use the Logging Settings page of the Administrator to change ColdFusion MX logging options. The following table describes the settings:

Option	Description
Log directory*	Specifies the directory to which error log files are written.
Maximum file size (kb)	Sets the maximum file size for log files. When a file hits this size, it automatically is archived.
Maximum number of archives	Sets the maximum number of log archives to create. When they reach this limit, files are deleted in the order of oldest to newest.
Log slow pages taking longer than [n] seconds	Logs the names of pages that take longer than the specified interval to process. Logging slow pages can help you diagnose potential problems or bottlenecks in your ColdFusion applications. Entries are written to the server.log file.
Log all CORBA calls	Logs all CORBA calls.
Enable logging for scheduled tasks	Logs ColdFusion Executive task scheduling.

\* Restart ColdFusion MX after changing this setting.

## Log Files page

The Log Files page lets you perform operations on log files, such as searching, viewing, downloading, archiving, and deleting.

Click on a Log File icon, located in the Actions column of the Available Log Files table, to search, view, download, archive, or delete a log file.

For more information, see the ColdFusion MX Administrator online Help.

The following table describes the ColdFusion MX log files:

Log file	Description
rdservice.log	Records errors that occur in the ColdFusion Remote Development Service (RDS). RDS provides remote HTTP-based access to files and databases.
application.log	Records every ColdFusion MX error reported to a user. Application page errors, including ColdFusion MX syntax, ODBC, and SQL errors, are written to this log file.
exception.log	Records stack traces for exceptions that occur in ColdFusion.
scheduler.log	Records scheduled events that have been submitted for execution. Indicates whether task submission was initiated and whether it succeeded. Provides the scheduled page URL, the date and time executed, and a task ID.
server.log	Records errors for ColdFusion MX.
customtag.log	Records errors generated in custom tag processing.
car.log	Records errors associated with site archive and restore operations.

Log file	Description
mail.log	Records errors generated by an SMTP mail server.
mailed.log	Records messages sent by ColdFusion MX.
flash.log	Records entries for Macromedia Flash Remoting.

## Scheduled Tasks page

You use the Scheduled Tasks page to schedule the execution of local and remote web pages, to generate static HTML pages, send mail with the `cfmail` tag, update database tables, index Verity collections, delete temporary files, and any other batch-style processing. The scheduling facility is useful for applications that do not require user interactions or customized output. ColdFusion developers use this facility to schedule daily sales reports, corporate directories, statistical reports, and so on.

Information that is read more often than written is a good candidate for scheduled tasks. Instead of executing a query to a database every time the page is requested, ColdFusion MX renders the static page with information generated by the scheduled event. Response time is faster because no database transaction takes place.

You can run scheduled tasks once; on a specified date; or at a specified time, daily, weekly, or monthly; daily; at a specified interval; or between specified dates.

The Scheduled Task page lets you create, edit, and delete scheduled tasks. For more information, see the online help.

## System Probes page

System probes help you evaluate the status of your ColdFusion applications. Like scheduled tasks, they access a URL at a specified interval, but they can also check for the presence or absence of a string in the URL. If the URL contents are unexpected, or if an error occurred while accessing the URL, the probe can send an e-mail alert to the address specified on the System Probes page. The probe can also execute a script to perform a recovery action, such as restarting the server. All probe actions are logged in the `logs/probes.log` file. The System Probes page also displays the status of each probe.

You use the buttons in the Actions column in the System Probes table to perform the following actions:

Action	Description
Edit	Lets you edit the probe.
Run	Runs the probe immediately, even if it was previously disabled.
Enable/Disable	Starts and stops the probe from automatically executing at its specified interval.
Delete	Deletes the probe.

Because probes run as scheduled ColdFusion tasks, they will not run if the server on which they are hosted crashes, or if the host web server crashes or otherwise does not respond.

System probes are available in ColdFusion MX Enterprise Edition only.

## Code Compatibility Analyzer page

The Code Compatibility Analyzer page evaluates your ColdFusion pages for potential incompatibilities between ColdFusion MX 7 and ColdFusion Server 5. It reviews the CFML pages that you specify and informs you of any potential compatibility issues. Additionally, the Code Compatibility Analyzer detects unsupported and deprecated CFML features, and outlines the required implementation changes that ensure a smooth migration

## License Scanner page

The License Scanner page searches the local subnet to find other running instances of ColdFusion MX 7. You can use this information to determine whether the ColdFusion instances within the subnet are licensed appropriately.

The ColdFusion MX Administrator uses universal datagram protocol (UDP) multicast to collect license and version information from all ColdFusion instances running within the subnet.

## Extensions section

You use the Extensions section of the Administrator to configure ColdFusion MX to work with other technologies, such as Java and CORBA.

The Extensions section contains the following pages:

- [Java Applets page](#)
- [CFX Tags page](#)
- [Custom Tag Paths page](#)
- [CORBA Connectors page](#)

## Java Applets page

The Java Applets page of the Administrator lets you register applets and edit and delete applet registrations. Before you can use Java applets in your ColdFusion applications, you must register them in the Java Applets page.

When your applet is registered with ColdFusion MX, using the `cfapplet` tag in your CFML code is very simple, because all parameters are predefined. Simply enter the applet source and the form variable name that you want to use.

**Note:** Parameters set with the `cfapplet` tag override parameters defined on the Java Applets page.

For more information, see the online help.



## CFX Tags page

Before you can use a CFX tag in ColdFusion applications, you must register it. You use the CFX Tags page to register and manage ColdFusion custom tags built with C++ and Java.

You can build CFX tags in the following two ways:

- Using C++ as a dynamic link library (DLL) on Windows or as shared objects (.so or .sl extension) on Solaris and Linux
- Using Java interfaces defined in the cfx.jar file

For more information, see the online help.

## Custom Tag Paths page

You use the Custom Tag Paths page of the Administrator to add, edit, and delete custom tag directory paths. The default custom tag path is under the installation directory. To use custom tags in another path, register the path on this Administrator page.

For more information, see the online Help.

## CORBA Connectors page

You use the CORBA Connectors page to register, edit, and delete CORBA connectors. You must register CORBA connectors before you use them in ColdFusion applications. You must also restart the server when you finish configuring the CORBA connector.

ColdFusion MX loads object request broker (ORB) libraries dynamically using a connector, which does not restrict ColdFusion developers to a specific ORB vendor. The connectors depend on the ORB runtime libraries provided by the vendor. A connector for Borland Visibroker is embedded within ColdFusion MX. Make sure that the ORB runtime libraries are in *cf\_root/runtime/lib* (server configuration) or *cf\_webapp\_root/WEB-INF/cfusion/lib* (multiserver and J2EE configurations).

The following table contains information about the libraries and connectors:

Operating System	Vendor	ORB	ColdFusion connector	ORB library
Windows NT and later	Borland	VisiBroker 4.5	coldfusion.runtime.corba.VisibrokerConnector (embedded)	vbjorb.jar
Solaris	Borland	VisiBroker 4.5	coldfusion.runtime.corba.VisibrokerConnector (embedded)	vbjorb.jar

The following lines are an example of a CORBA connector configuration for VisiBroker:

```
ORB Name          visibroker
ORB Class Name    coldfusion.runtime.corba.VisibrokerConnector
ORB Property File: \CFusionMX7\runtime\cfusion\lib\vbjorb.properties
Classpath         [blank]
```

ColdFusion includes the `vbjorb.properties` file, which contains the following properties that configure the ORB:

```
org.omg.CORBA.ORBClass=com.inprise.vbroker.orb.ORB
org.omg.CORBA.ORBSingletonClass=com.inprise.vbroker.orb.ORB
SVCnameroot=namingroot
```

## Event Gateways section

The Event Gateways section of the Administrator lets you configure event gateway settings, gateway types, and gateway instances.

This Event Gateways section contains the following pages:

- [Event Gateway Settings page](#)
- [Gateway Types page](#)
- [Gateway Instances page](#)

## Event Gateway Settings page

The Event Gateway Settings page lets you configure settings for all event gateways, and start or stop the Short Message Service (SMS) test server. The following table describes the settings:

Option	Description
Enable ColdFusion Event Gateway Service	Specifies whether the service is enabled. Changing this setting restarts the service.
Event Gateway Processing Threads	Specifies the maximum number of threads used to execute ColdFusion functions when an event arrives. A higher number uses more resources, but increases event throughput.
Maximum Number of Events to Queue	Specifies the maximum number of events allowed on the event queue. If the queue length exceeds this value, gateway events will not be added to the processing queue.
Start/Stop SMS Test Server	Starts and stops the short message service (SMS) test server.

## Gateway Types page

The Gateways Types pages lets you configure the types of gateways available on your system. After you configure a type, you can create any number of gateway instances of that type. The following table describes the event gateway types that ship with ColdFusion MX:

Gateway type	Description
CFML	Used to trigger asynchronous events from ColdFusion.
SMS	Used to send and receive SMS messages.
SAMETIME	Used to send and receive instant messages through Lotus SameTime.

Gateway type	Description
XMPP	Used to send and receive instant messages through the Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol (XMPP).
Samples	Sample gateway types, including the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>DirectoryWatcher</b> Watches a directory for file changes.</li> <li>• <b>JMS</b> Acts as a Java Messaging Service consumer or producer.</li> <li>• <b>Socket</b> Listens on a TCP/IP port.</li> </ul>

## Gateway Instances page

The Gateway Instances page lets you configure ColdFusion event gateway instances to direct events from various sources to ColdFusion components (CFCs) that you have written. The following table describes the settings:

Option	Description
Gateway ID	A name for the event gateway instance. You use this value in the ColdFusion <code>GetGatewayHelper</code> and <code>SendGatewayMessage</code> functions.
Gateway Type	The event gateway type.
CFC Path	The absolute path to the listener CFC that handles incoming messages.
Configuration File	(Optional) Configuration file, if required for the event gateway instance.
Startup Mode	The event gateway startup status, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Automatic</b> Start the event gateway when ColdFusion starts.</li> <li>• <b>Manual</b> Do not start the event gateway with ColdFusion, but allow starting it from the Gateway Instances page.</li> <li>• <b>Disabled</b> Do not allow the event gateway to start.</li> </ul>

## Security section

The Security section of the Administrator lets you configure the security frameworks of ColdFusion MX.

For more information on security, see [Chapter 6, “Administering Security,” on page 85](#).

The Security section contains the following pages:

- [CF Admin Password page](#)
- [RDS Password page](#)
- [Sandbox Security page](#)

### CF Admin Password page

You use the CF Admin Password page of the Administrator to enable and disable password-restricted access to the Administrator, and to change the Administrator password. You should restrict ColdFusion MX Administrator access to trusted users.

## RDS Password page

You use the RDS Password page to enable and disable password-restricted RDS access to server resources from Macromedia Dreamweaver MX, Macromedia HomeSite+, or the ColdFusion Report Builder, and to change the RDS password.

## Sandbox Security page

You use the Sandbox Security page (called Resource Security in the Standard Edition) to specify security permissions for data sources, tags, functions, files, and directories.

Sandbox security uses the location of your ColdFusion pages to determine functionality. A *sandbox* is a designated area (CFM files or directories that contain CFM files) of your site to which you apply security restrictions. By default, a subdirectory (or *child* directory) inherits the sandbox settings of the directory one level above it (the *parent* directory). If you define sandbox settings for a subdirectory, you override the sandbox settings inherited from the parent directory.

Use sandbox security to control access to the following:

- Data sources
- Tags
- Functions
- Files and directories
- IP addresses and ports

**Note:** If you have enabled sandbox security and want to use the Administrator API, you must enable access to the CFIDE/adminapi directory.

## Packaging and Deployment section

The Packaging and Deployment section of the Administrator lets you create and deploy CAR files and create J2EE EAR or WAR files that include an existing ColdFusion application and the ColdFusion runtime system

This Packaging and Deployment section contains the following pages:

- [ColdFusion Archives page](#)
- [J2EE Archives page](#)

## ColdFusion Archives page

The ColdFusion Archives page includes tools that let you archive and deploy ColdFusion applications, configuration settings, data source information, and other types of information to back up your files quickly and easily. The complete list of archivable information includes the following:

- Name and file location
- Server settings
- ColdFusion mappings
- Data sources

- Verity collections
- Scheduled tasks
- Event gateway instances
- Java applets
- CFX tags
- Archive to do lists

After you archive the information, you can use the Administrator to deploy your web applications to the same ColdFusion MX server or to a ColdFusion MX server running on a different computer. Additionally, you can use these features to deploy and receive any ColdFusion archive file electronically.

The Archive Settings page lets you configure various archive system settings that apply to all archive and deployment operations. For more information, see the online help.

## J2EE Archives page

The J2EE Archives page lets you create an enterprise application archive (EAR) file or web application archive (WAR) file that contains the following items:

- The ColdFusion MX web application.
- Server settings, such as data sources and custom tag paths.
- Your application's CFML pages, stored in the ColdFusion web application's root directory.

With this EAR or WAR file, a J2EE administrator can deploy your ColdFusion MX application to a J2EE application server.

**Tip:** If you are creating a cluster of server instances when running the multiserver configuration, use this page to create the WAR or EAR file to be used when creating each of the servers in the cluster.

You can create a J2EE archive regardless of whether you are running ColdFusion MX in the server configuration or the J2EE configuration. However, you must be running the J2EE configuration to deploy an EAR or WAR file.

## Enterprise Manager section

The Enterprise Manager section of the Administrator lets you create Macromedia JRun server instances with ColdFusion already deployed, register remote JRun server instances, and create clusters of JRun server instances.

**Note:** The Enterprise Manager section appears only if you install the multiserver configuration. It does not display in the server configuration. Nor does it display when running in a J2EE configuration (other than that deployed in the cfusion server of the multiserver configuration).

The Enterprise Manager section contains the following pages:

- [Instance Manager page](#)
- [Cluster Manager page](#)

## Instance Manager page

The Instance Manager page lets you view the local and remote JRun servers that can be accessed by a cfusion server running in the multiserver configuration.

From this page you can access pages that define new, local, JRun servers and register existing JRun servers running on remote computers, as follows:

**Add New Instance** Create a new JRun server and automatically deploy a copy of the current ColdFusion MX application into that server. Alternatively, you can deploy ColdFusion MX applications packaged using the J2EE Archives page.

**Register Remote Instance** Define an existing remote JRun server to the Instance Manager for the purpose of adding these servers to a cluster. The remote JRun server instance need not be running when you define it to the Instance Manager, however, it must be running before you can add it to a cluster.

## Cluster Manager page

The Cluster Manager page in ColdFusion MX Administrator lets you create and manage clusters of JRun servers, each containing the same ColdFusion MX application.

## Custom Extensions section

You can extend the functionality of the ColdFusion MX Administrator by adding links to other web applications and sites. These links appear under the Custom Extensions section in the left navigation pane of the Administrator.

**To extend the Administrator:**

1. Create a file that contains the HTML link code, followed by a `<BR>`, with a separate line for each link. Do not include other HTML code, such as `<head>` or `<body>` tags.

The `target` attribute is required for each link; if you specify `target="content"`, the page appears in the main pane of the Administrator. If you specify any other value for the `target` attribute, the page appears in a new window.

2. Save this file as `extensionscustom.cfm` in the Administrator root directory (`/CFIDE/administrator/`).

For example, the following file adds links for Bowdoin College, Universidad Complutense de Madrid, and La Sapienza:

```
<a href="http://www.bowdoin.edu/" target="content">Bowdoin College</a><br>
<a href="http://www.http://www.ucm.es/" target="_blank">Universidad
  Complutense de Madrid</a><br>
<a href="http://www.uniroma1.it/" target="_blank">La Sapienza</a><br>
```

When you click a link, the page appears.

# Administrator API

You can perform most ColdFusion MX Administrator tasks programmatically using the Administrator API. The Administrator API consists of a set of ColdFusion components (CFCs) that contain methods you call to perform Administrator tasks. For example, you use the `setMSQL` method of `datasource.cfc` to add a SQL Server data source.

The CFCs for the Administrator API are located in the `cf_web_root/CFIDE/adminapi` directory, and each CFC corresponds to an area of the ColdFusion MX Administrator, as the following table shows:

CFC	Description
<code>administrator.cfc</code>	Contains basic Administrator functionality, including login, logout, the Migration Wizard, and the Setup Wizard. You must call the <code>login</code> method before calling any other methods in the Administrator API.
<code>base.cfc</code>	Base object for all other Administrator API CFCs.
<code>datasource.cfc</code>	Add, modify, and delete ColdFusion data sources.
<code>debugging.cfc</code>	Manage debug settings.
<code>eventgateway.cfc</code>	Manage event gateways.
<code>extensions.cfc</code>	Manage custom tags, mappings, CFXs, applets, CORBA, and web services.
<code>mail.cfc</code>	Manage ColdFusion mail settings.
<code>runtime.cfc</code>	Manage runtime settings for fonts, cache, charts, configuration, and other settings.
<code>security.cfc</code>	Manage passwords, RDS, and sandbox security.
<code>serverinstance.cfc</code>	Start, stop, and restart JRun servers. This CFC only works when running the multiserver configuration.

The `adminapi` directory also contains an `Application.cfm` file and two subdirectories.

**Note:** If you are using sandbox security, you must enable access to the `cf_web_root/CFIDE/adminapi` directory to use the Administrator API.

There are two styles of methods in the Administrator API:

- **Method arguments** When setting complex or varied values, the Administrator API uses method arguments.
- **Getting and setting simple values** When setting simple values, such as true or false debug settings, the Administrator API uses `get` and `set` property methods.

To view the methods, method arguments, and documentation for the Administrator API CFCs, use the CFC Explorer. For example, to view `datasource.cfc` when running in the server configuration, open a browser to `http://localhost:8500/CFIDE/adminapi/datasource.cfc`.

## To use the Administrator API:

### 1. Instantiate administrator.cfc:

```
<cfscript>
    // Login is always required.
    adminObj = createObject("component","cfide.adminapi.administrator");
```

**Tip:** You can instantiate administrator.cfc and call the login method in a single line of code, as the following example shows:

```
createObject("component","cfide.adminapi.administrator").login("admin");
```

### 2. Call the administrator.cfc login method, passing the ColdFusion MX Administrator password or the RDS password:

```
adminObj.login("admin");
```

### 3. Instantiate the desired CFC:

```
myObj = createObject("component","cfide.adminapi.debugging");
```

### 4. Call the desired CFC method (this example enables debugging):

```
myObj.setDebugProperty(propertyName="enableDebug", propertyValue="true");
```

## Examples

The following example adds a SQL Server data source:

```
<cfscript>
    // Login is always required. This example uses two lines of code.
    adminObj = createObject("component","cfide.adminapi.administrator");
    adminObj.login("admin");

    // Instantiate the data source object.
    myObj = createObject("component","cfide.adminapi.datasource");

    // Create a DSN.
    myObj.setMSSQL(driver="MSSQLServer",
        name="northwind_MSSQL",
        host = "10.1.147.73",
        port = "1433",
        database = "northwind",
        username = "sa",
        login_timeout = "29",
        timeout = "23",
        interval = 6,
        buffer = "64000",
        blob_buffer = "64000",
        setStringParameterAsUnicode = "false",
        description = "Northwind SQL Server",
        pooling = true,
        maxpooledstatements = 999,
        enableMaxConnections = "true",
        maxConnections = "299",
        enable_clob = true,
        enable_blob = true,
        disable = false,
```



```

        storedProc = true,
        alter = false,
        grant = true,
        select = true,
        update = true,
        create = true,
        delete = true,
        drop = false,
        revoke = false );
</cfscript>

```

The following example adds the same SQL Server data source, but uses the `argumentCollection` attribute to pass all method arguments in a structure:

```

<cfscript>
    // Login is always required. This example uses a single line of code.
    createObject("component","cfide.adminapi.administrator").login("admin");

    // Instantiate the data source object.
    myObj = createObject("component","cfide.adminapi.datasource");

    // Required arguments for a data source.
    stDSN = structNew();
    stDSN.driver = "MSSQLServer";
    stDSN.name="northwind_MSSQL";
    stDSN.host = "10.1.147.73";
    stDSN.port = "1433";
    stDSN.database = "northwind";
    stDSN.username = "sa";

    // Optional and advanced arguments.
    stDSN.login_timeout = "29";
    stDSN.timeout = "23";
    stDSN.interval = 6;
    stDSN.buffer = "64000";
    stDSN.blob_buffer = "64000";
    stDSN.setStringParameterAsUnicode = "false";
    stDSN.description = "Northwind SQL Server";
    stDSN.pooling = true;
    stDSN.maxpooledstatements = 999;
    stDSN.enableMaxConnections = "true";
    stDSN.maxConnections = "299";
    stDSN.enable_clob = true;
    stDSN.enable_blob = true;
    stDSN.disable = false;
    stDSN.storedProc = true;
    stDSN.alter = false;
    stDSN.grant = true;
    stDSN.select = true;
    stDSN.update = true;
    stDSN.create = true;
    stDSN.delete = true;
    stDSN.drop = false;
    stDSN.revoke = false;

```

```
    //Create a DSN.  
    myObj.setMSSQL(argumentCollection=stDSN);  
</cfscript>  
<!--- Optionally dump the stDSN structure. --->  
<!---  
<cfoutput>  
<cfdump var="#stDSN#">  
</cfoutput>  
--->
```

# CHAPTER 3

## Data Source Management

A data source is a complete database configuration that uses a JDBC driver to communicate with a specific database. In Macromedia ColdFusion MX 7, you must configure a data source for each database that you want to use. After you configure a data source, ColdFusion can then communicate with that data source through JDBC.

This chapter describes the configuration options for ColdFusion MX 7 data sources. For basic information on data sources and connecting to databases, see *Getting Started Building ColdFusion MX Applications*.

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## About JDBC

JDBC is a Java Application Programming Interface (API) that you use to execute SQL statements. JDBC enables an application, such as ColdFusion MX 7, to interact with a variety of database management systems (DBMSs), without using interfaces that are database- and platform-specific.

The following table describes the four types of JDBC drivers:

Type	Name	Description
1	JDBC-ODBC bridge	<p>Translates JDBC calls to ODBC calls, and sends them to the ODBC driver.</p> <p><b>Advantages</b> Allows access to many different databases.</p> <p><b>Disadvantages</b> The ODBC driver, and possibly the client database libraries, must reside on the ColdFusion server computer. Performance is slower than other JDBC driver types. Macromedia does not recommend this driver type unless your application requires DBMS-specific features.</p>
2	Native-API/partly Java driver	<p>Converts JDBC calls to database-specific calls.</p> <p><b>Advantages</b> Better performance than Type 1 driver.</p> <p><b>Disadvantages</b> The vendor's client database libraries must reside on the same computer as ColdFusion. ColdFusion MX includes a type 2 driver for use with Microsoft Access Unicode databases.</p>
3	JDBC-Net pure Java driver	<p>Translates JDBC calls to the middle-tier server, which then translates the request to the database-specific native-connectivity interface.</p> <p><b>Advantages</b> No need for vendor's database libraries to be present on client computer. Can be tailored for small size (faster loading).</p> <p><b>Disadvantages</b> Database-specific code must be executed in the middle tier. ColdFusion MX includes an ODBC socket type 3 driver for use with Microsoft Access databases and ODBC data sources.</p>
4	Native-protocol/all-Java driver	<p>Converts JDBC calls to the network protocol used directly by the database.</p> <p><b>Advantages</b> Fast performance. No special software needed on the computer on which you run ColdFusion MX.</p> <p><b>Disadvantages</b> Many of these protocols are proprietary, requiring a different driver for each database. ColdFusion MX includes type 4 drivers for many popular DBMSs; however, not all DBMSs are supported in ColdFusion MX Standard Edition.</p>

JDBC drivers are stored in JAR files. For example, the JDBC drivers that are supplied with ColdFusion MX are in the `macromedia_drivers.jar` file. If you are using another JDBC driver, you must store it in the ColdFusion classpath. For example, `cf_root/cfusion/lib` (server configuration) or `cf_webapp_root/WEB-INF/cfusion/lib` (multiserver or J2EE configuration).

## Supplied drivers

The following table lists the database drivers supplied with ColdFusion MX and where you can find more information about them:

Driver	Type	For more information
DB2 Universal Database	4	<a href="#">“Connecting to DB2 Universal Database” on page 47</a>
DB2 OS/390	4	<a href="#">“Connecting to other data sources” on page 60</a>
Informix	4	<a href="#">“Connecting to Informix” on page 49</a>
Microsoft Access	3	<a href="#">“Connecting to Microsoft Access” on page 50</a>
Microsoft Access with Unicode support	2	<a href="#">“Connecting to Microsoft Access with Unicode” on page 52</a>
Microsoft SQL Server	4	<a href="#">“Connecting to Microsoft SQL Server” on page 53</a>
MySQL	4	<a href="#">“Connecting to MySQL” on page 56</a>
ODBC Socket	3	<a href="#">“Connecting to ODBC Socket” on page 57</a>
Oracle	4	<a href="#">“Connecting to Oracle” on page 59</a>
Other		<a href="#">“Connecting to other data sources” on page 60</a>
Sybase	4	<a href="#">“Connecting to Sybase” on page 62</a>

To see a list of database versions that ColdFusion MX supports, go to [www.macromedia.com/go/sysreqscf](http://www.macromedia.com/go/sysreqscf).

When running in the J2EE configuration, the ColdFusion MX Administrator also lets you configure a data source that connects to a JNDI data source. A Java Naming and Directory Interface (JNDI) data source is equivalent to a ColdFusion data source, except you define it using your J2EE application server. After it's defined, ColdFusion MX applications use it as they would any data source. For information on defining a JNDI data source, see [“Connecting to JNDI data sources” on page 63](#).

## Adding data sources

In the ColdFusion MX Administrator, you configure your data sources to communicate with ColdFusion. After you add a data source to the Administrator, you access it by name in any CFML tag that establishes database connections; for example, in the `cfquery` tag. During a query, the data source tells ColdFusion which database to connect to and what parameters to use for the connection.

The ColdFusion MX Administrator organizes all the information about a ColdFusion MX server's database connections in a single, easy-to-manage location. In addition to adding new data sources, you can use the Administrator to specify changes to your database configuration, such as relocation, renaming, or changes in security permissions.

## Adding data sources in the Administrator

You use the ColdFusion MX Administrator to quickly add a data source for use in your ColdFusion applications. When you add a data source, you assign it a data source name (DSN) and set all information required to establish a connection.

**Note:** ColdFusion MX includes data sources that are configured by default. You do not need the following procedure to work with these data sources.

### To add a data source:

1. In the ColdFusion MX Administrator, select Data & Services > Data Sources.
2. Under Add New Data Source, enter a Data Source Name; for example, MyTestDSN. The following names are reserved; you cannot use them for data source names:

- service
- jms\_provider
- comp
- jms

3. Select a Driver from the drop-down list box; for example, Microsoft SQL Server.
4. Click Add.

A form for additional DSN information appears. The available fields in this form depend on the driver that you selected.

5. In the Database field, enter the name of the database; for example, Northwind.
6. In the Server field, enter the network name or IP address of the server that hosts the database, and enter any required Port value; for example, the bullwinkle server on the default port.
7. If your database requires login information, enter your Username and Password.

**Tip:** The omission of required username and password information is a common reason why a data source fails to verify.

8. (Optional) Enter a Description.
9. (Optional) Click Show Advanced Settings to specify any ColdFusion specific settings; for example, to configure which SQL commands can interact with this data source.
10. Click Submit to create the data source.

ColdFusion MX automatically verifies that it can connect to the data source.

11. (Optional) To verify this data source later, click the verify icon in the Actions column.

**Note:** To check the status of all data sources available to ColdFusion MX, click Verify All Connections.

## Specifying connection string arguments

The ColdFusion MX Administrator lets you specify connection string arguments for data sources. In the Advanced Settings page, use the Connection String field to enter name-value pairs separated by a semicolon. For more information, see the documentation for your database driver.

**Note:** As of ColdFusion MX, the `cfquery connectstring` attribute is not supported.

## Guidelines for data sources

When you add data sources to ColdFusion MX, keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Data source names should be all one word.
- Data source names can contain only letters, numbers, hyphens, and the underscore character (`_`).
- Data source names should not contain special characters or spaces.
- Although data source names are not case-sensitive, you should use a consistent capitalization scheme.
- Depending on the JDBC driver, connection strings and JDBC URLs might be case-sensitive.
- Ensure that you use the Administrator to verify that ColdFusion MX can connect to the data source.
- A data source must exist in the ColdFusion MX Administrator before you use it on an application page to retrieve data.

## Connecting to DB2 Universal Database

This section discusses using the ColdFusion MX Administrator to define data sources for DB2 Universal Database (UDB). For information on defining data sources that work with DB2 for OS/390 or iSeries, see “[Connecting to other data sources](#)” on page 60. To see a list of DB2 versions that ColdFusion MX supports, go to [www.macromedia.com/go/sysreqscf](http://www.macromedia.com/go/sysreqscf).

**Note:** DB2 UDB refers to all versions of DB2 running on Windows, UNIX, and Linux/s390 platforms.

Use the settings in the following table to connect ColdFusion MX to DB2:

Setting	Description
CF Data Source Name	The data source name (DSN) used by ColdFusion MX to connect to the data source.
Database	The name of the database.
Server	The name of the server that hosts the database that you want to use. If the database is local, enclose the word <i>local</i> in parentheses.
Port	The number of the TCP/IP port that the server monitors for connections.
Username	The user name that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a user name (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag). The user name must have CREATE PACKAGE privileges for the database, or the database administrator must create a package. Consult the database administrator when configuring this type of data source.
Password	The password that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a password (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Description	(Optional) A description for this connection.

Setting	Description
Connection String	<p>A field that passes database-specific parameters, such as login credentials, to the data source.</p> <p>For UDB on the initial connection, specify DatabaseName, CreateDefaultPackage, ReplacePackage, and sendStringParametersAsUnicode (with no spaces), as the following example shows:</p> <pre>DatabaseName=SAMPLE;CreateDefaultPackage=TRUE;ReplacePackage=TRUE;sendStringParametersAsUnicode=false</pre> <p>If the database uses Unicode, specify true for the sendStringParametersAsUnicode parameter.</p> <p>For UDB on subsequent connections, specify DatabaseName and sendStringParametersAsUnicode (with no spaces), as the following example shows:</p> <pre>DatabaseName=SAMPLE;sendStringParametersAsUnicode=false</pre> <p>Your user ID must have CREATE PACKAGE privileges on the database, or your database administrator must create a package for you.</p>
Limit Connections	Specifies whether ColdFusion MX limits the number of database connections for the data source. If you enable this option, use the Restrict Connections To field to specify the maximum.
Restrict Connections To	Specifies the maximum number of database connections for the data source. To use this restriction, you must enable the Limit Connections option.
Maintain Connections	ColdFusion establishes a connection to a data source for every operation that requires one. Enable this option to improve performance by caching the data source connection.
Max Pooled Statements	<p>Enables reuse of prepared statements (that is, stored procedures and queries that use the <code>cfqueryparam</code> tag). Although you tune this setting based on your application, start by setting it to the sum of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unique <code>cfquery</code> tags that use the <code>cfqueryparam</code> tag</li> <li>• Unique <code>cfstoredproc</code> tags</li> </ul>
Timeout (min)	The number of minutes that ColdFusion MX maintains an unused connection before destroying it.
Interval (min)	The time (in minutes) that the server waits between cycles to check for expired data source connections to close.
Disable Connections	If selected, suspends all client connections.
Login Timeout (sec)	The number of seconds before ColdFusion times out the data source connection login attempt.
CLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any CLOB/Text columns in the database for this data source. If unchecked, ColdFusion retrieves the number of characters specified in the Long Text Buffer setting. For UDB 7.1 and 7.2, there is a 32K limit on CLOBs.
BLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any BLOB/Image columns in the database for this data source. If unchecked, ColdFusion retrieves the number of characters specified in the BLOB Buffer setting. BLOBs are not supported on UDB 7.1 and 7.2.



Setting	Description
LongText Buffer (chr)	The default buffer size, used if the CLOB option is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
BLOB Buffer (bytes)	The default buffer size, used if the BLOB option is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
Allowed SQL	The SQL operations that can interact with the current data source.

## Connecting to Informix

To see a list of Informix versions that ColdFusion MX supports, go to [www.macromedia.com/go/sysreqscf](http://www.macromedia.com/go/sysreqscf). Use the settings in the following table to connect ColdFusion MX to Informix data sources:

Setting	Description
CF Data Source Name	The data source name (DSN) used by ColdFusion MX to connect to the data source.
Database	The database to which this data source connects.
Informix Server	The name of the Informix database server to which you want to connect.
Server	The name of the server that hosts the database. If the database is local, enclose the word <i>local</i> in parentheses.
Port	The number of the TCP/IP port that the server monitors for connections.
Username	The user name that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a user name (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Password	The password that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a password (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Description	(Optional) A description for this connection.
Connection String	A field that passes database-specific parameters, such as login credentials, to the data source.
Limit Connections	Specifies whether ColdFusion MX limits the number of database connections for the data source. If you enable this option, use the Restrict Connections To field to specify the maximum.
Restrict Connections To	Specifies the maximum number of database connections for the data source. To use this restriction, you must enable the Limit Connections option.
Maintain Connections	ColdFusion MX establishes a connection to a data source for every operation that requires one. Enable this option to improve performance by caching the data source connection.
Max Pooled Statements	Enables reuse of prepared statements (that is, stored procedures and queries that use the <code>cfqueryparam</code> tag). Although you tune this setting based on your application, start by setting it to the sum of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unique <code>cfquery</code> tags that use the <code>cfqueryparam</code> tag</li> <li>• Unique <code>cfstoredproc</code> tags</li> </ul>

Setting	Description
Timeout (min)	The number of minutes that ColdFusion MX maintains an unused connection before destroying it.
Interval (min)	The time (in minutes) that the server waits between cycles to check for expired data source connections to close.
Disable Connections	If selected, suspends all client connections.
Login Timeout (sec)	The number of seconds before ColdFusion MX times out the data source connection login attempt.
CLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any CLOB/Text columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the Long Text Buffer setting.
BLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any BLOB/Image columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the BLOB Buffer setting.
LongText Buffer	The default buffer size, used if the CLOB option is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
BLOB Buffer	The default buffer size; used if the BLOB option is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
Allowed SQL	The SQL operations that can interact with the current data source.

## Connecting to Microsoft Access

Use the settings in the following table to connect ColdFusion MX to Microsoft Access data sources:

Setting	Description
CF Data Source Name	The data source name (DSN) used by ColdFusion MX to connect to the data source.
Database File	The file that contains the database.
System Database File	To secure access to the specified database file, click Browse Server to locate and enter a database that contains database security information. The system database is usually located in the same directory as the MDB file or in the windows\system32\system.mdw directory.
Use Default Username	If selected, ColdFusion MX does not pass a user name or password when requesting a connection. The Microsoft Access driver uses the default user name and password.
ColdFusion Username	The user name that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a user name (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
ColdFusion Password	The password that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a password (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).

<b>Setting</b>	<b>Description</b>
Description	(Optional) A description for this connection.
Page Timeout	The number of milliseconds before a request for a ColdFusion page times out. The default is 600. If you observe excessive network activity when using this driver, increase the page timeout value.
Max Buffer Size	The size of the internal buffer, in kilobytes, that Access uses to transfer data to and from the disk. The default buffer size is 2048 KB. Specify an integer value divisible by 256.
Connection String	A field that passes database-specific parameters, such as login credentials, to the data source.
Default Username	The user name that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a user name (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Default Password	The password that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a password (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Return Timestamp as String	Enable this setting if your application retrieves Date/Time data and then reuses it in SQL statements without applying formatting (using functions such as <code>DateFormat</code> , <code>TimeFormat</code> , and <code>CreateODBCDateTime</code> ).
Limit Connections	Specifies whether ColdFusion MX limits the number of database connections for the data source. If you enable this option, use the <code>Restrict Connections To</code> field to specify the maximum.
Restrict Connections To	Specifies the maximum number of database connections for the data source. To use this restriction, you must enable the <code>Limit Connections</code> option.
Maintain Connections	ColdFusion MX establishes a connection to a data source for every operation that requires one. Enable this option to improve performance by caching the data source connection.
Timeout (min)	The number of minutes that ColdFusion MX maintains an unused connection before destroying it.
Interval (min)	The time (in minutes) that the server waits between cycles to check for expired data source connections to close.
Disable Connections	If selected, suspends all client connections.
Login Timeout (sec)	The number of seconds before ColdFusion MX times out the data source connection login attempt.
CLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any CLOB/Text columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the <code>Long Text Buffer</code> setting.
BLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any BLOB/Image columns in the database for this data source. If unchecked, ColdFusion retrieves the number of characters specified in the <code>BLOB Buffer</code> setting.
LongText Buffer	The default buffer size, used if the <code>CLOB</code> option is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.

Setting	Description
BLOB Buffer	The default buffer size, used if the BLOB option is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
Allowed SQL	The SQL operations that can interact with the current data source.

## Connecting to Microsoft Access with Unicode

Use the settings in the following table to connect ColdFusion MX to Microsoft Access with Unicode data sources (this is a Type 2 driver):

Setting	Description
CF Data Source Name	The data source name (DSN) used by ColdFusion MX to connect to the data source.
Database File	The file that contains the database.
Description	(Optional) A description for this connection.
ColdFusion Username	The user name that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a user name (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
ColdFusion Password	The password that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a password (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Page Timeout	The time (in tenths of a second) before a request for a ColdFusion page times out.
Max Buffer Size	The size of the internal buffer, in kilobytes, used by Microsoft Access to transfer data to and from the disk. Can be any integer value divisible by 256.
Connection String	A field that passes database-specific parameters, such as login credentials, to the data source.
Limit Connections	Specifies whether ColdFusion MX limits the number of database connections for the data source. If you enable this option, use the Restrict Connections To field to specify the maximum.
Restrict Connections To	Specifies the maximum number of database connections for the data source. To use this restriction, you must enable the Limit Connections option.
Maintain Connections	ColdFusion MX establishes a connection to a data source for every operation that requires one. Enable this option to improve performance by caching the data source connection.
Timeout (min)	The number of minutes that ColdFusion MX maintains an unused connection before destroying it.
Interval (min)	The time (in minutes) that the server waits between cycles to check for expired data source connections to close.
Disable Connections	If selected, suspends all client connections.
Login Timeout (sec)	The number of seconds before ColdFusion MX times out the data source connection login attempt.

Setting	Description
CLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any CLOB/Text columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the Long Text Buffer setting.
BLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any BLOB/Image columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the BLOB Buffer setting.
LongText Buffer	The default buffer size, used if the CLOB option is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
BLOB Buffer	The default buffer size, used if the BLOB option is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
Allowed SQL	The SQL operations that can interact with the current data source.

**Note:** This driver uses the Microsoft Jet list of reserved words, including the word Last. For a complete list, see <http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=248738>.

## Connecting to Microsoft SQL Server

To see a list of SQL Server versions that ColdFusion MX supports, go to [www.macromedia.com/go/sysreqscf](http://www.macromedia.com/go/sysreqscf). Use the settings in the following table to connect ColdFusion MX to Microsoft SQL Server:

Setting	Description
CF Data Source Name	The data source name (DSN) used by ColdFusion MX to connect to the data source.
Database	The database to which this data source connects.
Server	The name of the server that hosts the database that you want to use. If the database is local, enclose the word <i>local</i> in parentheses. If you are running SQL Server locally (or using MSDE), specify 127.0.0.1 for the server name instead of the actual instance name.
Port	The number of the TCP/IP port that the server monitors for connections.
Username	The user name that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a user name (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Password	The password that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a password (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Description	(Optional) A description for this connection.
Connection String	A field that passes database-specific parameters, such as login credentials, to the data source.

Setting	Description
Select Method	Determines whether server cursors are used for SQL queries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Direct method provides more efficient retrieval of data when you retrieve record sets in a forward-only direction and you limit your SQL Server connection to a single open SQL statement at a time. This is typical for ColdFusion applications.</li> <li>The Cursor method lets you have multiple open SQL statements on a connection. This is not typical for ColdFusion applications, unless you use pooled statements.</li> </ul>
Limit Connections	Specifies whether ColdFusion MX limits the number of database connections for the data source. If you enable this option, use the Restrict Connections To field to specify the maximum.
Restrict Connections To	Specifies the maximum number of database connections for the data source. To use this restriction, you must enable the Limit Connections option.
Maintain Connections	ColdFusion MX establishes a connection to a data source for every operation that requires one. Enable this option to improve performance by caching the data source connection.
String Format	Enable this option if your application uses Unicode data in DBMS-specific Unicode datatypes, such as National Character or nchar.
Max Pooled Statements	Enables reuse of prepared statements (that is, stored procedures and queries that use the <code>cfqueryparam</code> tag). Although you tune this setting based on your application, start by setting it to the sum of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unique <code>cfquery</code> tags that use the <code>cfqueryparam</code> tag</li> <li>Unique <code>cfstoredproc</code> tags</li> </ul>
Timeout (min)	The number of minutes that ColdFusion MX maintains an unused connection before destroying it.
Interval (min)	The time (in minutes) that the server waits between cycles to check for expired data source connections to close.
Disable Connections	If selected, suspends all client connections.
Login Timeout (sec)	The number of seconds before ColdFusion MX times out the data source connection login attempt.
CLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any CLOB/Text columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the Long Text Buffer setting.
BLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any BLOB/Image columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the BLOB Buffer setting.
LongText Buffer	The default buffer size, used if Enable Long Text Retrieval(CLOB) is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
BLOB Buffer	The default buffer size, used if the BLOB option is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
Allowed SQL	The SQL operations that can interact with the current data source.

## Settings for the Northwind sample database

SQL Server ships with a sample database named Northwind. Establishing a connection to the Northwind database can help you learn ColdFusion MX while using a familiar database.

To establish a connection to the SQL Server Northwind database, you must set up the database in the SQL Server Enterprise manager and in the ColdFusion MX Administrator.

### To set up the database in the SQL Server Enterprise manager:

1. Expand the server group.
2. Expand the server.
3. Under the Security folder, right-click on Logins.
4. Select New Login.
5. Select Windows Authentication or SQL Server Authentication settings.
6. Select the Northwind database, and specify the language.
7. Ensure that the database server is using mixed authentication. While in Enterprise Manager, right click on the server, select Properties > Security and then select the Security tab. Ensure that the SQL Server and Windows radio button is clicked.
8. Click OK.

### To set up the database in the ColdFusion MX Administrator:

1. Open the ColdFusion MX Administrator.
2. Click Data & Services > Data Sources.
3. Type **northwind** in the Data Source Name field, and select Microsoft SQL Server in the Driver drop-down list box.
4. Click Add.
5. Type **Northwind** in the Database Name field, **127.0.0.1** (or the database server IP address) in the Server field, and **1433** in the Port field.

**Note:** Do not specify a user name or password when defining the data source.

6. Save the data source.

## Troubleshooting SQL Server connections

If you are having trouble establishing a connection to SQL Server, review the following considerations:

- If you installed SQL Server using a server name other than the default, you must use your chosen domain\servername wherever there's a reference to (local).

The following situations can cause a Connection Refused error:

- If you specified authentication information in SQL Server, ensure that you have not defined a username and password in the ColdFusion data source.

- You are running a connection-limited version of SQL Server and the request exceeds the limit for TCP/IP connections.  
You can prevent this exception by setting the Limit Connections and Restrict Connections To options in ColdFusion MX Administrator on the Advanced Settings page for the data sources, and specifying a number less than the SQL Server maximum.
- SQL Server does not enable the TCP/IP protocol. This problem can happen when SQL Server is on the same computer as ColdFusion MX. To fix this problem, perform the following steps:
  - a In SQL Server Enterprise Manager, right-click on the name of your SQL Server and click Properties.
  - b Click Network Configuration and the General Tab.
  - c Move TCP/IP from the Disabled Protocols section to the Enabled Protocols section.
  - d Click OK.
  - e Restart the SQL Server services.
  - f Verify your data source.
- If you have are having trouble connecting, consider using mixed-mode authentication for SQL Server (Windows and SQL) and removing the user name and password from the ColdFusion data source.

## Connecting to MySQL

To see a list of MySQL versions that ColdFusion MX supports, go to [www.macromedia.com/go/sysreqscf](http://www.macromedia.com/go/sysreqscf). Use the settings in the following table to connect ColdFusion MX to MySQL data sources:

Setting	Description
CF Data Source Name	The data source name (DSN) used by ColdFusion MX to connect to the data source.
Database	The database to which this data source connects.
Server	The name of the server that hosts the database that you want to use. If the database is local, enclose the word <i>local</i> in parentheses.
Port	The number of the TCP/IP port that the server monitors for connections.
Username	The user name that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source, if a ColdFusion application does not supply a user name (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Password	The password that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source, if a ColdFusion application does not supply a password (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Description	(Optional) A description for this connection.
Connection String	A field that passes database-specific parameters, such as login credentials, to the data source.



Setting	Description
Limit Connections	Specifies whether ColdFusion MX limits the number of database connections for the data source. If you enable this option, use the Restrict Connections To field to specify the maximum.
Restrict Connections To	Specifies the maximum number of database connections for the data source. To use this restriction, you must enable the Limit Connections option.
Maintain Connections	ColdFusion MX establishes a connection to a data source for every operation that requires one. Enable this option to improve performance by caching the data source connection.
Timeout (min)	The number of minutes that ColdFusion MX maintains an unused connection before destroying it.
Interval (min)	The time (in minutes) that the server waits between cycles to check for expired data source connections to close.
Disable Connections	If selected, suspends all client connections.
Login Timeout (sec)	The number of seconds before ColdFusion MX times out the data source connection login attempt.
CLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any CLOB/Text columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the Long Text Buffer setting.
BLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any BLOB/Image columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the BLOB Buffer setting.
LongText Buffer	The default buffer size; used if Enable Long Text Retrieval(CLOB) is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
BLOB Buffer	The default buffer size; used if the BLOB option is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
Allowed SQL	The SQL operations that can interact with the current data source.

## Connecting to ODBC Socket

Use the settings in the following table to connect ColdFusion MX to ODBC Socket data sources (this is a Type 3 driver):

Setting	Description
CF Data Source Name	The data source name (DSN) used by ColdFusion MX to connect to the data source.
ODBC DSN	Select the ODBC DSN to which you want ColdFusion MX to connect.
Trusted Connection	Specifies whether to use domain user account access to the database. Only valid for SQL Server.
Username	The user name that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a user name (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).

Setting	Description
Password	The password that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a password (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Description	(Optional) A description for this connection.
Connection String	A field that passes database-specific parameters, such as login credentials, to the data source.
Return Timestamp as String	Enable this option if your application retrieves Date/Time data and then re-uses it in SQL statements without applying formatting (using functions such as <code>DateFormat</code> , <code>TimeFormat</code> , and <code>CreateODBCDateTime</code> ).
Limit Connections	Specifies whether ColdFusion MX limits the number of database connections for the data source. If you enable this option, use the <code>Restrict Connections To</code> field to specify the maximum.
Restrict Connections To	Specifies the maximum number of database connections for the data source. To use this restriction, you must enable the <code>Limit Connections</code> option.
Maintain Connections	ColdFusion MX establishes a connection to a data source for every operation that requires one. Enable this option to improve performance by caching the data source connection.
Timeout (min)	The number of minutes that ColdFusion MX maintains an unused connection before destroying it.
Interval (min)	The time (in minutes) that the server waits between cycles to check for expired data source connections to close.
Disable Connections	If selected, suspends all client connections.
Login Timeout (sec)	The number of seconds before ColdFusion MX times out the data source connection login attempt.
CLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any CLOB/Text columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the <code>Long Text Buffer</code> setting.
BLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any BLOB/Image columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the <code>BLOB Buffer</code> setting.
LongText Buffer	The default buffer size; used if <code>Enable Long Text Retrieval(CLOB)</code> is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
BLOB Buffer	The default buffer size; used if the <code>BLOB</code> option is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
Allowed SQL	The SQL operations that can interact with the current data source.

## Connecting to Oracle

To see a list of Oracle versions that ColdFusion MX supports, go to [www.macromedia.com/go/sysreqscf](http://www.macromedia.com/go/sysreqscf). Use the settings in the following table to connect ColdFusion MX to Oracle data sources:

Setting	Description
CF Data Source Name	The data source name (DSN) used by ColdFusion MX to connect to the data source.
SID Name	The Oracle System Identifier (SID) that refers to the instance of the Oracle database software running on the server. The default value is <code>ORCL</code> .
Server	The name of the server that hosts the database that you want to use. If the database is local, enclose the word <i>local</i> in parentheses.
Port	The number of the TCP/IP port that the server monitors for connections.
Username	The user name that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a user name (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Password	The password that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a password (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Description	(Optional) A description for this connection.
Connection String	A field that passes database-specific parameters, such as login credentials, to the data source.
Limit Connections	Specifies whether ColdFusion MX limits the number of database connections for the data source. If you enable this option, use the Restrict Connections To field to specify the maximum.
Restrict Connections To	Specifies the maximum number of database connections for the data source. To use this restriction, you must enable the Limit Connections option.
Maintain Connections	ColdFusion MX establishes a connection to a data source for every operation that requires one. Enable this option to improve performance by caching the data source connection.
Max Pooled Statements	Enables reuse of prepared statements (that is, stored procedures and queries that use the <code>cfqueryparam</code> tag). Although you tune this setting based on your application, start by setting it to the sum of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unique <code>cfquery</code> tags that use the <code>cfqueryparam</code> tag</li><li>• Unique <code>cfstoredproc</code> tags</li></ul> The default value is 300.
Timeout (min)	The number of minutes that ColdFusion MX maintains an unused connection before destroying it.
Interval (min)	The time (in minutes) that the server waits between cycles to check for expired data source connections to close.
Disable Connections	If selected, suspends all client connections.

Setting	Description
Login Timeout (sec)	The number of seconds before ColdFusion MX times out the data source connection login attempt.
CLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any CLOB/Text columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the Long Text Buffer setting.
BLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any BLOB/Image columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the BLOB Buffer setting.
LongText Buffer	The default buffer size; used if Enable Long Text Retrieval (CLOB) is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
BLOB Buffer	The default buffer size; used if the BLOB option is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
Allowed SQL	The SQL operations that can interact with the current data source.

## Connecting to other data sources

Use the settings in the following table to connect ColdFusion MX to data sources through JDBC drivers that do not appear in the drop-down list of drivers:

Setting	Description
CF Data Source Name	The data source name (DSN) used by ColdFusion MX to connect to the data source.
JDBC URL	The JDBC connection URL for this data source.
Driver Class	The fully qualified class name of the driver. For example, <code>com.inet.tds.TdsDriver</code> . The JAR file that contains this class must be in a directory defined in the ColdFusion classpath.
Driver Name	(Optional) The name of the driver.
Username	The user name that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a user name (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Password	The password that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a password (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Description	(Optional) A description for this connection.
Connection String	A field that passes database-specific parameters, such as login credentials, to the data source.
Limit Connections	Specifies whether ColdFusion MX limits the number of database connections for the data source. If you enable this option, use the Restrict Connections To field to specify the maximum.
Restrict Connections To	Specifies the maximum number of database connections for the data source. To use this restriction, you must enable the Limit Connections option.

Setting	Description
Maintain Connections	ColdFusion MX establishes a connection to a data source for every operation that requires one. Enable this option to improve performance by caching the data source connection.
Timeout (min)	The number of minutes that ColdFusion MX maintains an unused connection before destroying it.
Interval (min)	The time (in minutes) that the server waits between cycles to check for expired data source connections to close.
Disable Connections	If selected, suspends all client connections.
Login Timeout (sec)	The number of seconds before ColdFusion MX times out the data source connection login attempt.
CLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any CLOB/Text columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the Long Text Buffer setting.
BLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any BLOB/Image columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the BLOB Buffer setting.
LongText Buffer	The default buffer size; used if Enable Long Text Retrieval (CLOB) is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
BLOB Buffer	The default buffer size; used if the BLOB option is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
Allowed SQL	The SQL operations that can interact with the current data source.

For example, you can use the Other Data Sources option to define a data source for DB2 OS/390 or iSeries, using the following settings:

**JDBC URL** `jdbc:datadirect:db2://dbserver:portnumber`

**Driver class** `macromedia.jdbc.MacromediaDriver`

**Driver name** `DB2`

**Username** A user defined to the database

**Password** The password for the username

**Connection string** Specify one connection string for the first connection, and then modify it for use in subsequent connections, as follows:

- On the initial connection, specify `LocationName`, `CollectionId`, `CreateDefaultPackage`, and `sendStringParametersAsUnicode` (with no spaces) as the following example shows:

```
LocationName=SAMPLE;CollectionId=DEFAULT;CreateDefaultPackage=TRUE;
sendStringParametersAsUnicode=false
```

**Note:** If the database uses Unicode, specify true for the `sendStringParametersAsUnicode` parameter.

- On subsequent connections, specify `LocationName`, `CollectionId`, and `sendStringParametersAsUnicode`, as the following example shows:

```
LocationName=SAMPLE;CollectionId=DEFAULT;
sendStringParametersAsUnicode=false
```

**Note:** DB2 OS/390 refers to all supported versions of DB2 on OS/390 and z/OS platforms; DB2 iSeries refers to all supported versions of DB2 on iSeries and AS/400.

For more information on DB2, see “[Connecting to DB2 Universal Database](#)” on page 47.

## Connecting to Sybase

To see a list of Sybase versions that ColdFusion MX supports, go to [www.macromedia.com/go/sysreqscf](http://www.macromedia.com/go/sysreqscf). Use the settings in the following table to connect ColdFusion MX to Sybase data sources:

Setting	Description
CF Data Source Name	The data source name (DSN) used by ColdFusion MX to connect to the data source.
Database	The database to which this data source connects.
Server	The name of the server that hosts the database that you want to use. If the database is local, enclose the word <i>local</i> in parentheses. This name must be either a fully qualified domain name (resolvable through DNS) or an IP address. It cannot be a netbios name (even if you are running NBT), or an alias you set up using the client connectivity wizard (both of these approaches worked in earlier ColdFusion versions).
Port	The number of the TCP/IP port that the server monitors for connections.
Username	The user name that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a user name (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Password	The password that ColdFusion MX passes to the JDBC driver to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a password (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Description	(Optional) A description for this connection.
Connection String	A field that passes database-specific parameters, such as login credentials, to the data source.
Select Method	Determines whether server cursors are used for SQL queries. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Direct method provides more efficient retrieval of data when you retrieve record sets in a forward-only direction and you limit your Sybase connection to a single open SQL statement at a time. This is typical for ColdFusion applications.</li> <li>• The Cursor method lets you have multiple open SQL statements on a connection. This is not typical for ColdFusion applications, unless you use pooled statements.</li> </ul>
Limit Connections	Specifies whether ColdFusion MX limits the number of database connections for the data source. If you enable this option, use the Restrict Connections To field to specify the maximum.

Setting	Description
Restrict Connections To	Specifies the maximum number of database connections for the data source. To use this restriction, you must enable the Limit Connections option.
Maintain Connections	ColdFusion MX establishes a connection to a data source for every operation that requires one. Enable this option to improve performance by caching the data source connection.
Max Pooled Statements	Enables reuse of prepared statements (that is, stored procedures and queries that use the <code>cfqueryparam</code> tag). Although you tune this setting based on your application, start by setting it to the sum of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unique <code>cfquery</code> tags that use the <code>cfqueryparam</code> tag</li> <li>• Unique <code>cfstoredproc</code> tags</li> </ul>
Timeout (min)	The number of minutes that ColdFusion MX maintains an unused connection before destroying it.
Interval (min)	The time (in minutes) that the server waits between cycles to check for expired data source connections to close.
Disable Connections	If selected, suspends all client connections.
Login Timeout (sec)	The number of seconds before ColdFusion MX times out the data source connection login attempt.
CLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any CLOB/Text columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the Long Text Buffer setting.
BLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any BLOB/Image columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the BLOB Buffer setting.
LongText Buffer	The default buffer size; used if Enable Long Text Retrieval(CLOB) is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
BLOB Buffer	The default buffer size; used if the BLOB option is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
Allowed SQL	The SQL operations that can interact with the current data source.

## Connecting to JNDI data sources

Use the settings in the following table to connect ColdFusion MX to JNDI data sources that have been defined for a J2EE application server (multiserver and J2EE configurations only):

Setting	Description
CF Data Source Name	The data source name (DSN) used by ColdFusion MX to connect to the data source.
JNDI Name	The JNDI location in which the J2EE application server stores the data source.
Username	The user name that ColdFusion MX passes to JNDI to connect to JNDI if a ColdFusion application does not supply a user name (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).

Setting	Description
Password	The password that ColdFusion MX passes to JNDI to connect to the data source if a ColdFusion application does not supply a password (for example, in a <code>cfquery</code> tag).
Description	(Optional) A description for this connection.
JNDI Environment Settings	Specifies additional JNDI environment settings, if required by the JNDI data source. Use comma separated list of name/value pair. For example if you must specify a username and password to connect to JNDI, specify the following: <code>SECURITY_PRINCIPAL="myusername",SECURITY_CREDENTIALS="mypassword"</code>
CLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any CLOB/Text columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the Long Text Buffer setting.
BLOB	Select to return the entire contents of any BLOB/Image columns in the database for this data source. If not selected, ColdFusion MX retrieves the number of characters specified in the BLOB Buffer setting.
LongText Buffer	The default buffer size; used if Enable Long Text Retrieval (CLOB) is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
BLOB Buffer	The default buffer size; used if the BLOB option is not selected. The default value is 64000 bytes.
Allowed SQL	The SQL operations that can interact with the current data source.

**Note:** The ColdFusion MX Administrator does not display the JNDI data source option when running in the server configuration.



# CHAPTER 4

## Web Server Management

You can connect Macromedia ColdFusion MX to the built-in web server and to external web servers, such as Apache, IIS, and Sun ONE Web Server (formerly known as iPlanet). This chapter explores common scenarios, security, and multihosting.

The information in this chapter applies when running in the server configuration, in the multiserver configuration, and when deploying on Macromedia JRun in the J2EE configuration. (Some J2EE application servers include web server plug-ins that provide similar functionality.)

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### About web servers in ColdFusion MX

The web server is a critical component in your ColdFusion MX environment, and understanding how ColdFusion interacts with web servers can help you administer your site. ColdFusion MX provides the following web server options:

**Built-in web server** A lightweight, all-Java, HTTP 1.0 web server. Suitable for development but not intended for use in production applications. For more information, see “Using the built-in web server” on page 66.

**External web server** A customized web server connector module that forwards requests for ColdFusion pages from an external web server to ColdFusion MX. For more information, see “Using an external web server” on page 67.

## Using the built-in web server

The ColdFusion MX server configuration is built on top of JRun, which includes the JRun web server (JWS), also called the built-in web server. Although not intended for use in a production environment, the built-in web server is particularly useful in the following cases:

**Coexistence/transition** The built-in web server lets you run a previous version of ColdFusion (using an external web server) and ColdFusion MX (using the built-in web server) on the same computer while you migrate your existing applications to ColdFusion MX.

**Development** If your workstation runs ColdFusion MX but does not run an external web server, you can still develop and test ColdFusion applications locally through the built-in web server.

All web servers listen on a TCP/IP port, which you can specify in the URL. By default, web servers listen for HTTP requests on port 80 (for example, `http://www.macromedia.com` and `http://www.macromedia.com:80` are the same). Similarly, port 443 is the default port for HTTPS requests.

By default in the server configuration, the built-in web server listens on port 8500. For example, to access the ColdFusion MX Administrator through the built-in web server, specify `http://servername:8500/CFIDE/administrator/index.cfm`. In the multiserver configuration, the default port for the built-in web server is 8300.

**Note:** URLs are case-sensitive on UNIX operating systems.

If you enable the built-in web server during the installation process and the port is already in use, the installer automatically finds the next-highest available port and configures the built-in web server to use that port. To determine the port number used by the built-in web server, open the `cf_root/runtime/servers/coldfusion/SERVER-INF/jrun.xml` file in a text editor and examine the `port` attribute of the `WebService` service. In the multiserver configuration, the path is `jrun_root/servers/cfusion/SERVER-INF/jrun.xml`.

**Note:** When you install ColdFusion MX Enterprise Edition using the multiserver configuration, the installation wizard always configures the built-in web server, even if you select an external web server.

Keep in mind the following when using the built-in web server:

- Whenever possible, you should choose to configure your external web server as part of the ColdFusion MX installation, except for the two cases mentioned at the beginning of this section (coexistence with a previous ColdFusion version and when there is no web server on the computer). If you select the built-in web server by mistake, you must run the Web Server Configuration Tool manually to configure your external web server after the installation. For information about the Web Server Configuration Tool, see [“Web server configuration” on page 68](#).
- The default web root when using the built-in web server is `cf_root/wwwroot` (server configuration) or `jrun_root/servers/cfusion/cfusion-ear/cfusion-war` (multiserver configuration). By default, the ColdFusion MX Administrator (CFIDE directory) is under this web root.

- If you want the built-in web server to serve pages from a different web root directory, define a virtual mapping in the `cf_root/wwwroot/WEB-INF/jrun-web.xml` file (`jrun_root/servers/cfusion/cfusion-ear/cfusion-war/WEB-INF/jrun-web.xml` in the multiserver configuration), as the following example shows:

```
<virtual-mapping>
  <resource-path>/*</resource-path>
  <system-path>C:/myApps/wwwroot</system-path>
</virtual-mapping>
```

**Warning:** If you have CFML pages under your external web server's root, ensure that ColdFusion MX has been configured to serve these pages through the external web server. If you have not configured ColdFusion MX to use an external web server, your external web server will serve ColdFusion Markup Language (CFML) source code for ColdFusion pages saved under its web root.

## Using an external web server

ColdFusion MX uses the JRun web server connector to forward requests from an external web server to the ColdFusion MX runtime system.

When a request is made for a CFM page, the connector on the web server opens a network connection to the JRun proxy service. The ColdFusion MX runtime system handles the request and sends its response back through the proxy service and connector. The web server connector uses web-server-specific plug-in modules, as the following table describes:

Web server	Connector details
Apache	<p>The Web Server Configuration Tool adds the following elements to the Apache httpd.conf file:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A LoadModule directive defines the connector.</li> <li>• An AddHandler directive tells Apache to route requests for ColdFusion pages through the connector.</li> </ul> <p>For Apache 1.3.x, the connection module is mod_jrun.so; for Apache 2.x, the connection module is mod_jrun20.so.</p>
IIS	<p>The Web Server Configuration Tool adds the following elements at either the global level (default) or website level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An ISAPI filter (available on IIS 5 only).</li> <li>• Extension mappings that tell IIS to route requests for ColdFusion pages through the connector.</li> </ul> <p>With IIS 5, the IIS connection module is jrun.dll. IIS 6 uses a connection module named jrun_iis6.dll and a helper DLL named jrun_iis6_wildcard.dll.</p>
Sun ONE Web Server, including iPlanet and Netscape Enterprise Server (NES)	<p>The Web Server Configuration Tool adds the following elements to Sun ONE Web Server configuration files:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• obj.conf A PathCheck directive for the JRun filter and ObjectType directives to route requests for ColdFusion pages through the connector.</li> <li>• magnus.conf Init directives to load and initialize the connector.</li> </ul> <p>In Windows, the Sun ONE Web Server connection module is jrun_nsapi.dll; on UNIX, the Sun ONE Web Server connection module is jrun_nsapi.so.</p> <p>With iPlanet 4.x, the Web Server Configuration Tool places all settings in the obj.conf file.</p>

# Web server configuration

ColdFusion MX uses the Web Server Configuration Tool to configure an external web server with the modules and settings that the connector needs to connect to ColdFusion MX. You can run the Web Server Configuration Tool through either the command-line interface or the graphical user interface (GUI). In either case, the Web Server Configuration Tool configures your external web server to interact with a ColdFusion MX server.

## Using GUI mode

The Web Server Configuration Tool includes a GUI mode, which you can use to specify external web server configuration settings through a graphical interface.

**Note:** When you use the Web Server Configuration Tool in GUI mode, you must select the Configure Web Server for ColdFusion MX Applications check box.

### To run the Web Server Configuration Tool in GUI mode:

1. Open a console window.

**Tip:** In Windows, you can start the Web Server Configuration Tool by selecting Start > Programs > Macromedia > ColdFusion MX 7 > Web Server Configuration Tool.

2. Change to the *cf\_root/runtime/bin* (server configuration) or *jrun\_root/bin* (multiserver configuration) directory.
3. Start the Web Server Configuration Tool using the *wsconfig.exe* (Windows) or *wsconfig* (UNIX) command.

The Web Server Configuration Tool window appears.

4. Click the Add button.
5. Select the Configure Web Server for ColdFusion MX Applications check box.
6. In the Server drop-down list box, select the server or cluster name that you want to configure. (Individual server names in a cluster do not appear. Clustering support is only available on the multiserver configuration.)

**Note:** The server or cluster does not have to reside on the web server computer. In this case, enter the IP address or server name of the remote computer in the JRun Host field.

7. In the Web Server Properties area, enter web-server-specific information, and click OK.
8. (Optional) Move the CFIDE directory and other directories (such as *cfdocs*) from the built-in web server's web root to your web server root directory. In addition, you can copy your application's CFM pages from the built-in web server's web root to your web server root directory.

**Note:** When a page is requested, the web server connector first looks for the ColdFusion page in the *cf\_root/wwwroot* (server configuration) or *jrun\_root/servers/cfusion/cfusion-ear/cfusion-war* (multiserver configuration) directory, and then looks under the web server root. Alternatively, you can use the command-line interface and specify the *-cfwebroot* option.

9. (Optional) The web server connector does not serve static content (such as HTML files and images) from the built-in web server's root directory. If your ColdFusion web application has an empty context root (/) and you want to serve pages from the built-in web server's root directory, you can create a web server mapping to the corresponding directory under the built-in web server.

## Using the command-line interface

You can also run the Web Server Configuration Tool through a command-line interface.

### To run the command-line interface:

1. Open a console window.
2. Change to the *cf\_root/runtime/bin* (server configuration) or *jrun\_root/bin* (multiserver configuration) directory.
3. Execute the *wsconfig.exe* (Windows) or *wsconfig* (UNIX) command:

```
wsconfig.exe [-options]
./wsconfig [-options]
```

The following table describes the options:

Option	Description
-ws	Specifies the web server, as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IIS</li><li>• Apache</li><li>• SunOne</li><li>• iPlanet</li><li>• NES</li></ul> The web server name you supply is not case-sensitive.
-dir	Specifies the path to the configuration directory (Apache conf or NES/iPlanet config).
-site	Specifies the IIS website name (case-sensitive). Specify All or 0 to configure the connector at a global level, which applies to all IIS websites.
-host	Specifies the ColdFusion server address. The default value is localhost.
-server	Specifies the ColdFusion server name.
-username	Specifies a username defined to the JRun server. The default value is guest account.
-password	Specifies a password that corresponds to -username. The default value is guest account.
-norestart	Specifies not to restart the web server.
-cluster	Specifies the JRun cluster name. Use this option to define a connection to a JRun cluster instead of a single server.
-l	Enables verbose logging for the connector.

Option	Description
-a	Enables native OS memory allocation.
-map .cfm,.cfc,.cfml,.cfr,.cfswf,.jsp,.jws	Specifies the extension mappings list. (To use the web server connector with ColdFusion MX, you should specify .cfm,.cfc,.cfml,.cfr,.cfswf,.jsp,.jws.)
-filter-prefix-only	(IIS 5 only) Sets <code>ignoresuffixmap=true</code> in the <code>jun.ini</code> file. This means that the connector module runs as an IIS extension.
-coldfusion	Ensures that the proper ColdFusion MX mappings are set (.cfm, .cfml, .cfc, .cfswf, .cfr, .jsp, .jws), and, if IIS, <code>filter-prefix-only</code> is implicitly specified. <b>Always use this option when configuring a web server for use with ColdFusion MX.</b>
-upgrade	Upgrades existing configured connectors with newer modules from a newer <code>wsconfig.jar</code> file.
-service	Specifies the Apache Windows service name. The default value is <code>Apache</code> .
-bin	Specifies the path to the Apache server binary file ( <code>apache.exe</code> in Windows, <code>httpd</code> on UNIX).
-script	Specifies the path to the Apache UNIX control script file ( <code>apachectl</code> , but slightly different with certain Apache variants, such as <code>Stronghold</code> ).
-v	Enables verbose output from the Web Server Configuration Tool.
-cfwebroot	Specifies the directory corresponding to <code>cf_root/wwwroot</code> . If you use this option, the Web Server Configuration Tool creates web server mappings for <code>/CFIDE</code> and <code>/cfdocs</code> , each of which points to the corresponding directories under <code>cf_root/wwwroot</code> . This option is useful in a multihoming or hosting environment where you want multiple applications to share the ColdFusion MX Administrator.
-list	Lists all configured web servers.
-list -host server-host	Lists all JRun servers on the specified host.
-remove	Removes a configuration. Requires the <code>-ws</code> and either the <code>-dir</code> or <code>-site</code> options.
-uninstall	Uninstalls all configured connectors.
-h	Lists all parameters.

## Using the batch files and shell scripts

The ColdFusion MX server configuration includes batch files and shell scripts that implement typical command-line connector configurations. These files are in the `cf_root/bin/connectors` directory. For example, the `IIS_connector.bat` file configures all sites in IIS to site 0, which establishes a globally defined connector so that all sites inherit the filter and mappings.

If you use Apache or Sun ONE Web Server, use these files as prototypes, editing and saving them as appropriate for your site.

## Command-line interface examples

This section provides examples of multiple use-cases for different web servers:

- Configure a specific IIS site:

```
cf_root/runtime/bin/wsconfig.exe -server coldfusion -ws iis -site "web31"
-coldfusion -v
```

On systems where all sites run ColdFusion, there is generally no need to configure an individual site.

- Configure all existing IIS sites (ISPs):

```
cf_root/runtime/bin/wsconfig.exe -server coldfusion -ws iis -site 0
-coldfusion -cfwebroot C:\Inetpub\wwwroot -v
```

The `-cfwebroot` option allows all sites to share the ColdFusion MX Administrator that runs under `C:\Inetpub\wwwroot`. This example does not automatically configure newly added sites after the first `-site 0` run, but you can rerun with `-site 0` at a later time, and the Web Server Configuration Tool configures new sites only.

- Configure Apache on UNIX #1:

```
cf_root/runtime/bin/wsconfig -server coldfusion -ws Apache
-bin /opt/apache2/bin/httpd -script /opt/apache2/bin/apachectl
-dir /opt/apache2/conf -coldfusion -v
```

- Configure Apache on UNIX #2:

```
cf_root/runtime/bin/wsconfig -server coldfusion -ws Apache
-bin /usr/bin/httpd -script /usr/bin/httpd -dir /etc/httpd/conf
-coldfusion -v
```

- Configure Apache in Windows:

```
cf_root/runtime/bin/wsconfig.exe -server coldfusion -ws apache -dir
"c:\program files\apache group\apache2\conf" -coldfusion -v
```

- Configure Netscape on UNIX:

```
cf_root/runtime/bin/wsconfig -server coldfusion -ws nes
-dir [path to config] -coldfusion -v
```

- Configure Sun ONE Web Server on UNIX:

```
cf_root/runtime/bin/wsconfig -server coldfusion -ws sunone
-dir [path to config] -coldfusion -v
```

## Configuration files

The Web Server Configuration Tool stores properties in configuration files, as follows:

**IIS** In the `jrunit.ini` file, typically found in a subdirectory of the `cf_root/runtime/lib/wsconfig` (server configuration) or `jrun_root/lib/wsconfig` (multiserver configuration) directory. For IIS 5 only, it also defines filter and extension mappings in the IIS metabase.

**Apache** In the `httpd.conf` file, typically found in the `apache_root/conf` directory.

**Sun ONE Web Server/iPlanet** In the `obj.conf` and `magnus.conf` files, typically found in the `ws_root/server-http-xxx/config` directory.

The following table describes the web server connector properties in the web server configuration files. The web server connector uses these settings to help it find the ColdFusion server and know which servers to connect to.

Property	Description
bootstrap	Specifies the IP address and port on which the JRun server's proxy service is listening for connector requests. JRun must also be configured to listen on this port and address combination, the ProxyService must be activated, and the JRun server must be running. Specify <code>ipaddress:portnumber</code> (for example, <code>127.0.0.1:51011</code> ).
serverstore	Specifies the full path and filename of the file that contains information for the associated JRun server. The connector creates this file automatically. The default filename is <code>jrserver.store</code> .
verbose	Creates more detailed web server log file entries for the connector. Enabling this option can cause the web server's log files to fill quickly. Specify <code>true</code> or <code>false</code> ; the default value is <code>false</code> . In Apache and Sun ONE Web Server, the connector writes to the error log configured for the web server; on IIS, the connector writes to its own log in the related <code>wsconfig</code> subdirectory.
scriptpath	(IIS only) Points to the virtual <code>/JRunScripts</code> directory on the web server.
errorurl	(Optional) Specifies the URL to a file that contains a customized error message. This property is commented out by default. You must restart the web server after enabling this setting.
ssl	(Optional) Enables secure sockets layer (SSL) between the web server and the JRun server. You must set this setting to <code>false</code> .
apialloc	Enables native OS memory allocation rather than the web server's allocator (for use on Solaris with Sun ONE, at the direction of Macromedia Support staff).
ignoresuffixmap	(IIS only) Forces the connector to use application mappings.
proxyretryinterval	Specifies the number of seconds to wait before trying to reconnect to an unreachable clustered server.
connecttimeout	Specifies the number of seconds to wait on a socket connect to a JRun server.
recvtimeout	Specifies the number of seconds to wait on a socket receive to a JRun server.
sendtimeout	Specifies the number of seconds to wait on a socket send to a JRun server.

Each time you run the Web Server Configuration Tool, it creates a new configuration file and directory. For example, the first time you run the tool in the server configuration, it creates files under `cf_root/runtime/lib/wsconfig/1`; the second time, it creates `cf_root/runtime/lib/wsconfig/2`; and so on. Each of these subdirectories contains the appropriate platform-specific connector module and web-server-specific supporting files.

## Sample configuration files

To help describe the web server configuration file parameters, this section provides examples of connector-specific web server properties. These examples assume that JRun and the web server are on the same computer.



## Apache configuration file

The following is a typical httpd.conf file for an installation of ColdFusion MX on the same computer as an Apache 2.0 web server:

```
# JRun Settings
LoadModule jrun_module "C:/CFusionMX7/runtime/lib/wsconfig/1/mod_jrun20.so"
<IfModule mod_jrun20.c>
    JRunConfig Verbose false
    JRunConfig Apialloc false
    JRunConfig Ssl false
    JRunConfig Ignoresuffixmap false
    JRunConfig Serverstore
    "C:/CFusionMX7/runtime/lib/wsconfig/1/jrunserver.store"
    JRunConfig Bootstrap 127.0.0.1:51011
    #JRunConfig Errorurl <optionally redirect to this URL on errors>
    #JRunConfig ProxyRetryInterval <number of seconds to wait before trying to
reconnect to unreachable clustered server>
    #JRunConfig ConnectTimeout 15
    #JRunConfig RecvTimeout 300
    #JRunConfig SendTimeout 15
    AddHandler jrun-handler .jsp .jws .cfm .cfml .cfc .cfr .cfswf
</IfModule>
```

## IIS configuration file

For IIS, the connector uses the jrun.ini file to initialize the jrun.dll file (jrun\_iis6.dll on IIS 6). The following is a typical jrun.ini file:

```
verbose=false
scriptpath=/JRunScripts/jrun.dll
serverstore=C:/CFusionMX7/runtime/lib/wsconfig/1/jrunserver.store
bootstrap=127.0.0.1:51011
apialloc=false
ssl=false
ignoresuffixmap=true
#errorurl=<optionally redirect to this URL on errors>
#proxyretryinterval=<number of seconds to wait before trying to reconnect to
unreachable clustered server>
#connecttimeout=<number of seconds to wait on a socket connect to a JRun
server>
#recvtimeout=<number of seconds to wait on a socket receive to a JRun server>
#sendtimeout=<number of seconds to wait on a socket send to a JRun server>
```

## Netscape, iPlanet, or Sun ONE configuration file

The following is a typical obj.conf file for Netscape, iPlanet, or Sun ONE Web Server:

**Note:** Java must be disabled for the virtual server class that contains the server configured for JRun.

```
...
<Object name="default">
AuthTrans fn="match-browser" browser="*MSIE*" ssl-unclean-shutdown="true"
NameTrans fn="pfx2dir" from="/mc-icons" dir="C:/Sun/WebServer6.1/ns-icons"
    name="es-internal"
NameTrans fn="pfx2dir" from="/manual" dir="C:/Sun/WebServer6.1/manual/https"
```

```

NameTrans fn="document-root" root="$docroot"
PathCheck fn="nt-uri-clean"
PathCheck fn="check-acl" acl="default"
PathCheck fn="find-pathinfo"
PathCheck fn=find-index index-names="index.jsp,index.html,home.html,index.cfm"
PathCheck fn="jrunfilter"
ObjectType fn=type-by-exp exp=*.jsp type="jrun-internal/ext"
ObjectType fn=type-by-exp exp=*.jws type="jrun-internal/ext"
ObjectType fn=type-by-exp exp=*.cfm type="jrun-internal/ext"
ObjectType fn=type-by-exp exp=*.cfml type="jrun-internal/ext"
ObjectType fn=type-by-exp exp=*.cfc type="jrun-internal/ext"
ObjectType fn=type-by-exp exp=*.swf type="jrun-internal/ext"
ObjectType fn=type-by-exp exp=*.mxml type="jrun-internal/ext"
ObjectType fn=type-by-exp exp=*.cfr type="jrun-internal/ext"
ObjectType fn="type-by-extension"
ObjectType fn="force-type" type="text/plain"
Service method=(GET|HEAD|POST) type="jrun-internal/*" fn="jrunservice"
Service method=(GET|HEAD) type="magnus-internal/imagemap" fn="imagemap"
Service method=(GET|HEAD) type="magnus-internal/directory" fn="index-common"
Service method=(GET|HEAD|POST) type="*~magnus-internal/*" fn="send-file"
Service method="TRACE" fn="service-trace"
AddLog fn="flex-log" name="access"
</Object>
...

```

The following is a typical magnus.conf file for Netscape, iPlanet, or Sun ONE Web Server:

```

...
Init fn="load-modules"
  shlib="C:/CFusionMX7/runtime/lib/wsconfig/1/jrun_nsapi.dll"
  funcs="jruninit,jrunfilter,jrunservice"
Init fn="jruninit"
  serverstore="C:/CFusionMX7/runtime/lib/wsconfig/1/jrunserver.store"
  bootstrap="127.0.0.1:51011" verbose="true" apialloc="false" ssl="false"
  ignoresuffixmap="false" #errorurl="<optionally redirect to this URL on
  errors>" connecttimeout="15" recvtimeout="300" sendtimeout="15"

```

## Multihoming

You typically use the Web Server Configuration Tool to configure a connection between the web server and ColdFusion server running on the same computer. However, you can use the web server connector to route requests to multiple virtual sites to a single ColdFusion server. This is known as *multihoming*.

In a multihomed environment, you have multiple virtual hosts (also known as virtual sites) connected to a single ColdFusion server. You might use these virtual hosts for separate applications, such as Human Resources (HR), payroll, and marketing, or for separate users in a hosting environment.

**Note:** You use web-server-specific methods to create separate virtual websites for each use.

Multihoming configuration tasks include the following:

**Enabling access to the ColdFusion MX Administrator** If any of the applications under a virtual host need to access the ColdFusion MX Administrator, you must create a web server mapping (Alias directive in Apache) for /CFIDE that points to the original CFIDE directory. Alternatively, you can copy the entire CFIDE directory to the virtual website.

**Tip:** You can also configure the web server using the command-line Web Server Configuration Tool `-cfwebroot` option, which allows access to the CFIDE directory under the specified web root.

**Enabling access to the `cfform.js` file** If you do not create a web server mapping for /CFIDE, and any of the applications under a virtual host use the `cfform` tag, you must enable the virtual host to find the JavaScript files under the CFIDE/scripts directory. To enable access to these scripts, use one of the following options:

- Copy the `original_web_root/CFIDE/scripts` directory to a `CFIDE/scripts` directory on your virtual host.
- Modify all `cfform` tags to use the `scriptsrc` attribute to specify the location of the `cfform.js` file.

**Disabling the `cacheRealPath` attribute** To ensure that ColdFusion MX always returns pages from the correct server, ensure that Cache Web Server Paths is disabled in the Caching page of the ColdFusion MX Administrator. (When you use the multiserver configuration, set the `cacheRealPath` attribute to `false` for the ProxyService in the `jrun_root/servers/servername/SERVER-INF/jrun.xml` file.)

The procedures you perform to enable multihoming differ for each web server.

## IIS

When you use IIS, you run the IIS Administrator to create additional websites and run the Web Server Configuration Tool. You store ColdFusion pages under the web root of each virtual website.

### To connect multiple virtual sites on IIS to a single ColdFusion server:

1. Use the IIS Administrator to create virtual websites, as necessary. The web root directory should enable read, write, and execute access. For more information, see your IIS documentation.
2. Configure DNS for each virtual website, as described in your IIS documentation.
3. Test each virtual website to ensure that HTML pages are served correctly.
4. Run the Web Server Configuration Tool, as follows:
  - **GUI** Specify IIS for the Web Server and All from the IIS Web Site drop-down list box, and select the Configure Web Server for ColdFusion MX Applications check box.
  - **Command line** Specify the `-site 0` and `-cfwebroot` options, as the following server configuration example shows:

```
cf_root/runtime/bin/wsconfig.exe -ws iis -site 0
-cfwebroot cf_root/wwwroot -coldfusion -v
```
5. Test each virtual website to ensure that ColdFusion pages are served correctly.

## Apache

When you use Apache, you modify the *apache\_root/conf/httpd.conf* file to create virtual hosts and run the Web Server Configuration Tool. You store ColdFusion pages under the web root of each virtual website.

**To connect multiple Apache virtual hosts on a web server to a single ColdFusion server:**

1. Configure DNS for each virtual website, as described in your web server documentation.
2. Open the *apache\_root/conf/httpd.conf* file in a text editor and create virtual hosts, as necessary. For more information, see your Apache documentation. For example:

```
...
NameVirtualHost 127.0.0.1
<VirtualHost 127.0.0.1>
    ServerAdmin admin@yoursite.com
    DocumentRoot "C:/Program Files/Apache Group/Apache2/htdocs"
    ServerName SERVER02
    ErrorLog logs/error.log
</VirtualHost>
<VirtualHost 127.0.0.1>
    ServerAdmin admin@yoursite.com
    DocumentRoot "C:/Program Files/Apache Group/Apache2/htdocs2"
    ServerName mystore
    ErrorLog logs/error-store.log
</VirtualHost>
<VirtualHost 127.0.0.1>
    ServerAdmin admin@yoursite.com
    DocumentRoot "C:/Program Files/Apache Group/Apache2/htdocs3"
    ServerName myemployee
    ErrorLog logs/error-employee.log
</VirtualHost>
...
```

3. Test each virtual host to ensure that HTML pages are served correctly.
4. Run the Web Server Configuration Tool, as follows:
  - **GUI** Specify Apache for the Web Server, specify the directory that contains the *httpd.conf* file, and select the Configure Web Server for ColdFusion MX Applications check box.
  - **Command line** Specify `-ws apache` and the directory that contains the *httpd.conf* file, as the following example shows:

```
cf_root/runtime/bin/wsconfig.exe -ws apache
-dir "c:\program files\apache group\apache2\conf"
-cfwebroot cf_root/wwwroot -coldfusion -v
```

For additional UNIX command-line examples, see [“Using the command-line interface” on page 69](#).

The Web Server Configuration Tool updates the *httpd.conf* file. For a sample, see [“Apache” on page 76](#).

5. Restart Apache. You store ColdFusion files for each virtual host in the directory specified by the `DocumentRoot` directive.
6. Test each virtual host to ensure that ColdFusion pages are served correctly.

## Sun ONE Web Server, iPlanet, and Netscape

When you use Sun ONE Web Server version 6, you use the Server Administrator to create virtual servers and run the Web Server Configuration Tool. You store ColdFusion pages under the web root of each virtual server.

**Note:** For earlier versions of Sun ONE/iPlanet and Netscape Enterprise Server (NES), you must create separate server instances for each site and run the Web Server Configuration Tool once for each site.

### To connect multiple Sun ONE Web Server virtual hosts to a single ColdFusion server:

1. Using the Sun ONE Web Server Administrator, create virtual web servers for use by ColdFusion MX. For more information, see your Sun ONE Web Server documentation.
2. Configure DNS for each virtual website, as described in your web server documentation.
3. Test each virtual server to ensure that HTML pages are served correctly.
4. Run the Web Server Configuration Tool, as follows:
  - **GUI** Specify Netscape Enterprise Server/Sun ONE for the web server, specify the directory that contains the `obj.conf` and `magnus.conf` files, and select the Configure Web Server for ColdFusion MX Applications check box.
  - **Command line** Specify `-ws sunone` and the directory that contains the `obj.conf` file, as the following example shows:

```
cf_root/runtime/bin/wsconfig -ws sunone -dir [path to config]
-cfwebroot cf_root/wwwroot -coldfusion -v
```
5. Test each virtual server to ensure that ColdFusion pages are served correctly.



# CHAPTER 5

## Deploying ColdFusion Applications

This chapter describes the archive and deployment options available in Macromedia ColdFusion MX 7.

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### Archive and deployment options

ColdFusion MX 7 includes the following archive and deployment options.

**ColdFusion archive files** You can package your ColdFusion application's pages, data sources and settings in a ColdFusion Archive (CAR) file. For more information, see [“Packaging applications in CAR files” on page 79](#).

**J2EE archives** You can package your ColdFusion application as an Enterprise Application Archive (EAR) or Web Application Archive (WAR) file for easy deployment to a J2EE application server. For more information, see [“Packaging applications in J2EE archive files” on page 80](#).

**Cfcompile utility** The `cfcompile` utility lets you precompile your application's ColdFusion pages into Java class files. In addition you can compile ColdFusion pages to bytecode and save this bytecode in files with the CFM, CFC, or CFR extension. For more information, see [“Using the cfcompile utility” on page 82](#).

### Packaging applications in CAR files

CAR files let you archive and deploy website configuration information, files, and applications. Use this feature to deploy your website applications to another location or to back up your files quickly and easily. You manage CAR files using the Packaging & Deployment > ColdFusion Archives area of the ColdFusion MX Administrator.

**Note:** CAR file archiving and deployment is different from J2EE archiving and packaging through EAR and WAR files.

Perform the following steps when you archive and deploy site information:

1. Create the archive definition.

Identify the type of information to archive about a site. You can archive almost anything about the site, including directories, files, CFX tags, ColdFusion MX mappings, Verity collections, automated tasks, and server settings. Each archive definition that you create is assigned a name. You use this name each time you build or deploy its content.

2. Build the archive.

Select the name of the archive definition and specify a location to which you store the CAR file.

3. Deploy the archive.

Specify the location of the CAR file and the location to which you restore the contents.

**Note:** ColdFusion MX does not deploy Administrator and RDS passwords, nor does it unpack archives created in previous versions of ColdFusion.

For more information on creating, building, and deploying CAR files, see ColdFusion MX Administrator online Help.

## Packaging applications in J2EE archive files

When running ColdFusion MX in the multiserver and J2EE configurations, you deploy the ColdFusion application, in enterprise application archive (EAR) or web application archive (WAR) format, on a J2EE application server. You then create your ColdFusion MX application, configuring resources (such as data sources), and storing CFM, CFC, and CFR files in the web application root or in the web server root. In earlier ColdFusion MX releases, your J2EE administrator had to redo each of these steps when deploying your ColdFusion application onto a production J2EE server.

The ColdFusion MX Administrator lets you create an EAR or WAR file that contains the entire application. This archive file contains the ColdFusion MX web application, settings for ColdFusion MX (such as data source definitions), and the CFM, CFC, and CFR files used by your application.

**Tip:** If you are using the multiserver configuration, you can combine J2EE archiving with the instance creation functionality of the ColdFusion MX Administrator Enterprise Manager. First, create an EAR file that contains your application and all of its settings, and then use that EAR file in the Create From EAR/WAR option of the Instance Manager. For more information on the Enterprise Manager, see [“Defining additional server instances” on page 93](#).



## Application packaging

The J2EE Archive feature lets you quickly create an archive file that a J2EE administrator can use to deploy your ColdFusion MX application.

### To add a new archive definition and create an archive file:

1. Open the ColdFusion MX Administrator.
2. Specify a unique name for the archive file (no extension) in the Archive Name field.
3. Click Add. The Add New Archive screen appears.
4. Specify archive settings on the Add New Archive screen.
5. Click Create. ColdFusion creates an EAR or WAR file in the specified application distribution directory.

The following table describes the settings you make when creating or modifying archive:

Setting	Description
Archive Type	Select EAR or WAR.
Context Root (EAR only)	Each J2EE web application running in a server is rooted at a unique base URL, called a context root (or context path). The J2EE application server uses the initial portion of the URL (that is, the portion immediately following <code>http://hostname</code> ) to determine which web application services an incoming request.  For example, if you are running ColdFusion MX with a context root of <code>cfmx</code> , you display the Administrator using the URL <code>http://hostname/cfm/CFIDE/administrator/index.cfm</code> . Most J2EE application servers allow one application in each server instance to use a forward slash (/) for the context root. The Remote Development Services (RDS) web application is not required if you use a context root of <code>/</code> .
Serial Number	Specifies a ColdFusion MX Enterprise Edition serial number. If you do not specify a valid ColdFusion MX Enterprise Edition serial number when creating the archive file, it is deployed as an Enterprise Edition evaluation version, which reverts to the Developer Edition after 30 days.
COM Support	If your application doesn't use COM support, you can reduce the size of the archive file by omitting the supporting files.
Debugging	If the current ColdFusion MX server is running with debugging enabled, you can disable debugging in the application contained in the archive file.
Include CFML Source	You can optionally deploy Java bytecode instead of CFML source code. For more information, see <a href="#">"Sourceless distribution" on page 83</a> .
ColdFusion MX Administrator	If your application does not require modification using the ColdFusion MX Administrator, you can reduce archive size and reduce security issues by omitting the Administrator files.
Data Sources	Specifies the data source definitions to include in the archive file.

## Deployment considerations

Once the archive file is created, you deploy using standard ColdFusion MX J2EE configuration deployment techniques. For more information, see “Installing an EAR file or WAR files” in Chapter 4, “Installing the J2EE Configuration” of *Installing and Using ColdFusion MX*.

## Post-deployment considerations

Depending on your application, the resources that it uses, and the environment in which it is deployed, you may need to perform post-deployment configuration, as follows:

**Mappings** The ColdFusion mappings in the archived application refer to directories on the original computer. If those directories do not exist on the deployment computer, modify the ColdFusion mappings using the ColdFusion MX Administrator or the Administrator API.

**Verity** You must ensure that the Verity server settings on the original computer are appropriate for the deployment computer. If not, you must modify the Verity server settings using the ColdFusion MX Administrator or the Administrator API.

**Serial number** J2EE deployment is a ColdFusion MX Enterprise feature. To upgrade to the Enterprise Edition, enter a serial number using the ColdFusion MX Administrator or the Administrator API.

For more information on the Administrator API, see [“Administrator API” on page 39](#).

## Using the cfcompile utility

You can use the `cfcompile` utility for the following purposes:

**Precompiling ColdFusion pages** Precompile your application’s CFM pages into Java class files. At runtime, ColdFusion MX does not have to compile CFM pages.

**Sourceless distribution** Create CFM pages as Java bytecode. You can deploy these CFM pages instead of CFML source code.

The `cfcompile` utility is located in the `cf_root/bin` (server configuration) or `cf_webapp_root/WEB-INF/cfusion/bin` (multiserver and J2EE configuration) directory.

## Precompiling ColdFusion pages

You can use the `cfcompile` utility to precompile ColdFusion pages (CFM, CFC, and CFR files). This can enhance initial page loading time at runtime.

Use the following command to compile ColdFusion pages into Java classes:

```
cfcompile webroot [directory-to-compile]
```

The following table describes these parameters:

Parameter	Description
<i>webroot</i>	Fully qualified path to the web server root; for example, C:\inetpub\wwwroot or C:\CFusionMX7\wwwroot.
<i>directory-to-compile</i>	Fully qualified path to the directory where the files to be compiled are located. This directory must be under the webroot directory. If not specified, all ColdFusion templates in the webroot directory are compiled.

## Sourceless distribution

You can use the `cfcompile` utility with the `-deploy` option to create ColdFusion pages (CFM, CFC, and CFR files) that contain Java bytecode. You can then deploy the bytecode versions of the ColdFusion pages instead of the original CFML source code.

Use the following command to compile CFML files into bytecode format that you can deploy instead of CFML source code:

```
cfcompile -deploy webroot directory-to-compile output-directory
```

The following table describes these parameters:

Parameter	Description
<i>webroot</i>	Fully qualified path to the web server root; for example, C:\inetpub\wwwroot or C:\CFusionMX7\wwwroot.
<i>directory-to-compile</i>	Fully qualified path to the directory where the files to be compiled are located. This directory must be under the webroot directory. This is required for the <code>-deploy</code> option.
<i>output-directory</i>	Fully qualified path to the directory to contain the compiled deployable files. This cannot be the same directory as the source directory.

After you run the `cfcompile` utility, perform the following steps:

1. Back up your original CFML files
2. Copy the generated bytecode CFML files to the original directory
3. Deploy the application.

**Tip:** The J2EE Archive screen of the ColdFusion MX Administrator lets you create an EAR or WAR file that contains bytecode versions of your application's CFML files.



# CHAPTER 6

## Administering Security

This chapter describes configuration options for Macromedia ColdFusion MX security. You can secure a number of Macromedia ColdFusion MX 7 resources with password access and you can configure sandbox security.

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### About ColdFusion MX security

Security is especially important in web-based applications, such as those you develop in ColdFusion MX. ColdFusion developers and administrators must fully understand the security risks that could affect their development and runtime environments so they can enable and restrict access appropriately.

You implement *development security* by requiring a password to use the ColdFusion MX Administrator and a password for Remote Development Services (RDS), which allows developers to develop CFML pages remotely. You implement *runtime security* in your CFML pages and in the ColdFusion MX Administrator. ColdFusion MX has the following runtime security categories:

**User security** Programmatically determine the logged-in user and allow or disallow restricted functionality based on the roles assigned to that user. For more information about user security, see “ColdFusion security features” in Chapter 16, “Securing Applications,” in *ColdFusion MX Developer’s Guide*.

**Sandbox security** Using the ColdFusion MX Administrator, define the actions and resources that the ColdFusion pages in and below a specified directory can use.

**Note:** If you have the Enterprise Edition of ColdFusion MX, you can configure multiple security sandboxes. If you have the Standard Edition of ColdFusion MX, you can only configure a single security sandbox.

The Security area in the Administrator lets you do the following tasks:

- Configure password protection for the ColdFusion MX Administrator. For more information, see [“ColdFusion MX Administrator password protection” on page 86](#).
- Configure password protection for RDS access. For more information, see [“RDS password protection” on page 86](#).
- Enable, disable, and customize ColdFusion security, on the Security > Sandbox Security page (called Resource Security page in the Standard edition). For more information, see [“Using sandbox security” on page 86](#).

## Using password protection

Password protection restricts access to the ColdFusion MX Administrator and to a ColdFusion server when you attempt access through RDS security.

### ColdFusion MX Administrator password protection

Secure access to the ColdFusion MX Administrator is enabled by default. The password that you enter during installation is saved as the default. You are prompted to enter this password whenever you open the Administrator.

Password protection for accessing the Administrator helps guard against unauthorized modifications of ColdFusion MX, and Macromedia highly recommends using passwords. You can disable or change the Administrator password on the Security > CF Admin Password page.

### RDS password protection

If you configured password protection for RDS access when you installed ColdFusion, you are prompted for the password when you attempt to access ColdFusion MX from Macromedia Dreamweaver MX 2004, Macromedia HomeSite+, or the ColdFusion Report Builder.

You can disable RDS or change the RDS password on the Security > RDS Password page.

**Note:** Disabling RDS also disables the applet that the ColdFusion MX Administrator uses in file-related dialog boxes.

If you use RDS security, you rely on web server and operating system security settings to set permissions for ColdFusion application and document directories.

## Using sandbox security

Sandbox security (called Resource security in the Standard Edition) uses the location of your ColdFusion pages to control access to ColdFusion resources. A *sandbox* is a designated directory of your site to which you apply security restrictions. Sandbox security lets you specify which tags, functions, and resources (for example, files, directories, and data sources) can be used by ColdFusion pages located in and under the designated directory.

To use sandbox security in the multiserver and J2EE editions, the application server must be running a security manager (`java.lang.SecurityManager`) and you must define the following JVM arguments (for Macromedia JRun, this is the `java.args` line in the `jrun_root/jvm.config` file):

```
-Djava.security.manager  
-Djava.security.policy="cf_root/WEB-INF/cfusion/lib/coldfusion.policy"  
-Djava.security.auth.policy="cf_root/WEB-INF/cfusion/lib/neo_jaas.policy"
```

**Note:** Sandbox security is not enabled by default. You must enable it on the Security > Sandbox Security page before ColdFusion enforces the settings.

## Using multiple sandboxes (Enterprise Edition only)

By default, a subdirectory of a sandbox inherits the settings of the directory one level above it. However, if you define a sandbox for a subdirectory, the subdirectory no longer inherits settings from the parent, completely overriding the parent directory's sandbox settings. For example, consider the following directories:

```
C:\Inetpub\wwwroot  
C:\Inetpub\wwwroot\sales  
C:\Inetpub\wwwroot\rnd  
C:\Inetpub\wwwroot\rnd\dev  
C:\Inetpub\wwwroot\rnd\qa
```

If you define a sandbox for the `wwwroot` directory, the settings also apply to the `sales` and `rnd` directories. If you also define a sandbox for the `rnd` directory, the `rnd` sandbox settings also apply to the `dev` and `qa` directories; the `wwwroot` and `sales` directories maintain their original settings; and the `rnd` settings override the `wwwroot` directory settings for the `rnd` directory and its subdirectories.

This hierarchical arrangement of security permits the configuration of personalized sandboxes for users with different security levels. For example, if you are a web hosting administrator who hosts several clients on a ColdFusion shared server, you can configure a sandbox for each customer. This prevents one customer from accessing the data sources or files of another customer.

## Resources that you can restrict

You can restrict the following resources:

**Data Sources** Restrict the use of ColdFusion data sources.

**CF Tags** Restrict the use of ColdFusion tags that manipulate resources on the server (or on an external server), such as files, the registry, Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP), mail, and the log.

**CF Functions** Restrict the use of ColdFusion functions that access the file system.

**Files/Dirs** Enable tags and functions in the sandbox to access files and directories outside of the sandbox.

**Note:** To use the Administrator API when sandbox security is enabled, you must allow access to the `cf_web_root/CFIDE/adminapi` directory.

**Server/Ports** Specify the servers, ports, and port ranges that the ColdFusion tags that call third-party resources can use.

For more information, see the Administrator online Help.

**Note:** When you run ColdFusion MX in the J2EE configuration on IBM WebSphere, the Files/Dirs and Server/Ports tabs are not enabled.

## About directories and permissions

When you enable access to files outside of the sandbox, you specify the filename. When you enable access to directories outside of the sandbox, you specify *directoryname\indicator*, where *indicator* is a dash or asterisk, as follows:

- A backslash followed by a dash (\-) lets tags and functions access all files in the specified directory, and recursively allows access to all files in subdirectories.
- A backslash followed by an asterisk (\\*) lets tags and functions access all files in the specified directory and also lets tags and functions access a list of subdirectories. However, this option denies access to files in any subdirectories.

You can also specify the actions that ColdFusion tags and functions can perform on files and directories outside the sandbox. The following table shows the relationship between the permissions of a file and a directory:

Permission	Effect on files	Effect on directories
Read	View the file	List all files in the directory
Write	Write to the file	Not applicable
Execute	Execute the file	Not applicable
Delete	Delete the file	Delete the directory

## Adding a sandbox (Enterprise Edition only)

ColdFusion MX Enterprise Edition lets you define multiple security sandboxes.

### To add a sandbox:

1. Open the Security > Sandbox Security page in the ColdFusion MX Administrator.  
The Sandbox Security Permissions page appears.
2. In the Add Security Sandbox box, enter the name of the new sandbox. This name must be either a ColdFusion mapping (defined in the Administrator) or an absolute path.
3. Select New Sandbox from the drop-down list to create a sandbox based on the default sandbox, or select an existing sandbox to copy its settings to your new sandbox.
4. Click Add.

The new sandbox appears in the list of Defined Directory Permissions.



## Configuring a sandbox

Before you begin security sandbox configuration, analyze your application and its usage to determine the tags, functions, and resources that it requires. You can then configure the sandbox to enable access to the required resources and disable use of the appropriate tags and functions. For example, if the applications in the sandbox do not use the `cfregistry` tag, you can safely disable it.

**Note:** In the Standard Edition, the Root Security Context is the only sandbox. There is no initial list of defined directory permissions.

### To configure a sandbox:

1. Open the Security > Sandbox Security page (Security > Resource Security page in the Standard Edition) in the ColdFusion MX Administrator.

2. (Enterprise Edition only) In the list of Defined Directory Permissions, click the name or Edit icon for the directory.

A page with several tabs appears. This is the initial page in the Standard Edition. The remaining steps describe the use of each tab.

3. To disable a data source, in the left column of the Datasources tab, highlight the data source, and click the right arrow.

By default, ColdFusion pages in this sandbox can access all data sources.

**Note:** If «ALL DATASOURCES» is in the Enabled Datasources column, any data source that you add is enabled. If you move «ALL DATASOURCES» to the Disabled Datasources column, any new data source is disabled.

4. Click the CFTags tab.

5. To disable tags, in the left column of the CFTags tab, highlight the tags, and click the right arrow.

By default, ColdFusion pages in this sandbox can access all listed tags.

6. Click the CFFunctions tab.

7. To disable functions, in the left column of the CFFunctions tab, highlight the functions, and click the right arrow.

By default, ColdFusion pages in this sandbox can access all listed functions.

8. Click the Files/Dirs tab.

9. To enable files or directories, in the File Path box, enter or browse to the files or directories; for example, `C:\pix`. A file path that consists of the special token «ALL FILES» matches any file. For information on using the backslash-hyphen (`\-`) and backslash-asterisk (`\*`) wildcard characters, see [“About directories and permissions” on page 88](#).

10. Select the permissions.

For example, select the Read check box to let ColdFusion pages in the `mytestapps` sandbox read files in the `C:\pix` directory.

11. Click Add Files/Paths. When you edit an existing sandbox, this button reads Edit Files/Paths.

The file path and its permissions appear in the Secured Files and Directories list.

12. In the Secured Files and Directories list, verify that the file path is correct.

The character after the backslash is important. For information, see [“About directories and permissions”](#) on page 88.

**Note:** The Files/Dirs tab works together with the file-based permissions of the operating system. To restrict a user from browsing another user’s directory, you must use file-based permissions.

13. Click the Server/Ports tab.

14. To turn off default behavior (global access to all servers and ports), enter the IP addresses and port numbers that pages in this sandbox can connect to by using tags that access external resources (for example, `cfmail`, `cfpop`, `cfldap`, `cfhttp`, and so on). You can specify an IP address, a server name (such as `www.someservername.com`), or a domain name (such as `someservername.com`). You can optionally specify a port restriction.

**Note:** This behavior differs from other tabs, such as CFTags, where you select items to disable. If you set any values in this tab, external-resource tags executed in this sandbox can access only the specified servers and ports.

For example, to allow this sandbox access to 207.88.220.3 on ports 80 and lower, perform the following steps:

- a In the IP Address field, enter 207.88.220.3.
- b In the Port field, enter 80, and click This Port and Lower.

**Tip:** To deny access by these ColdFusion tags to an entire site, enable access for a local resource, such as your local mail server, FTP server, and so on.

15. Click Finish to save changes to the sandbox.

# CHAPTER 7

## Using Multiple Server Instances

When you install Macromedia ColdFusion MX 7 Enterprise Edition using the multiserver configuration, you can use the ColdFusion MX Administrator to create multiple server instances. Deploying ColdFusion MX on multiple server instances lets you isolate individual applications and leverage clustering functionality.

Management of multiple server instances has changed significantly in ColdFusion MX 7:

**ColdFusion MX** Use a J2EE deployment, along with J2EE application server features to deploy the ColdFusion MX application on multiple instances of the J2EE application server.

**ColdFusion MX 7** Use the ColdFusion MX Administrator in the multiserver configuration to create Macromedia JRun server instances and to automatically deploy the ColdFusion MX application on those instances. Additionally, you can combine the Administrator-driven server instance creation with the ColdFusion MX Administrator J2EE Archive feature to deploy a ColdFusion MX application that contains all of your application's CFM files (including CFCs and CFRs), settings (including data source definitions), and the ColdFusion web application. For more information on J2EE Archive, see [“Packaging applications in J2EE archive files” on page 80](#).

**Note:** Although the concepts and procedures explained in the ColdFusion MX documentation still apply, ColdFusion MX 7 incorporates multiple instance and cluster creation into the ColdFusion MX Administrator.

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## About multiple server instances

The ColdFusion MX Administrator lets you create server instances and clusters. Additionally, you can connect to remote JRun servers and add them to clusters.

Running multiple instances of ColdFusion MX has the following advantages:

**Application isolation** You deploy an independent application to each server instance. Each server instance has separate settings and, because each server instance runs in its own Java Virtual Machine (JVM), problems encountered by one application have no effect on other applications.

**Clustering (load balancing and failover)** You deploy the same application to each server instance and add the instances to a cluster. The web server connector optimizes performance and stability by automatically balancing load and by switching requests to another server instance when a server instance stops running.

This chapter describes features that are available only if you have installed the multiserver configuration. The multiserver configuration is a specialized J2EE configuration that installs JRun and deploys ColdFusion MX as an expanded Enterprise Application Archive (EAR) in the cfusion JRun server. The cfusion server is the only server that can create servers and clusters. The JRun instance creation and clustering options in the ColdFusion MX Administrator are not available in the server configuration, nor are they available in the J2EE configuration, even if you deploy on JRun.

**Note:** You can also manually deploy ColdFusion MX on multiple server instances, using your J2EE application server's server creation and deployment facilities, as documented in the ColdFusion MX 6.1 documentation.

### Expanded archive considerations

ColdFusion MX must run from an expanded directory structure. The Instance Manager expands the EAR or WAR file automatically and then deploys the expanded directory structure into the new server instance.

For more information on deploying ColdFusion MX in the J2EE configuration, see *Installing and Using ColdFusion MX*.

### File location considerations

ColdFusion MX lets you store CFM pages either under the external web server root or under the ColdFusion web application root. The discussions in this chapter assume that you store your CFM pages under the ColdFusion web application root and that you specify a context root for your application. This is different from ColdFusion MX 6.1 documentation, which assumed that you stored CFM pages under the web server root.

If you use the web server connector to access pages under the ColdFusion web application root and your ColdFusion web application has an empty context root (this is the default), the connector does not automatically serve static content, such as HTML pages and image files. If this is the case, you must define web server mappings so that it can serve files from the ColdFusion web application root.

For more information on serving CFM pages from the web server root, see [Chapter 4, “Web Server Management.”](#)

## Defining additional server instances

The multiserver configuration is a customized installation of JRun. JRun supports multiple server instances (also called JRun servers) running on the same computer. Each server instance runs in a separate JVM, which executes all ColdFusion pages for that instance.

You use the Instance Manager area of the ColdFusion MX Administrator to define and manage server instances. The Instance Manager only runs in the cfusion JRun server that is created as part of a multiserver configuration installation.

When you create a server instance with the Instance Manager, by default it deploys a copy of the cfusion server's ColdFusion enterprise application, including data sources, mappings, and settings. Alternatively, you can create a new server instance and specify the location of an EAR or WAR file (created by the J2EE Archive page), which the Instance Manager uses as the basis for your new ColdFusion server instance.

**Note:** If you are running JRun 4, you can also create a server in the JRun Management Console (JMC) and deploy the ColdFusion application using JRun deployment functionality.

### To define a server instance:

1. Ensure that you have installed ColdFusion MX 7 using the multiserver configuration.
2. Open the ColdFusion MX Administrator for the cfusion server in a browser (<http://hostname:8300/CFIDE/administrator>).
3. Select Enterprise Manager > Instance Manager.
4. Click Add New Instance.
5. Specify the following in the Add New ColdFusion Server area:
  - Server name
  - (Optional) Directory that contains the server instance. The ColdFusion MX Administrator fills in the default automatically (*jrun\_root/servers/servername*).
  - (Optional) Create from EAR/WAR. If you use the J2EE Packaging feature to create a J2EE archive file with your application's files (including CFM, CFC, and CFR files) and data sources, use this field to specify the EAR or WAR filename and create a server instance with your application deployed automatically.
  - (Optional, Windows only) Specify whether to create a Windows service for the server instance and whether to define the Windows service with an auto restart recovery option.
6. Click Submit.

The ColdFusion MX Administrator creates a server instance with ColdFusion MX deployed in it and starts the server instance. The ColdFusion MX application that it deploys is based on the application archive file specified in the Create from EAR/WAR field or on the cfusion server instance (if you don't specify an EAR or WAR file).

Creating a JRun server instance and deploying the ColdFusion MX application can take a few minutes.

7. Click Return to Instance Manager.

You can also start and stop the server instance using the JMC, the JRun Launcher, or the command line (*jrun\_root/bin jrun -start|-stop servername*).

## Enabling application isolation

You can create separate server instances, each with its own ColdFusion applications; each application then has its own ColdFusion and J2EE server resources. In this configuration, you typically have a single external web server with multiple server instances on one computer, and separate virtual hosts (or sites) for each server instance.

**Note:** Although this section describes using ColdFusion MX, other J2EE application servers provide equivalent capabilities, and most of the concepts apply when deploying the ColdFusion MX J2EE configuration on those J2EE servers.

Running independent applications this way has several advantages, including the following:

- Errors at the levels of the ColdFusion application or the JRun server do not affect any other ColdFusion applications.
- You can support multihomed servers, where a single web server supports multiple IP addresses or domain names, such as `www.mycompany.com` and `services.anothercompany.com`, each running from a separate web root. For more information, see [“Multihoming” on page 74](#).
- Individual applications can use different JVM configurations, or even different JVM implementations. This feature is particularly useful if one application requires a particularly large Java heap. To specify customized JVM options, start the JRun server instance from the command line using the `-config` option of the `jrun` command, which specifies a customized `jvm.config` file. This is explained in the “Starting and stopping JRun servers” section in *Installing and Using ColdFusion MX*.

**Note:** These instructions describe creating multiple server instances on a single computer. To create multiple server instances on separate computers, each computer requires a separate license of ColdFusion MX Enterprise Edition.

To achieve complete application isolation, you use web-server-specific functionality to create a separate website for each application. Web servers have different terminology for this concept. For example, in IIS, you define separate websites (available in Windows server editions only) and in Apache, you create multiple virtual hosts.

These instructions apply when running ColdFusion MX in the multiserver configuration. The principles apply when running ColdFusion MX on other J2EE application servers. However, not all J2EE application servers integrate with external web servers. For more information, see [“Multihoming” on page 74](#).

These instructions assume that you deploy each application at a named context root, which enables users to access CFM pages by specifying `http://hostname/context-root/pagename.cfm`. If other web applications are running in the server instance, each web application must use a different context root.

For example, with a context root of `cfmx`, users access CFM pages by specifying `http://hostname/cfmx/pagename.cfm`. For more information on using a context root, see *Installing and Using ColdFusion MX*.

**Note:** Although `cfmx` is the context root, it does not relate to your web application directory structure.

### To use multiple server instances for application isolation:

1. Create a separate server instance using the instructions in [“Defining additional server instances” on page 93](#). If you are using the built-in web server, proceed to step 6 in this procedure.
2. Using your web-server-specific method, create a virtual website (or separate website) for the application.  

This is different for each web server; for more information, see [“Multihoming” on page 74](#) or consult your web server documentation.
3. Test each virtual website to ensure that HTML pages are served correctly.
4. Store your application’s ColdFusion files in the ColdFusion web application root (recommended for application portability) or the web root of the virtual website.
5. Follow the instructions for your web server to configure the connection between your virtual website and the server instance. For more information, see [“Web server configuration for application isolation” on page 95](#).
6. Test your application.
7. Repeat these steps for each server instance.

## Web server configuration for application isolation

When you use multiple server instances for application isolation, the steps you perform to configure communication between the website and the server instance differ for each web server. This section contains the following sections:

- [Configuring application isolation in IIS](#)
- [Configuring application isolation in Apache](#)
- [Configuring application isolation in Sun ONE Web Server](#)

**Tip:** To enhance performance when using an external web server with multiple server instances, place all static content (HTML files and images, for example) under the web server root directory or one of its subdirectories. Minimize the amount of static content served from ColdFusion web application root directory.

## Configuring application isolation in IIS

When you use multiple virtual websites with multiple server instances under IIS, you define separate filters and mappings for each virtual website and server instance combination.

This section assumes that you already created server instances and virtual websites, as described in [“Enabling application isolation” on page 94](#).

### To configure multiple server instances for application isolation when using IIS:

- Run the Web Server Configuration Tool multiple times, once for each virtual website, and specify a different site and server instance each time. Ensure that you select the Configure Web Server for ColdFusion MX Applications check box (GUI) or use the `-coldfusion` option (command-line). For more information on running the Web Server Configuration Tool, see [“Using an external web server” on page 67](#).

## Configuring application isolation in Apache

When you use multiple virtual hosts with multiple server instances under Apache, you edit the `httpd.conf` file manually.

This section assumes that you already created server instances and virtual websites, as described in [“Enabling application isolation” on page 94](#).

### To configure multiple server instances for application isolation when using Apache:

1. Run the Web Server Configuration Tool once, specifying the location of the Apache `httpd.conf` file and any other required information. Ensure that you select the Configure Web Server for ColdFusion MX Applications check box (GUI) or use the `-coldfusion` option (command-line).
2. The Web Server Configuration Tool creates a sequentially numbered subdirectory under `jrun_root/lib/wsconfig`. You can use the subdirectory created by the Web Server Configuration Tool for one of your virtual hosts, but you must create additional subdirectories for all other virtual hosts. For example, the first time you run the Web Server Configuration Tool, it creates `jrun_root/lib/wsconfig/1`; if you have two other virtual hosts, you must manually create two other directories (`jrun_root/lib/wsconfig/mystore` and `jrun_root/lib/wsconfig/myemp` in this example). These directories can be empty.
3. Open the `jrun_root/servers/servername/SERVER-INF/jrun.xml` file for each of your server instances, locate the `ProxyService` service, ensure that the `deactivated` element is set to `false`, and note the value of the `port` element; for example:

```
...
<service class="jrun.servlet.jpmp.JRunProxyService" name="ProxyService">
  <attribute name="activeHandlerThreads">25</attribute>
  <attribute name="backlog">500</attribute>
  <attribute name="deactivated">false</attribute>
  <attribute name="interface">*</attribute>
  <attribute name="maxHandlerThreads">1000</attribute>
  <attribute name="minHandlerThreads">1</attribute>
  <attribute name="port">51002</attribute>
...
```

4. Restart each of the modified JRun servers.
5. Open the `apache_root/conf/httpd.conf` file in a text editor and find the `VirtualHost` directives. The settings added by the Web Server Configuration Tool are after the last `</IfModule>` directive, as the following example shows:

```
...
# JRun Settings
LoadModule jrun_module "C:/JRun4/lib/wsconfig/1/mod_jrun20.so"
<IfModule mod_jrun20.c>
  JRunConfig Verbose false
  JRunConfig Apialloc false
  JRunConfig Ssl false
  JRunConfig Ignoresuffixmap false
  JRunConfig Serverstore "C:/JRun4/lib/wsconfig/1/jrunserver.store"
  JRunConfig Bootstrap 127.0.0.1:51000
  #JRunConfig Errorurl <optionally redirect to this URL on errors>
```



```

    #JRunConfig ProxyRetryInterval <number of seconds to wait before trying
to reconnect to unreachable clustered server>
    #JRunConfig ConnectTimeout 15
    #JRunConfig RecvTimeout 300
    #JRunConfig SendTimeout 15
    AddHandler jrun-handler .jsp .jws .cfm .cfml .cfc .cfr .cfswf
</IfModule>

NameVirtualHost 127.0.0.1
<VirtualHost 127.0.0.1>
    ServerAdmin admin@mysite.com
    DocumentRoot "C:/Program Files/Apache Group/Apache2/htdocs"
    ServerName SERVER02
    ErrorLog logs/error.log
</VirtualHost>
<VirtualHost 127.0.0.1>
    ServerAdmin admin@mysite.com
    DocumentRoot "C:/Program Files/Apache Group/Apache2/htdocs2"
    ServerName mystore
    ErrorLog logs/error-store.log
</VirtualHost>
<VirtualHost 127.0.0.1>
    ServerAdmin admin@mysite.com
    DocumentRoot "C:/Program Files/Apache Group/Apache2/htdocs3"
    ServerName myemployee
    ErrorLog logs/error-employee.log
</VirtualHost>
...

```

6. For each `VirtualHost` directive that relates to a ColdFusion server instance, copy the entire `IfModule mod_jrun20.c` directive from its original location outside the `VirtualHost` directive to the last element in the `VirtualHost` directive.
7. Delete the `Apialloc`, `Ssl`, `Ignoresuffixmap`, and `AddHandler` elements in the `IfModule` directive for each virtual host. Modify the `Serverstore` and `Bootstrap` elements to point to the appropriate proxy port (from the `jrun.xml` file) and `jrun_root/lib/wsconfig/subdirectory/jrunserver.store` file, which the web server connector creates automatically.
8. In the original `IfModule` directive, remove or comment out the `Serverstore` and `Bootstrap` lines (comments start with #). The following example shows three virtual hosts, two of which are configured for ColdFusion MX:

```

...
# JRun Settings
LoadModule jrun_module "C:/JRun4/lib/wsconfig/1/mod_jrun20.so"
<IfModule mod_jrun20.c>
    JRunConfig Verbose false
    JRunConfig Apialloc false
    JRunConfig Ssl false
    JRunConfig Ignoresuffixmap false
    #JRunConfig Serverstore "C:/JRun4/lib/wsconfig/1/jrunserver.store"
    #JRunConfig Bootstrap 127.0.0.1:51020
    AddHandler jrun-handler .jsp .jws .cfm .cfml .cfc .cfr .cfswf
</IfModule>

```

```

NameVirtualHost 127.0.0.1
<VirtualHost 127.0.0.1>
    ServerAdmin admin@mysite.com
    DocumentRoot "C:/Program Files/Apache Group/Apache2/htdocs"
    ServerName RNIELSEN02
    ErrorLog logs/error.log
</VirtualHost>
<VirtualHost 127.0.0.1>
    ServerAdmin admin@mysite.com
    DocumentRoot "C:/Program Files/Apache Group/Apache2/htdocs2"
    ServerName rnielsenstore
    ErrorLog logs/error-store.log
    <IfModule mod_jrun20.c>
        JRunConfig Verbose true
        JRunConfig Serverstore "C:/JRun4/lib/wsconfig/mystore/jrunserver.store"
        JRunConfig Bootstrap 127.0.0.1:51002
    </IfModule>
</VirtualHost>
<VirtualHost 127.0.0.1>
    ServerAdmin admin@mysite.com
    DocumentRoot "C:/Program Files/Apache Group/Apache2/htdocs3"
    ServerName rnielsenemployee
    ErrorLog logs/error-employee.log
    <IfModule mod_jrun20.c>
        JRunConfig Verbose true
        JRunConfig Serverstore "C:/JRun4/lib/wsconfig/myemp/jrunserver.store"
        JRunConfig Bootstrap 127.0.0.1:51003
    </IfModule>
</VirtualHost>
...

```

9. Restart Apache.

10. (Optional) Store the application's ColdFusion files in your external web server root directory.

11. Test the applications under each virtual host.

**Note:** Remember that the web server connector doesn't serve static content, such as HTML and images. Place these files under the web root or create a web server mapping to the ColdFusion web application root.

## Configuring application isolation in Sun ONE Web Server

When using multiple virtual hosts with multiple server instances under Sun ONE Web Server, you create multiple Sun ONE Web Server instances, one for each ColdFusion server instance.

This section assumes that you have already created server instances, as described in [“Enabling application isolation” on page 94](#).

### To configure multiple server instances for application isolation when using Sun ONE Web Server:

- Run the Web Server Configuration Tool multiple times, once for each Sun ONE Web Server server instance, and specify a different configuration directory and ColdFusion server instance each time. Ensure that you select the Configure Web Server for ColdFusion MX Applications check box (GUI) or use the `-coldfusion` option (command-line).

## Enabling clustering for load balancing and failover

*Load balancing* is an enterprise-level feature in which the application server automatically alternates requests among the server instances in a cluster. Clustering also enables application servers to route requests to a running server instance when the original server instance goes down.

**Note:** These instructions apply only when you are running ColdFusion MX in the multiserver configuration. If you are running JRun4, you can also create clusters in the JMC.

You can get load balancing and failover by deploying identical ColdFusion applications and configurations to multiple server instances and adding the instances to a cluster. Each instance must have the same applications deployed and the same resources configured (such as data sources, Verity collections, and mappings). The web server connector optimizes performance and stability by automatically balancing load and by switching requests to another server instance when a server instance stops running.

**Note:** Because clustering uses Jini Network Technology, you must be connected to a network for clustering to work.

For maximum failover protection, use multiple computers in a cluster. However, you must purchase a separate ColdFusion MX Enterprise Edition license for each computer.

**Note:** If you set up and test multiple server instances while running the 30-day Trial version, the cluster might not continue to function appropriately when the Trial version reverts to the Developer version after 30 days.

To implement session failover for the server instances in a cluster, you must enable session replication for each server instance. Session replication coordinates session information in real-time among the server instances in a cluster. Enabling session replication lets JRun automatically route a request to a running server if the current server is unavailable.

**Note:** When a cluster uses session replication, session data is copied to other servers in the cluster each time it is modified. This can degrade performance if you store a significant amount of information in session scope. If you plan to store a significant amount of information in session scope, consider storing this information in client variables saved in a database.

### To configure a cluster of server instances for load balancing and failover:

1. Create your application and the data sources required for the application.
2. Ensure that you have installed ColdFusion MX 7 using the multiserver configuration.
3. Open the ColdFusion MX Administrator for the cfusion server in a browser (<http://hostname:8300/CFIDE/administrator>).
4. Select Packaging & Deployment > J2EE Packaging.
5. Use the J2EE Archives page to create an EAR file that contains the application, your application's CFM pages, the required data sources, and other settings.
6. Select Enterprise Manager > Instance Manager.
7. Create server instances for the cluster as described in [“Defining additional server instances” on page 93](#). Ensure that you use the Create from EAR/WAR field to specify the archive file that you just created.

- (Optional) Click the Register Remote Instance button to define existing remote server instances so that you can include them in the cluster. If you use a remote server, ensure that it contains the same application and settings as the local server instances.

**Note:** A server can participate in only one cluster. When adding remote instances to a cluster, ensure that the instance is not already part of a cluster.

- Ensure that each server instance is started.

**Note:** To administer a cluster, at least one member server instance must be running.

- Select Enterprise Manager > Cluster Manager.

- Name the cluster and click Add.

The ColdFusion MX Administrator adds the cluster to the Configured Clusters area.

- Click the cluster name or the edit icon.

The Edit Cluster screen appears.

- Use the arrow icons to add server instances to the cluster.

- (Optional) Enable session replication, and specify a cluster algorithm.

**Note:** When you enable sticky sessions, the connector does not always route requests strictly based on the cluster algorithm. For more information, see Administrator online Help.

- Click Submit.

- Select Enterprise Manager > Instance Manager.

- Open the ColdFusion MX Administrator on each server instance using the CF Admin icon on the Instance Manager. Ensure that required resources (such as data sources and Verity collections) are defined appropriately. If you are using session replication, go to the Memory Variables page and enable J2EE sessions. You must do this for all server instances in the cluster. If J2EE sessions are not enabled in the ColdFusion MX Administrator, session replication does not function properly.

**Note:** Session variables are the only memory variables that support session replication. In particular, ColdFusion components do not support session replication.

- For servers that are not on the same subnet, open the `jrun_root/lib/security.properties` file and add the IP addresses of the other JRun servers in the cluster to the `jrun.trusted.hosts` property.

**Note:** This step is required only for servers that are not on the same subnet; it is not necessary if all servers are on the same subnet.

- Restart all JRun servers in the cluster.

- Run the Web Server Configuration Tool. Choose your website, but instead of choosing a single server instance, select the cluster. Ensure that you select the Configure Web Server for ColdFusion MX Applications check box (GUI) or use the `-coldfusion` option (command-line). For more information, see [“Web server configuration” on page 68](#).

- Open each server instance’s `SERVER-INF/jrun.xml` file and ensure that the `ProxyService deactivated` attribute is set to `false`.

22. (Optional) Store the application's ColdFusion files in your external web server root directory.
23. Test the application to ensure that load balancing and failover work as expected.

## Defining remote server instances to the ColdFusion MX Administrator

You can use the Cluster Manager to add ColdFusion MX server instances running on other computers; however, you must first define them to the ColdFusion MX Administrator through the Add Remote Server Instance area of the Instance Manager page.

**Note:** To define a remote server instance, it must be running. You cannot start or stop servers remotely.

### To define a remote server instance to ColdFusion:

1. Open the ColdFusion MX Administrator for the cfusion server in a browser (<http://hostname:8300/CFIDE/administrator>).
2. Select Enterprise Manager > Instance Manager.
3. Specify the following in the Add Remote ColdFusion Instance area:
  - Server name
  - The IP address or DNS name of the remote host.
  - The remote port of the remote server. To determine the remote port, open the `jrun_root/servers/servername/SERVER-INF/jndi.properties` file and note the port number in the `java.naming.provider.url` property.
4. Click Add Remote ColdFusion Server.



# PART II

## Administering Verity

This part describes the Verity search tools and utilities that you can use for configuring the Verity K2 Server search engine, as well as creating, managing, and troubleshooting Verity collection.

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# CHAPTER 8

## Introducing Verity and Verity Tools

This chapter provides an overview of the advanced Verity features included in Macromedia ColdFusion MX 7.

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### Collections and the ColdFusion MX Verity architecture

ColdFusion MX includes Verity K2 Server search technology. Verity K2 Server is a high-performance search engine designed to process searches quickly in a high-performance, distributed system. The K2 search system has a client/server model. K2 client applications, such as ColdFusion server, provide users access to document indexes stored in Verity collections. K2 Server supports simultaneous indexing of distributed enterprise repositories, and handles hundreds of concurrent queries and users.

The Verity search system takes advantage of the latest advances in hardware and software technology, and provides the following features:

- Multithreaded architecture
- Support for Verity knowledge retrieval features, including topics
- Continuous operation support
- High scalability
- Category support (also called parametric indexes)

**Note:** ColdFusion MX no longer uses VDK mode and K2 mode. All Verity processing now uses the K2 architecture. Additionally, ColdFusion MX no longer uses the neo-verity.xml file.

Because ColdFusion MX reads custom queries into memory, indexing a large query result set can cause a “Java out of memory” error or lead to excessive disk use on your computer if your ColdFusion MX Java Virtual Machine (JVM) memory allocation is too small. Manage ColdFusion JVM memory settings as follows:

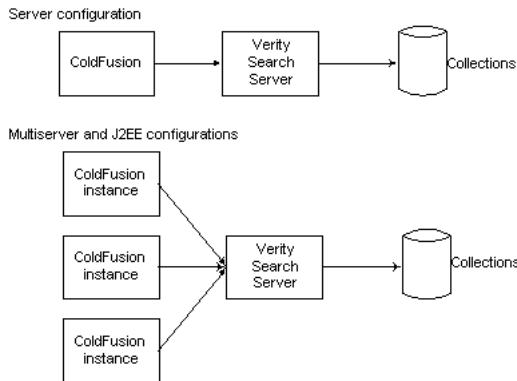
**Server configuration** Through the `-Xmx` argument to the `java.args` parameter in the `cf_root/runtime/bin/jvm.config` file (for example, `[-Xmx512m]`).

**Multiserver configuration** Through the `jrun_root/bin/jvm.config` file.

**J2EE configuration** Through application server-specific methods.

## Verity information storage

The Verity Search Server runs as a separate process from ColdFusion MX. This server controls all access to Verity collections, as the following figure shows:



In the multiserver and J2EE configurations, multiple ColdFusion server instances all use the same Verity Search Server to access the same set of Collections.

ColdFusion MX uses different processes for Windows and UNIX, as follows:

**Windows** The ColdFusion MX 7 Verity Search Server service manages and controls configuration and services of a Verity K2 domain. This service starts three processes: `k2server.exe`, `k2index.exe`, and `k2admin.exe`.

**UNIX** The `cf_root/bin/cfmsearch` control script (`cf_webapp_root/WEB-INF/cfusion/bin/cfmsearch` in the multiserver configurations) starts and stops Verity. When you call this script with the `start` argument, it calls `verity_root/k2/platform_dir/bin/k2adminstart` with the appropriate user context and environment, which in turn starts up three processes: `k2server`, `k2index`, and `k2admin`. Calling the script with the `stop` argument calls the Verity `k2adminstop` script, which kills those three processes.

**Note:** When you use the J2EE configuration, you must install Verity separately. For more information, see “Installing the Verity search server separately” in *Installing and Using ColdFusion MX*.

You can install the Verity Search Server on a separate computer from ColdFusion MX. For more information, see Administrator online Help.

**Tip:** If no Verity collections appear in the ColdFusion MX Administrator, it probably means that the Verity Search Server process isn’t running.

## About Verity Spider (vspider)

Verity Spider (vspider) lets you index web-based and file system documents throughout your enterprise, including dynamic content, and many application document formats, including Microsoft Office, WordPerfect, ASCII text, HTML, and PDF (Adobe Acrobat) documents. For more information, see [Chapter 9, “Indexing Collections with Verity Spider,”](#) on page 109.

## About the Verity utilities

ColdFusion MX includes several Verity utilities to diagnose and manage your collections. These tools include the mkvdk, rcvdk, rck2, and vspider utilities.

The following table describes the relationship between the major Verity utilities and the corresponding `cfcollection`, `cfsearch`, and `cfindex` ColdFusion tags. The `cfcollection` tag operates on the entire collection; the `cfindex` tag operates on records within a collection. For more information, see [Chapter 10, “Using Verity Utilities,”](#) on page 141.

utility	cfcollection				cfindex				cfsearch
	create	repair	delete	optimize	update	delete	purge	refresh	search
mkvdk	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
rcvdk									X (file-system based)
rck2									X (server-based)

## ColdFusion MX OEM restrictions

ColdFusion MX includes a restricted version of the Verity Server, with restrictions in the following areas:

- ColdFusion MX can only interact with one Verity Server at a time.
- Verity Server has the following document search limits (limits are for all collections registered to Verity Server):
  - 10,000 documents for ColdFusion MX Developer Edition
  - 125,000 documents for ColdFusion MX Standard Edition
  - 250,000 documents for ColdFusion MX Enterprise Edition

**Note:** Each row in a database table is considered a document.

If you install a fully licensed version of Verity Server and you configure ColdFusion MX to use it, ColdFusion MX does not restrict document searches.

- The Verity Spider that is included with ColdFusion MX is licensed for local host indexing only. Contact Verity Sales for licensing options regarding the use of the Verity Spider for remote host indexing.

Additionally, ColdFusion MX OEMs and ISVs have the following document search limits:

- 5,000 documents for ColdFusion MX Developer Edition
- 62,500 documents for ColdFusion MX Standard Edition
- 125,000 documents for ColdFusion MX Enterprise Edition



# CHAPTER 9

## Indexing Collections with Verity Spider

This chapter contains basic Verity Spider information and explains how to index documents on your website.

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### About Verity Spider

Verity Spider (`vspider`) enables you to index web-based and file system documents throughout your enterprise. Verity Spider lets you index more than two hundred of the most popular application document formats, including Microsoft Office, WordPerfect, ASCII text, HTML, SGML, XML and PDF (Adobe Acrobat) documents.

Another advantage of this method, is that the index created by `vspider` includes dynamic content. The `cfindex` tag and indexing a collection through the Macromedia ColdFusion MX Administrator do not include dynamic content.

The Verity Spider that is included with ColdFusion MX is licensed for websites that are defined and reside on the same machine on which ColdFusion MX is installed. Contact Verity Sales for licensing options regarding the use of Verity Spider for external websites.

## Web standard support

Verity Spider supports key web standards used by Internet and intranet sites. Standard HREF links and frames pointers are recognized, so that navigation through them is supported. Redirected pages are followed so that the real underlying document is indexed. Verity Spider adheres to the robots exclusion standard specified in robots.txt files, so that administrators can maintain friendly visits to remote websites. HTTP Basic Authentication mechanism is supported so that password-protected sites can be indexed.

## Restart capability

When an indexing job fails, or for some reason Verity Spider cannot index a significant number or type of URLs, you can now restart the indexing job to update the collection. Only those URLs that were not successfully indexed previously are processed.

## State maintenance through a persistent store

Verity Spider stores the state of gathered and indexed URLs in a persistent store, which lets it track progress for the purposes of gracefully and efficiently restarting halted indexing jobs.

## Performance

Spidering performance is greatly improved over previous versions, because of low memory requirements, flow control, and the help of multithreading and efficient Domain Name System (DNS) lookups.

## Flow control

When indexing websites, Verity Spider distributes requests to web servers in a round-robin manner. This means that one URL is fetched from each web server in turn. With flow control, a faster website can finish before a slower one. The Verity Spider optimizes indexing on every web server.

Verity Spider adjusts the number of connections per server depending on the download bandwidth. When the download bandwidth from a web server falls below a certain value, Verity Spider automatically scales back the number of connections to that web server. There will always be at least one connection to a web server. When the download bandwidth increases to an acceptable level, Verity Spider reallocates connections (per the value of the `-connections` option, which is 4 by default). You can turn off flow control with the `-noflowctrl` option.

## Multithreading

Verity Spider separates the gathering and indexing jobs into multiple threads for concurrence. Additionally, Verity Spider can create concurrent connections to web servers for fetching documents, and have concurrent indexing threads for maximum utilization. This translates to an overall improvement in throughput.

## Efficient DNS lookups

Verity Spider minimizes DNS lookups, which means great improvements to spidering throughput. If spidering is limited by domain or host, then no DNS lookups are made on hosts that fall outside of that range. In earlier versions, DNS lookups were made on all candidate URLs.

## Proxy handling efficiency

To allow for greater flexibility when dealing with indexing jobs that involve proxy servers and firewalls, use the following options:

**-noproxy** To reduce proxy checking for certain hosts

**-proxyauth** To authenticate on proxy servers

## About Verity Spider syntax

Before you create an indexing task for a new collection, make copies of the relevant default style files to ensure that you have a set of template style files in a known, stable state.

Running multiple simultaneous Verity Spider jobs can cause performance problems for searches. This does not mean that you should never run indexing jobs when users might be searching, because your collections are available for searching even while indexing jobs are running. To optimize performance, try staggering your indexing jobs to avoid overloading your server.

## The Verity Spider command

The `vspider` executable file, which starts the Verity Spider utility, is located in the `platform/bin` directory, as follows:

**Server and multiserver configuration** The `vspider.exe` (Window) or `vspider` (UNIX) file is located in `cf_root/verity/k2/platform/bin` (server configuration) or `jrun_root/verity/k2/platform/bin` (multiserver configuration) where `platform` is `_nti40` for Windows, `_solaris` for Solaris, or `_ilnx21` for Linux.

**J2EE configuration** The `vspider.exe` (Window) or `vspider` (UNIX) file is located in `verity_root/k2/platform/bin` where `platform` is `_nti40` for Windows, `_solaris` for Solaris, or `_ilnx21` for Linux.

At its most basic level, a Verity Spider command consists of the following:

```
vspider -initialize -collection coll [options]
```

Where `-initialize` is `-start` or `-refresh` (when starting points have changed), and `-collection` is required to provide a target for the Verity Spider, and `[options]` can be a near-limitless combination of the options described later in this chapter.

For example:

```
c:\cfusionmx7\verity\k2\_nti40\bin\vspider -common
  c:\cfusionmx7\verity\k2\common
-collection c:\new -start http://localhost -indinlude *
```

There are dependencies for other options, depending on the nature of the indexing task. The following are some examples:

- To build a new collection, you must use `-style`.
- To control how Verity Spider operates, including which documents it indexes, use some Verity Spider options.

If you do not run the Verity Spider executable from its default installation directory, you must include that directory in your path. This is because the Verity Spider executable depends on other files to run properly.

To use the `vspider` command on UNIX and Linux, the directory that contains the `libvdk30.so` file must be in your `LD_LIBRARY_PATH` variable. In the server configuration, this directory is `cf_root/verity/k2/platform/bin`; in the multiserver configuration, this directory is `jrun_root/servers/cfusion/WEB-INF/cfusion/verity/k2/platform/bin`. For example, in the server configuration on Linux, this directory is `cf_root/verity/k2/_ilnx21/bin`.

## Using a command file

For simpler reuse and archiving of your indexing commands, use the `-cmdfile` option for abstraction. By using an ASCII text file to store a task's options, you avoid the potential problem of using special characters in an option's parameter value. For example, the `-processbif` option requires the use of `!"*` and therefore any task using that option must also use the `-cmdfile` option.

## Command-line option reference

The following sections describe the Verity Spider V 5.0 command-line options. Option names are case-sensitive.

### **-start**

Specifies a starting point for an indexing job. You can specify multiple instances, or use multiple values in a single instance.

When you execute an indexing job from a command line, and you do not use a command file (with the `-cmdfile` option), you must URL-escape any special characters in the starting point. To URL-escape a special character, use `"%hex-ASCII-character-number"` in place of the character. For example, use `/time%26/` instead of `/time&/`. This allows the operating system to properly process the command string.



If an indexing task halts, you can rerun the task as-is. The persistent store for the specified collection is read, and only those candidate URLs that are in the queue but not yet processed are parsed. Candidate URLs correspond to URLs of the following status, as reported by vsdb:

cand, used, inse, upda, dele, fail

---

Repository type	Starting point
Web	The URL or URLs from which Verity Spider is to begin indexing. Use other options, such as the <code>-jumps</code> option, to control how far from the starting point Verity Spider goes.
File	The starting directory or directories in which Verity Spider will start indexing. All subdirectories beneath the starting point will be indexed, unless you use the <code>-pathlen</code> option or any of the inclusion or exclusion criteria.

---

**Note:** By using the `-start` option with the `-refresh` option, you provide a starting point for Verity Spider and therefore do not need to use at least one of the following options: `-host`, `-domain`, `-nofollow`, or `-unlimited`.

## **-refresh**

Used for updating a collection, specifies that Verity Spider process only those documents that qualify, as follows:

- They are new documents in the repository, and they qualify for indexing under the criteria.
- They exist in the collection and are recorded in the Verity Spider persistent store with a status of done. If Verity Spider determines that these indexed documents have been updated in the repository, then they are retrieved again to be reparsed and reindexed. The document `VdkVgwKey` values do not change.
- They are deleted in the collection. If Verity Spider determines that documents have been deleted from the repository, then they are also deleted from the persistent store and the collection. The exception to this rule is when you use the `-nooptimize` option with the `-refresh` option. In this case, any document deleted from the repository is marked for deletion in the collection. It will be removed from the collection and the persistent store when the next indexing task is run for the collection.

When you rerun an existing indexing job, Verity Spider automatically refreshes the collection. If you add or remove any of the starting points, however, you must manually specify the `-refresh` option to refresh existing documents.

**Note:** You can also use the `-start` option to provide a starting point for Verity Spider. If you do not use the `-start` option, use at least one of the following options: `-host`, `-domain`, or `-nofollow`. For further control, also see the `-refreshtime` option. If you do not use any constraint criteria, Verity Spider operates without limits and will likely index far more than you intended.

## Core options

The following sections describe the Verity Spider core options.

### **-cmdfile**

**Syntax:** `-cmdfile path_and_filename`

Specifies that Verity Spider reads command-line syntax from a file, in addition to the options passed in the command-line. This option includes the pathname to the file that contains the command-line syntax. The `-cmdfile` option circumvents command-line length limits.

The syntax for the command-file is:

```
option optional_parameters
```

For better readability, put each option and any parameters on a single line. Verity Spider can properly parse the lines.

**Note:** Macromedia strongly recommends that you take advantage of the abstraction offered by this option. This can greatly reduce user error in erroneously including or omitting options in subsequent indexing jobs.

### **-collection**

Specifies the full path to the collection to create or update.

**Note:** You receive an error if you specify a filename with an extension of CLM. Meta collections are not supported.

### **-help**

Displays Verity Spider syntax options.

### **-jobpath**

**Syntax:** `-jobpath path`

Specifies the location of the Verity Spider databases and the indexing job-related files and directories.

The following are the job-related directories and their contents:

**log** All Verity Spider log files. For descriptions of the log files, see [-loglevel](#).

**bif** Bulk insert files.

**temp** Web pages cached for indexing. You can also specify the temp directory using the `-temp` option.

These directories are created for you under the last directory specified in path.

Path values must be unique for all indexing jobs. If you do not use the `-jobpath` option, Verity Spider creates a `/spider/job` directory within the collection. For multiple-collection tasks, the first collection specified is used.

**Note:** You cannot use multiple job paths for multiple simultaneous indexing tasks for the same collection. Only one indexing task at a time can run for a given collection.

## **-style**

**Syntax:** `-style path`

Specifies the path to the style files to use when creating a new collection.

If the `-style` option is not specified, Verity Spider uses the default style files in `cf_root/lib/common/style`.

**Note:** You can safely omit the `-style` option when resubmitting an indexing job, as the style information will already be part of the collection. If you are using the `-cmdfile` option, you can leave it there.

## **Processing options**

The following sections describe the Verity Spider processing options.

### **-abspath**

**Type:** File system only

Generates absolute paths for files. Use this option when the document locations are not going to change, but the collection might be moved around.

When you index a web server's contents through the file system, use the `-prefixmap` option with the `-abspath` option to map the absolute file paths to URLs.

See also [-prefixmap](#).

### **-detectdupfile**

**Type:** File system only

Enables checksum-based detection of duplicates when indexing file systems.

By default, a document checksum is not computed on indexed files. By using the `-detectdupfile` option, a checksum is computed based on the CRC-32 algorithm. The checksum combined with the document size is used to determine if the document is a duplicate.

### **-indexers**

**Syntax:** `-indexers num_indexers`

Specifies the maximum number of indexing threads to run on a collection.

The default value is 2. Increasing the value for the `-indexers` option requires additional CPU and memory resources.

See also [-maxindmem](#).

### **-license**

**Syntax:** `-license path_and_filename`

Specifies the license file to use.

By default, the `ind.lic` file is used, from the `verity_root/platform/bin` directory.; where *platform* represents the platform directory.

## -maxindmem

**Syntax:** `-maxindmem kilobytes`

Specifies the maximum amount of memory, in kilobytes, used by each indexing thread. Specify the number of threads with the `-indexers` option.

By default, each indexing thread uses as much memory as is available from the system.

## -maxnumdoc

**Syntax:** `-maxnumdoc num_docs`

Specifies the maximum number of documents to download or submit for indexing. The value for `num_docs` does not necessarily correspond to the number of documents indexed. The following factors affect the actual number:

- Whether the value of `num_docs` falls within a block of documents dictated by the `-submitsize` option. If it does, the entire block of documents must be processed.
- Whether documents retrieved are actually indexed, because they are invalid or corrupt.

## -mimemap

**Syntax:** `-mimemap path_and_filename`

Specifies a control file (simple ASCII text) that maps file extensions to MIME-types. This lets you make custom associations and override defaults.

The following is the format for the control file:

```
#file_ext_no_dot      mime-type
abc                   application/word
```

## -nocache

**Type:** Web crawling only

Used with the `-noindex` or `-nosubmit` options, this option disables the caching of files during website indexing. This has the effect of decreasing the demands on your disk space.

Normally, Verity Spider downloads URLs, then writes them to a bulk insert file and downloads the documents themselves. When indexing occurs, once the `-submitsize` option has been reached, the cached files are indexed and then deleted. If you use the `-noindex` option, the bulk insert file is submitted but not processed by Verity Spider, and so the documents are not deleted until indexing occurs. This will usually be `mkvdk` or `collsvc`, or you can use Verity Spider again with the `-processbif` option.

By using the `-nocache` option in conjunction with the `-noindex` or `-nosubmit` option, you avoid storing files locally. Files are downloaded only when indexing actually occurs.

See also [-noindex](#).

## **-nodupdetect**

**Type:** Web crawling only

Disables checksum-based detection of duplicates when indexing websites. URL-based duplicate detection is still performed.

By default, a document checksum is computed based on the CRC-32 algorithm. The checksum combined with the document size is used to determine if the document is a duplicate.

See also [-followdup](#).

## **-noindex**

Specifies that Verity Spider gathers document locations without indexing them. The document locations are stored in a bulk insert file (BIF), which is then submitted to the collection. This option is typically used in conjunction with a separate indexing process, such as `mkvdk` or collection servicers (`collsvc`). The BIF will be processed by the next indexing process run for the collection, whether it is Verity Spider, `mkvdk`, or collection servicers (`collsvc`).

Do not try to start Verity Spider and another process at the same time. You must allow Verity Spider time to generate enough work for the secondary indexing process. If you are using `mkvdk`, you can run it in persistent mode to ensure it will act upon work generated by Verity Spider.

**Note:** When you execute an indexing job for a collection and you use the `-noindex` option, the persistent store for the collection is not updated.

See also [-nocache](#) and [-nosubmit](#).

For more information on the `mkvdk` utility, see [“Using the `mkvdk` utility” on page 142](#).

## **-nosubmit**

Specifies that Verity Spider gathers document locations without submitting them. The document locations are stored in a bulk insert file (BIF), which is not submitted to the collection. This option is typically used in conjunction with a separate indexing process, such as `mkvdk` or collection servicers (`collsvc`). You can also use Verity Spider again with the `-processbif` option. With an indexing process other than Verity Spider, you must specify the name and path for the BIF, because the collection has no record of it.

## **-persist**

**Syntax:** `-persist num_seconds`

Enables the Verity Spider to run in persistent mode, checking for updates every `num_seconds` seconds until it is stopped.

While Verity Spider is running in persistent mode, there is no optimization. After Verity Spider is taken out of persistent mode, you need to perform optimization on the collection. For more information about using the `mkvdk` utility, see [“Using the `mkvdk` utility” on page 142](#).

**Note:** Do not run more than one Verity Spider process in persistent mode. As the Verity Spider is a resource-intensive process, only run it in persistent mode with an interval of less than one day. For time intervals greater than twelve hours, use some form of scheduling. Some examples are cron jobs for UNIX, and the AT command for Windows server.

## **-preferred**

**Type:** Web crawling only

**Syntax:** `-preferred exp_1 [exp_n] ...`

Specifies a list of hosts or domains that are preferred when retrieving documents for viewing. You can use wildcard expressions, where the asterisk (\*) is for text strings and the question mark (?) is for single characters. To use regular expressions, also specify the `-regexp` option. Use this option when you leave duplicate detection enabled and do not specify the `-nodupdetect` option.

When indexing, you might encounter a nonpreferred host first. In that case, documents are parsed and followed and stored as candidates. When duplicates are encountered on another server, which is preferred, the duplicate documents from the nonpreferred server are skipped. When documents are requested for viewing, they will be retrieved from the preferred server.

In Windows, include double-quotation marks around the argument to protect the special characters, such as the asterisk (\*). On UNIX, use single-quotation marks. This is only required when you run the indexing job from a command line. Quotation marks are not necessary within a command file (the `-cmdfile` option).

See also [-regexp](#).

## **-prefixmap**

**Type:** File system only

**Syntax:** `-prefixmap path_and_filename`

Specifies a control file (simple ASCII text) that maps file system paths to web aliases.

In conjunction with the `-abspath` option, this option is typically used to create a URL field that is the web equivalent of a file system path. File system indexing is faster than web crawling over the network. If you use the `-prefixmap` option to replace the file system path with the web URL, relative hyperlinks in the HTML pages are kept intact when returned in Verity search results.

The following is the format for the control file:

```
src_field src_prefix dest_field dest_prefix
```

If you use backslashes, you must double them so that they are properly escaped; for example:

```
C:\\test\\docs\\path
```

For example, to map the filepath `/usr/pub/docs` to `http://web/~verity`, use the following:

```
vdkgwkey /usr/pub URL http://web/~verity
```

See also [-abspath](#).

## **-processbif**

**Syntax:** `-processbif 'command_string !*'`

Specifies a command string in which you can call a program or script that operates on BIFs generated by Verity Spider.

Due to the use of special characters, which represent the bulk insert file (BIF), you must run Verity Spider with a command file using the `-cmdfile` option.

For example, if you want to use a script called `fix_bif` to add customized information to BIF files, use the following command:

```
vspider -cmdfile filename
```

Where `filename` is the text-only command file that contains the following (along with any other necessary options):

```
-processbif 'fix_bif !*'
```

Your command file will include other options as well.

## **-regexp**

Specifies the use of regular expressions rather than the default wildcard expressions for the following options: `-exclude`, `-indexclude`, `-include`, `-indinclude`, `-skip`, `-indskip`, `-preferred`, and `-nofollow`.

Wildcard expressions allow the use of the asterisk (\*) for text strings, and the question mark (?) for single characters, as the following table shows:

Wildcard expression	Text string
<code>a*t</code>	although, attitude, audit
<code>a?t</code>	ant, art
<code>file?.htm</code>	files.htm, file1.htm, filer.htm
<code>name??.*</code>	names.txt, named.blank, names.ext

Regular expressions allow for more powerful and flexible matching of alphanumeric strings; for example, to match "ab11" or "ab34" but not "abcd" or "ab11cd," you could use the following regular expression:

```
^ab[0-9][0-9]$
```

The full extent to which regular expressions can be employed is beyond the scope of this description. For more information on regular expressions, refer to a book devoted to the subject.

## **-submitsize**

**Syntax:** `-submitsize num_documents`

Specifies the number of documents submitted for indexing at one time. The default value is 128. The upper limit is 64,000.

**Note:** Although larger values mean more efficient processing by the indexer, smaller values allow more parallelism on multi-CPU systems. In the event of a halt during indexing, a smaller value means fewer documents will be lost.

If a halt occurs during indexing, the chunk of documents specified by the `-submitsize` option is lost because there is no transactional rollback for indexing and the documents are no longer in the queue for indexing. When you rerun the indexing task, Verity Spider can only continue with URLs and documents that are enqueued.

## **-temp**

**Syntax:** `-temp path`

Specifies the directory for temporary files (disk cache). By default, the temp directory is under the job directory (optionally specified with the `-jobpath` option).

If you do not specify a value for this option, Verity Spider creates a `/spider/temp` directory within the collection. For multiple-collection tasks, the first collection specified is used.

**Note:** Make sure the location you specify contains enough disk space to handle the documents that are downloaded and held before indexing. The documents are deleted from the hard disk after they are indexed.

See also `-jobpath`, for specifying the location of all indexing job directories and files, one of which is the temp directory.

## **Networking options**

The following sections describe the Verity Spider networking options.

### **-agentname**

**Type:** Web crawling only

**Syntax:** `-agentname string`

Specifies the value for the agent name field that is part of the HTTP request. Since web servers can be configured to return different versions of the same page depending on the requesting agent, you can use the `-agentname` option to impersonate a browser client.

Use double-quotation marks if the name contains a space. Use the `-cmdfile` option if the agent name you want to use contains forbidden characters, such as slashes or backslashes.

### **-connections**

**Syntax:** `-connections num_connections`

Specifies the maximum number of simultaneous socket connections to make to websites for indexing. Each connection implies a separate thread.

The default value is 6.

**Note:** The Verity Spider dynamic flow control makes the most use of all available connections when indexing websites. If you are indexing multiple sites, you might want to increase this number. Increasing the number of connections does not always help, because of such dependencies as your network connection and the capabilities of the remote hosts.



## **-delay**

**Type:** Web crawling only

**Syntax:** `-delay num_milliseconds`

Specifies the minimum time between HTTP requests, in milliseconds. The default value is 0 milliseconds for no delay.

## **-header**

**Type:** Web crawling only

**Syntax:** `-header string`

Specifies an HTTP header to add to the spidering request; for example:

```
-header "Referer: http://www.verity.com/"
```

Verity Spider sends some predefined headers, such as Accept and User-Agent, by default. Special headers are sometimes necessary to correctly index a site.

For example, earlier versions of Verity Spider did not support the Host header, which is needed for Virtual Host indexing. Also, a Proxy-authentication header was needed to pass a username and password to a proxy server. In the current version of Verity Spider, the Host header is supported by default, and the `-proxyauth` option is available for proxy server authentication. Therefore, the `-header` option is maintained only for backwards compatibility and possible future enhancements.

**Note:** Misuse of this option causes spider failure. If this happens, rerun the indexing task with modified `-header` values.

## **-hostcache**

**Syntax:** `-hostcache num_hostnames`

Specifies the number of host names to cache to avoid DNS lookups. Without this option, the host cache continues to grow.

The default value is 256.

## **-noflowctrl**

**Type:** Web crawling only

Disables round-robin indexing of websites with network flow control.

By default, Verity Spider uses round-robin indexing of websites to avoid overwhelming a web server and to improve indexing performance. Verity Spider connects to each web server in a round-robin manner, using up to the value for the `-connections` option. This means that one URL is fetched from each web server, in turn.

**Note:** Using the `-noflowctrl` option can result in a significant drop in performance.

## **-noproxy**

**Type:** Web crawling only

**Syntax:** `-noproxy name_1 [name_n] ...`

Used in conjunction with the `-proxy` option, the `-noproxy` option specifies that Verity Spider directly access the hosts whose names match those specified. By default, when you specify the `-proxy` option, Verity Spider first tries to access every host with the proxy information. To improve performance, use the `-noproxy` option for the hosts you know can be accessed without a proxy host. For the name variable, you can use the asterisk (\*) wildcard for text strings; for example:

```
'*.verity.com'
```

You cannot use the question mark (?) wildcard, and the `-regex` option does not let you use regular expressions.

In Windows, include double-quotation marks around the argument to protect the asterisk special character (\*). On UNIX, use single-quotation marks. This is only required when you run the indexing job from a command line. Quotation marks are not necessary within a command file (the `-cmdfile` option).

**Note:** You must have valid Verity Spider licensing capability to use this option.

## **-proxy**

**Type:** Web crawling only

**Syntax:** `-proxy proxyhost:port`

Specifies host and port for proxy server.

**Note:** You must have valid Verity Spider licensing capability to use this option.

See also [-proxyauth](#) for proxy servers that require authentication, and [-noproxy](#) for hosts that you know are accessible without having to go through a proxy server.

## **-proxyauth**

**Type:** Web crawling only

**Syntax:** `-proxyauth login:password`

Specifies login information for proxy server connections that require authorization to get outside the firewall. Use this option in conjunction with the `-proxy` option.

**Note:** You must have valid Verity Spider licensing capability to use this option. Information Server V3.7 does not support retrieving documents for viewing through secure proxy servers. Do not use the `-proxyauth` option for indexing documents that are viewed through Information Server V3.7

## **-retry**

**Type:** Web crawling only

**Syntax:** `-retry num_retries`

Specifies the number of times that Verity Spider should attempt to access a URL. Use the `-retry` option when it is likely that an unstable network connection will give false rejections.

The default value is 4.

## **-timeout**

**Type:** Web crawling only

**Syntax:** `-timeout num_seconds`

Specifies the time period, in seconds, that Verity Spider should wait before timing out on a network connection and on accessing data. The data access value is automatically twice the value you specify for the network connection timeout.

The default value for the network connection time-out is 30 seconds, and therefore the default value for the data access time-out is 60 seconds.

## **Path and URL options**

The following sections describe the Verity Spider path and URL options.

### **-auth**

**Syntax:** `-auth path_and_filename`

Specifies an authorization file to support authentication for secure paths.

Use the `-auth` option to specify the authorization file. The file contains one record per line. Each line consists of server, realm, username, and password, separated by whitespace.

The following is a sample authorization file:

```
# This is the Authorization file for HTTP's Basic Authentication
#server    realm    username    password
doleary    MACR     my_username my_password
```

### **-cgiok**

**Type:** Web crawling only

Lets you index URLs containing query strings. That is, a question mark (?) followed by additional information. This typically means that the URL leads to a CGI or other processing program.

The return document produced by the web server is indexed and parsed for document links, which are followed and in turn indexed and parsed. However, if the web server does not return a page, perhaps because the URL is missing parameters that are required for processing in order to produce a page, nothing happens. There is no page to index and parse.

## Example

The following is a URL without parameters:

```
http://server.com/cgi-bin/program?
```

If you include parameters in the URL to be indexed, as specified with the `-start` option, those parameters are processed and any resulting pages are indexed and parsed.

By default, a URL with a question mark (?) is skipped.

## **-domain**

**Type:** Web crawling only

**Syntax:** `-domain name_1 [name_n] ...`

Limits indexing to the specified domain(s). You must use only complete text strings for domains. You cannot use wildcard expressions. URLs not in the specified domain(s) are not downloaded or parsed.

You can list multiple domains by separating each one with a single space.

**Note:** You must have the appropriate Verity Spider licensing capability to use this option. The Verity Spider that is included with ColdFusion MX is licensed for websites that are defined and reside on the same machine on which ColdFusion MX is installed. Contact Verity Sales for licensing options regarding the use of Verity Spider for external websites.

## **-followdup**

Specifies that Verity Spider follows links within duplicate documents, although only the first instance of any duplicate documents is indexed.

You might find this option useful if you use the same home page on multiple sites. By default, only the first instance of the document is indexed, while subsequent instances are skipped. If you have different secondary documents on the different sites, using the `-followdup` option lets you get to them for indexing, while still indexing the common home page only once.

## **-followsymlink**

**Type:** File system only

Specifies that Verity Spider follows symbolic links when indexing UNIX file systems.

## **-host**

**Type:** Web crawling only

**Syntax:** `-host name_1 [name_n] ...`

Limits indexing to the specified host or hosts. You must use only complete text strings for hosts. You cannot use wildcard expressions.

You can list multiple hosts by separating each one with a single space. URLs not on the specified host(s) are not downloaded or parsed.

## **-https**

**Type:** Web crawling only

Lets you index SSL-enabled websites.

**Note:** You must have the Verity SSL Option Pack installed to use the `-https` option. The Verity SSL Option Pack is a Verity Spider add-on available separately from a Verity salesperson.

## **-jumps**

**Type:** Web crawling only

**Syntax:** `-jumps num_jumps`

Specifies the maximum number of levels an indexing job can go from the starting URL. Specify a number between 0 and 254.

The default value is unlimited. If you see extremely large numbers of documents in a collection where you do not expect them, consider experimenting with this option, in conjunction with the Content options, to pare down your collection.

## **-nodocrobo**

Specifies to ignore ROBOT META tag directives.

In HTML 3.0 and earlier, robot directives could only be given as the file `robots.txt` under the root directory of a website. In HTML 4.0, every document can have robot directives embedded in the META field. Use this option to ignore them. Use this option with discretion.

## **-nofollow**

**Type:** Web crawling only

**Syntax:** `-nofollow "exp"`

Specifies that Verity Spider cannot follow any URLs that match the `exp` expression. If you do not specify an `exp` value for the `-nofollow` option, Verity Spider assumes a value of `"*"`, where no documents are followed.

You can use wildcard expressions, where the asterisk (\*) is for text strings and the question mark (?) is for single characters. Always encapsulate the `exp` values in double-quotation marks to ensure that they are properly interpreted.

If you use backslashes, you must double them so that they are properly escaped; for example:

```
C:\\test\\docs\\path
```

To use regular expressions, also specify the `-regex` option.

Earlier versions of Verity Spider did not allow the use of an expression. This meant that for each starting point URL, only the first document would be indexed. With the addition of the expression functionality, you can now selectively skip URLs, even within documents.

See also [-regex](#)

## **-norobo**

Type: Web crawling only

Specifies to ignore any robots.txt files encountered. The robots.txt file is used on many websites to specify what parts of the site indexers should avoid. The default is to honor any robots.txt files.

If you are re-indexing a site and the robots.txt file has changed, Verity Spider deletes documents that have been newly disallowed by the robots.txt file.

Use this option with discretion and extreme care, especially in conjunction with the `-cgiok` option.

See also `-nodocrobo`.

## **-pathlen**

**Syntax:** `-pathlen num_pathsegments`

Limits indexing to the specified number of path segments in the URL or file system path. The path length is determined as follows:

- The host name and drive letter are not included; for example, neither `www.spider.com:80/` nor `C:\` would be included in determining the path length.
- All elements following the host name are included.
- The actual filename, if present, is included; for example, `/world.html` would be included in determining the path length.
- Any directory paths between the host and the actual filename are included.

### **Example**

For the following URL, the path length would be four:

```
http://www.spider:80/comics/fun/funny/world.html
    <-1->          <2> <-3-> <---4--->
```

For the following file system path, the path length would be three:

```
C:\files\docs\datasheets
    <-1-><-2-><---3--->
```

The default value is 100 path segments.

## **-refreshtime**

**Syntax:** `-refreshtime timeunits`

Specifies not to refresh any documents that have been indexed since the timeunits value began.

The following is the syntax for timeunits:

```
n day n hour n min n sec
```

Where n is a positive integer. You must include spaces, and since the first three letters of each time unit are parsed, you can use the singular or plural form of the word.

If you specify the following:

```
-refreshtime 1 day 6 hours
```

Only those documents that were last indexed at least 30 hours and 1 second ago, are refreshed.

**Note:** This option is valid only with the `-refresh` option. When you use `vsdb -recreate`, the last indexed date is cleared.

## **-reparse**

**Type:** Web crawling only

Forces parsing of all HTML documents already in the collection. You must specify a starting point with the `-start` option when you use the `-reparse` option.

You can use the `-reparse` option when you want to include paths and documents that were previously skipped due to exclusion or inclusion criteria. Remember to change the criteria, or there will be little for Verity Spider to do. This can be easy to overlook when you are using the `-cmdfile` option.

## **-unlimited**

Specifies that no limits are placed on Verity Spider if neither the `-host` nor the `-domain` option is specified. The default is to limit based on the host of the first starting point listed.

## **-virtualhost**

**Syntax:** `-virtualhost name_1 [name_n] ...`

Specifies that DNS lookups are avoided for the hosts listed. You must use only complete text strings for hosts. You cannot use wildcard expressions. This lets you index by alias, such as when multiple web servers are running on the same host. You can use regular expressions.

Normally, when Verity Spider resolves host names, it uses DNS lookups to convert the names to canonical names, of which there can be only one per machine. This allows for the detection of duplicate documents, to prevent results from being diluted. In the case of multiple aliased hosts, however, duplication is not a barrier as documents can be referred to by more than one alias and yet remain distinct because of the different alias names.

### **Example**

You can have both `marketing.verity.com` and `sales.verity.com` running on the same host. Each alias has a different document root, although document names such as `index.htm` can occur for both. With the `-virtualhost` option, both server aliases can be indexed as distinct sites. Without the `-virtualhost` option, they would both be resolved to the same host name, and only the first document encountered from any duplicate pair would be indexed.

**Note:** If you are using Netscape Enterprise Server, and you have specified only the host name as a virtual host, Verity Spider will not be able to index the virtual host site. This is because Verity Spider always adds the domain name to the document key.

## Content options

The following sections describe the Verity Spider content options.

### **-casesen**

Makes processing case-sensitive by specifying that the spider separately process keys that differ only in case. Use only for indexing UNIX servers.

### **-exclude**

**Syntax:** `-exclude exp_1 [exp_n] ...`

Specifies that files, paths, and URLs matching the specified expression(s) will not be followed. If you use backslashes, you must double them so that they are properly escaped; for example:

```
C:\\test\\docs\\path
```

You can use wildcard expressions, where the asterisk (\*) is for text strings and the question mark (?) is for single characters; for example:

```
'/my_doc*/year199?'
```

In Windows, include double-quotation marks around the argument to protect special characters, such as the asterisk (\*). On UNIX, use single-quotation marks. This is only required when you run the indexing job from a command line. Quotation marks are not necessary within a command file (the `-cmdfile` option).

To use regular expressions, also specify the `-regexp` option.

To specify a file, path, or URL that you want followed but not indexed, use the `-indexexclude` option. For document types, use the `-mimeexclude` option instead; for example, specify `-mimeexclude application/pdf` rather than `-exclude *.pdf`.

**Note:** When specifying a URL, you must use full, absolute paths using the same format that appears in the HTML hyperlink. If the link is relative, you must change it to absolute to use it with the `-exclude` option.

See also [-regexp](#).

### **-include**

Specifies that only those files, paths, and URLs that match the specified expression or expressions will be followed. If you use backslashes, you must double them so that they are properly escaped; for example:

```
C:\\test\\docs\\path
```

You can use wildcard expressions, where the asterisk (\*) is for text strings and the question mark (?) is for single characters; for example:

```
'/my_doc*/year199?'
```



In Windows, include double-quotation marks around the argument to protect the special characters, such as the asterisk (\*). On UNIX, use single-quotation marks. This is only required when you run the indexing job from a command line. Quotation marks are not necessary within a command file (the `-cmdfile` option).

To use regular expressions, also specify the `-regex` option.

If your starting points do not contain the specified `-include` expressions, nothing will be indexed. The `-include` option prevents Verity Spider from even following anything that does not match the specified expressions. You might want to use the `-indinclude` option instead. Where the `-include` option prevents Verity Spider from even following anything that does not match the specified expressions, the `-indinclude` option allows Verity Spider to follow what matches the specified expressions, while not indexing.

For document types, use the `-mimeinclude` option instead; for example, specify `-mimeinclude text/html` rather than `-include *.htm`.

**Note:** When specifying a URL, you must use full, absolute paths using the same format that appears in the HTML hyperlink. If the link is relative, you must change it to absolute to use it with the `-include` option.

See also `-regex`.

## **-indexclude**

**Syntax:** `-indexclude exp_1 [exp_n] ...`

Specifies that the files and paths in URLs that match the expressions are not indexed. They are, however, still followed. If you use backslashes, you must double them so that they are properly escaped; for example:

```
C:\\test\\docs\\path
```

You can use wildcard expressions, where the asterisk (\*) is for text strings and the question mark (?) is for single characters; for example:

```
'/my_doc*/year199?'
```

In Windows, include double-quotation marks around the argument to protect the special characters, such as the asterisk (\*). On UNIX, use single-quotation marks. This is only required when you run the indexing job from a command line. Quotation marks are not necessary within a command file (the `-cmdfile` option).

To use regular expressions, also specify the `-regex` option.

You would use this option to gather some documents, such as HTML tables of contents, to gain access to other documents for indexing.

Where the `-exclude` option prevents Verity Spider from even following anything that matches the specified expressions, the `-indexclude` option allows Verity Spider to follow anything while only skipping that which matches the specified expressions.

For document types, use the `-indmimeexclude` option instead.

**Note:** When specifying a URL, you must use full, absolute paths using the same format as appears in the HTML hyperlink. If the link is relative, you must change it to absolute to use it with `-indexclude`.

See also [-regexp](#).

## **-indinclude**

**Syntax:** `-indinclude exp_1 [exp_n] ...`

Specifies that only those files and paths in URLs that match the expressions be followed and indexed. If you use backslashes, you must double them so that they are properly escaped; for example:

```
C:\\test\\docs\\path
```

You can use wildcard expressions, where the asterisk (\*) is for text strings and the question mark (?) is for single characters; for example:

```
'/my_doc*/year199?'
```

In Windows, include double-quotation marks around the argument to protect the special characters, such as the asterisk (\*). On UNIX, use single-quotation marks. This is only required when you run the indexing job from a command line. Quotation marks are not necessary within a command file (the `-cmdfile` option).

To use regular expressions, also specify the `-regexp` option.

Where the `-include` option prevents Verity Spider from even following anything that does not match the specified expressions, the `-indinclude` option allows Verity Spider to follow anything while only indexing that which matches the specified expressions.

### **Example**

If you want to index all documents that include "search" in the URL at <http://web.verity.com>, you cannot use the following:

```
vspider -collection collname -start http://web.verity.com  
-include '*search*'
```

This is because the starting point does not match the `-include` option criteria. Instead, use the `-indinclude` option to follow all documents (unless you have specified any of the `exclude` options) and index only those documents that match your criteria. Replace the `-include` option with the `-indinclude` option in the preceding example.

**Note:** When specifying a URL, you must use full, absolute paths using the same format that appears in the HTML hyperlink. If the link is relative, you must change it to absolute to use it with the `-indinclude` option.

See also [-regexp](#).

## **-indmimeexclude**

**Syntax:** `-indmimeexclude mime_1 [mime_n] ...`

Specifies that only those MIME types that match the expressions be followed but not indexed.

In Windows, include double-quotation marks around the argument to protect the special characters, such as the asterisk (\*). On UNIX, use single-quotation marks. This is only required when you run the indexing job from a command line. Quotation marks are not necessary within a command file (the `-cmdfile` option).

Use this option to gather some documents, such as HTML tables of contents, to gain access to other documents for indexing. The `-mimeexclude` option, on the other hand, prevents specified documents from being followed at all. For the mime variable, you can include the asterisk (\*) wildcard for text strings; for example:

```
'text/*'
```

You cannot use the question mark (?) wildcard, and the `-regexp` option does not let you use regular expressions.

## **-indmimeinclude**

**Syntax:** `-indmimeinclude mime_1 [mime_n] ...`

Specifies that only those MIME types that match the expressions be followed and indexed.

The `-mimeinclude` option does not let you index desired documents if the starting URL is not followed. For the mime variable, you can include the asterisk (\*) wildcard for text strings; for example:

```
'text/*'
```

In Windows, include double-quotation marks around the argument to protect the special character (\*). On UNIX, use single-quotation marks. This is only required when you run the indexing job from a command line. Quotation marks are not necessary within a command file (the `-cmdfile` option).

You cannot use the question mark (?) wildcard, and the `-regexp` option does not allow you to use regular expressions.

### **Example**

If you want to index all Word documents at `http://web.verity.com`, you cannot use:

```
vspider -collection collname -style style_dir -start  
http://web.verity.com -mimeinclude 'application/msword'
```

This is because the starting point does not match the `-mimeinclude` criteria. You can use the `-indmimeinclude` option to follow all documents (unless you have specified any of the exclude options) and index only those documents that match your criteria. Replace the `-mimeinclude` option with the `-indmimeinclude` option in the preceding example.

## **-indskip**

**Syntax:** `-indskip HTML_tag "exp"`

**Type:** Web crawling only

Specifies that Verity Spider follow and parse links, but not index, any HTML document that contains the text of `exp` within the given `HTML_tag`. For multiple `HTML_tag` and `exp` combinations, use multiple instances of the `-skip` option.

You can use wildcard expressions, where the asterisk (\*) is for text strings and the question mark (?) is for single characters; for example:

```
'/my_doc*/year199?'
```

In Windows, include double-quotation marks around the argument to protect the special characters, such as the asterisk (\*). On UNIX, use single-quotation marks. This is only required when you run the indexing job from a command line. Quotation marks are not necessary within a command file (the `-cmdfile` option).

If you use backslashes, you must double them so that they are properly escaped; for example:

```
C:\\test\\docs\\path
```

To use regular expressions, also specify the `-regex` option.

### Example 1

To skip all HTML documents that contain the word "personnel" in the Title element, while still parsing those documents for links to other documents, use the following:

```
-indskip title "personnel"
```

### Example 2

To avoid indexing directory listing pages, while still parsing the document and path links except for the link to the parent directory, use one of the following, depending on the web server being indexed:

- For Netscape web servers, use the following:

```
-indskip title "*Index of*"
-nofollow "*parent directory*"
```
- For Microsoft Internet Information Server, use the following:

```
-indskip a "*to parent directory*"
-nofollow "*parent directory*"
```

## **-maxdocsize**

**Syntax:** `-maxdocsize integer`

Specifies the maximum size, in kilobytes, for documents to be indexed. Any documents larger than the value specified by the `-maxdocsize` option are ignored.

The default is to index documents of any size.

## **-metafile**

**Type:** Web crawling only

**Syntax:** `-metafile path_and_filename`

Lets you use a text file to map custom meta tags to valid HTTP header fields. If you use backslashes, you must double them so that they are properly escaped; for example:

```
C:\\test\\docs\\path
```

This means that you can use your own meta tag, in the document, to replace what is returned by the web server, or to insert it if nothing is returned. Currently, the only header fields of real value are "Last-Modified" and "Content-Length." Future enhancements could allow for greater variety.

The following is the syntax for entries in the text file:

```
name Last-Modified y|n
```

or

```
name Content-Length y|n
```

Where `y|n` is an override flag, which can be yes or no.

### Example

A mapping file for the `-metafile` option might include the following:

```
Doc_Last_Touched Last-Modified n  
Doc_Size Content-Length y
```

If you use the `y` override flag, the value for the custom meta tag overrides the value for the valid field, even if both values are present and differ. This can be useful when the valid field value is always sent, but you want to specify your own value with a custom meta tag.

If you use the `n` override flag, the value for the custom meta tag is used only if there is no value for the valid field returned by the server. If a value for the valid field exists, it is given precedence.

**Note:** If you have several entries mapping to the same valid field, only the last entry takes effect.

## -mimeexclude

**Syntax:** `-mimeexclude mime_1 [mime_n] ...`

Specifies MIME types that are neither followed nor indexed.

In Windows, include double-quotation marks around the argument to protect the special characters, such as the asterisk (\*). On UNIX, use single-quotation marks. This is only required when you run the indexing job from a command line. Quotation marks are not necessary within a command file (the `-cmdfile` option).

The default is to include all MIME types. For the mime variable, you can include the asterisk (\*) wildcard for text strings; for example:

```
'text/*'
```

You cannot use the question mark (?) wildcard, and the `-regex` option does not let you use regular expressions.

Use the `-indmimeexclude` option to allow Verity Spider to follow documents, without indexing them, to gain access to other desirable document types.

## **-mimeinclude**

**Syntax:** `-mimeinclude mime_1 [mime_n] ...`

Specifies MIME types to be included.

In Windows, include double-quotation marks around the argument to protect the special characters, such as the asterisk (\*). On UNIX, use single-quotation marks. This is only required when you run the indexing job from a command line. Quotation marks are not necessary within a command file (the `-cmdfile` option).

The default is to include all MIME types. For the mime variable, you can include the asterisk (\*) wildcard for text strings; for example:

```
'text/*'
```

You cannot use the question mark (?) wildcard, and the `-regex` option does not let you use regular expressions.

## **-mindocsize**

**Syntax:** `-mindocsize integer`

Specifies the minimum size, in kilobytes, for documents to be indexed. Any documents smaller than the value specified by the `-mindocsize` option are ignored.

The default is to index documents of any sizes.

## **-skip**

**Type:** Web crawling only

**Syntax:** `-skip HTML_tag "exp"`

Specifies that Verity Spider not index any HTML document that contains the text of `exp` within the given `HTML_tag`. For multiple `HTML_tag` and `exp` combinations, use multiple instances of the `-skip` option.

You can use wildcard expressions, where the asterisk (\*) is for text strings and the question mark (?) is for single characters; for example:

```
'/my_doc*/year199?'
```

In Windows, include double-quotation marks around the argument to protect the special characters, such as the asterisk (\*). On UNIX, use single-quotation marks. This is only required when you run the indexing job from a command line. Quotation marks are not necessary within a command file (the `-cmdfile` option).

If you use backslashes, you must double them so that they are properly escaped; for example:

```
C:\\test\\docs\\path
```

To use regular expressions, also specify the `-regex` option.

### Example 1

To skip all HTML documents that contain the word "personnel" in the Title element, use the following:

```
-skip title "personnel"
```

### Example 2

To skip all HTML documents that contain both the word "private" and the phrase "internal user" in any paragraph element, use the following:

```
-skip title "personnel"  
-skip p "**internal use**"
```

See also [-regex](#).

## Locale options

The following sections describe the Verity Spider locale options.

### -charmap

**Syntax:** `-charmap name`

Specifies the character map to use. Valid values are 8859 or 850. The default value is 8859.

### -common

Specifies the path to the Verity home directory, *cf\_root/verity/k2/common*.

**Note:** This option is typically not needed, as long as the PATH environment variable is set correctly.

### -datefmt

**Syntax:** `-datefmt format`

Specifies the Verity import date format to use. Valid values are MDY (the default), DMY, YMD, USA, and EUR. (For descriptions of these values, see [“Date format options” on page 147](#).)

### -language

**Syntax:** `-language name`

Specifies the Verity locale to use in indexing. This option is being replaced by the semantically consistent the `-locale` option, and is still supported for backwards compatibility.

### -locale

**Syntax:** `-locale name`

Specifies the Verity locale to use in indexing, such as German (deutsch) or French (français). The default is English (english). This option is identical to the `-language` option.

## -msgdb

**Syntax:** -msgdb path

Specifies the path to the ind.msg message database file.

If Verity Spider was installed properly, this option should be unnecessary. By default, the ind.msg message database file is read from the following directory:

*cf\_root/lib/platform/bin*

Where *platform* represents the platform directory.

## Logging options

The following sections describe the Verity Spider logging options.

### -loglevel

**Syntax:** -loglevel [nostdout] argument

Specifies the types of messages to log. By default, messages are written to standard output and to various log files in the subdirectory named /log beneath the Verity Spider job directory. If you add nostdout to the -loglevel option, messages are not written to standard output. Log files, however, are still created.

The following table describes valid message types:

---

Message type	Description
information	Licensing information written to info.log. Included with all arguments.
warning	Warning messages written to warning.log. Included with all arguments.
error	Error messages written to error.log. Included with all arguments.
badkey	Messages regarding keys that could not be indexed due to invalid documents, written to badkey.log. Included with all arguments.
progress	Current state of a document key written to progress.log. Note that a key with a progress of "inserting" might be a badkey and therefore skipped, rather than an indexed key. Included with all arguments.
summary	Inserted, indexed, and ignored messages written to summary.log. Included with all arguments except skip.
skip	Skipped documents, with explanation, written to skip.log. Included with all arguments, except summary.
debug	Internal Verity Spider processing messages, such as enqueued, written to debug.log. Included with both debug and trace arguments.
trace	Internal Verity Spider processing messages written to debug.log. Included only with the trace argument.

---



Choose one of the following arguments to determine which message types are logged:

---

Loglevel arguments	Description
summary	Includes the following message types: information, warning, error, badkey, progress, summary Use this option only if you do not want skip type messages.
skip	Includes the following message types: information, warning, error, badkey, progress, skip Use this option only if you do not want summary type messages.
verbose	Includes the following message types: information, warning, error, badkey, progress, summary, skip
debug	Includes the following message types: information, warning, error, badkey, progress, summary, skip, debug <b>Note:</b> Only use this argument at the direction of Verity technical support or for troubleshooting indexing problems.
trace	Includes the following message types: information, warning, error, badkey, progress, summary, skip, debug, trace <b>Note:</b> Only use this argument at the direction of Verity technical support or for troubleshooting indexing problems.

---

## Maintenance options

The following sections describe the Verity Spider maintenance options.

### -nooptimize

Prevents Verity Spider from optimizing the collection, thus reducing processing overhead during indexing. Use this option sparingly, as it leaves the collection in less than optimum shape. The following are some examples of when you might want to use this option:

- You want to manually perform custom optimization of the collection, using the `mkvdk` utility. By default, the Verity Spider optimization mimics the `mkvdk` actions of `maxmerge` and `vdbopt`. For more information on the `mkvdk` utility, see *Verity Command-Line Indexing Reference* and [“Using the `mkvdk` utility” on page 142](#).
- You are running multiple indexing jobs against a collection, and want to wait until they are all finished to optimize.

Generally, you should not leave a collection unoptimized for too long, as search times can slow significantly.

In brief, optimizing a collection means creating a small number of large partitions, which can greatly reduce search times.

## **-purge**

Deletes document tables and index files in the collection, and cleans up the collection's persistent store. The collection is then fresh with its original style files, and is not deleted from the file system.

## **-repair**

Specifies a failure-recovery mode for the collection, where the goal is to determine the causes of any errors, repair the errors (if possible), and restart a collection.

Although the Verity indexing engine always leaves the collection in a consistent, usable state, and no data can be lost or corrupted due to machine failures, it is possible for a process or event external to the Verity engine to corrupt one or more collections.

You can use the `-repair` option for constant failure-recovery operation, or you can run it selectively on collections that failed.

## **Setting MIME types**

You can use the MIME type criteria options, `-mimeinclude`, `-indmimeinclude`, `-mimeexclude`, and `-indmimeexclude`, to include or exclude MIME types.

## **Syntax restrictions**

When you specify MIME type criteria, keep in mind the restrictions described in the following sections.

### **Using the wildcard character (\*)**

The asterisk (\*) wildcard character does not operate as a regular expression for the value of the MIME type criteria. Instead, you can only use it to replace the entire MIME type or MIME subtype.

For example, the following value is a valid substitute for `text/html`:

```
text/*
```

The following value is NOT a valid substitute for `text/html`:

```
text/h*
```

### **Multiple parameter values**

When you specify a series of parameter values for a single instance of one of the MIME type criteria, and you use-quotation marks, you must enclose each separate parameter value in single-quotation marks. For example:

```
-mimeinclude 'text/plain' 'application/*'
```

If you enclose the entire sequence of parameter values, as follows:

```
-mimeinclude 'text/plain application/*'
```

Verity Spider considers the entire expression a single value.

You can also use multiple instances of the MIME type criteria, each with a single parameter value, where quotation marks are necessary only if you use the wildcard character (\*). For example:

```
-mimeinclude text/plain  
-mimeinclude 'application/*'.Setting MIME Types
```

## MIME types and web crawling

When you index a website, Verity Spider evaluates your MIME type criteria against the "Content-Type" HTTP headers sent by the web server hosting that website. That web server passes along MIME type information based on its own internal tables.

When you encounter MIME types being dropped, make sure that the web server you are indexing has the necessary MIME type information. For information about specifying MIME types, see the documentation for your web server.

You can examine the indexing job's log files for indications that files are being skipped due to MIME types. For example, a typical ASCII file you might want indexed is a log file (filename.log). Unless the web server understands that files with .LOG extensions are ASCII text, of MIME type text/plain, you will see in the indexing job log file that .LOG files are skipped because of MIME type, even if you use the following:

```
-mimeinclude 'text/*'
```

## MIME types and file system indexing

When you index a file system, Verity Spider reads filenames and evaluates your MIME type criteria against an internal, compiled list of known MIME types and associated file extensions. You cannot edit this list. However, you can use the `-mimemap` option to create a custom MIME type mapping.

When you encounter MIME types being dropped, check whether Verity Spider recognizes that particular MIME type. For more information, see the table, [“Known MIME types for file system indexing” on page 140](#).

You can examine the indexing job's log files for indications that files are being skipped due to MIME types. For example, a typical ASCII file you might want indexed is a log file (filename.log). Since Verity Spider does not understand that files with .LOG extensions are ASCII text, of MIME type text/plain, you will see in the indexing job log file that .LOG files are skipped because of MIME type, even if you use the following:

```
-mimeinclude 'text/*'.Setting MIME Types
```

## Indexing unknown MIME types

Whenever you find MIME types being dropped, or you know you will be indexing files whose extensions are not known to Verity Spider by default, use the `-mimemap` option to point to a file that contains your own custom mappings for file extensions and MIME types.

You can also use the regular expression `'*/*'` for your MIME type criteria; for example:

```
-mimeinclude '*/*'
```

On either platform, you must include single-quotation marks for values that include wildcard characters.

Also use inclusion and exclusion criteria to finely control what is indexed, as follows:

- If your list of file types to index is rather long, use exclusion criteria (`-exclude`, `-indexexclude`, `-mimeexclude`, or `-indmimeexclude`) to exclude extensions you know you do not want to index; for example:  
`-exclude '*.exe' '*.com'`
- If the list of file types you want to index is relatively small, use inclusion criteria (`-include`, `-indinclude`, `-mimeinclude`, or `-indmimeinclude`) to specify them; for example:  
`-include '*.txt' '*.lst' '*.log'`.Setting MIME Types

## Known MIME types for file system indexing

The following table lists the MIME types that Verity Spider recognizes when indexing file systems:

Format	MIME type	Extension
HTML	text/html	htm, html
ASCII	text/plain	txt, text, pl, eml
ASCII, source files	text/plain	c, h, cpp, cxx
PDF	application/pdf	pdf
MS Word	application/msword	doc
MS Excel	application/vnd.ms-excel	xls
MS PowerPoint	application/vnd.ms-powerpoint	ppt
WordPerfect 5.1	application/wordperfect5.1	wpd
RTF	application/rtf	rtf
FrameMaker MIF	application/vnd.mif	mif
Applixware	application/applixware	aw
Zip files	application/zip	zip
Eudora mail	text/x-mbox	mbx

# CHAPTER 10

## Using Verity Utilities

This chapter provides information about using Verity utilities to configure, maintain, and troubleshoot Verity collections.

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### Overview of Verity utilities

The following command-line utilities are included with Macromedia ColdFusion MX for performing a variety of operations on Verity collections:

Verity utility	Description	For more information
mkvdk	Create and maintain collections.	See <a href="#">“Using the mkvdk utility” on page 142.</a>
rck2	Search K2 Server collections.	See <a href="#">“Using the rck2 utility” on page 153.</a>
rcvdk	Search collections and display documents.	See <a href="#">“Using the rcvdk utility” on page 154.</a>
didump	View collection word lists.	See <a href="#">“Using the didump utility” on page 158.</a>
browse	Browse documents table and search results.	See <a href="#">“Using the browse utility” on page 160.</a>
merge	Combine collections.	See <a href="#">“Using the merge utility” on page 162.</a>

## Location of Verity utilities

The Verity command-line utilities are located in the following directories:

**Server and multiserver configuration** The utility files are located in *cf\_root/verity/k2/platform/bin* (server configuration) or *jrun\_root/verity/k2/platform/bin* (multiserver configuration), where *platform* is *\_nti40* for Windows, *\_solaris* for Solaris, or *\_ilnx21* for Linux.

**J2EE configuration** The utility files are located in *verity\_root/k2/platform/bin*, where *platform* is *\_nti40* for Windows, *\_solaris* for Solaris, or *\_ilnx21* for Linux.

## Using the mkvdk utility

The *mkvdk* utility is an indexing application, provided with other Verity utilities, that you can use to create and maintain collections. It is a command-line utility that you can use within other applications or shell scripts to provide more sophisticated scheduling and other capabilities.

The *mkvdk* executable file, which starts the *mkvdk* utility, is located in the *platform/bin* directory. For more information on the specific location of this directory, see [“Location of Verity utilities” on page 142](#).

**Note:** To display a list of *mkvdk* command-line options, enter the following command:

```
mkvdk -help
```

## The mkvdk utility syntax

The following is the basic syntax of the *mkvdk* command:

```
mkvdk -collection path [option] [dockey]
```

Multiple options and dockeys can be included, as needed. If *dockey* is a list of files, it should consist of an at sign (@) followed by the filename that contains a simple list of files (for example, @filelist). For more information about the options for the *mkvdk* utility, see [“Getting started with the Verity \*mkvdk\* utility” on page 143](#).

The following operations occur when you use the *mkvdk* utility to create a new collection:

1. New collection directories are created and the specified style files are copied to the style subdirectory.
2. The style file settings are read and the required information is passed to the Verity search engine.
3. The gateway is used to open the document files, which are parsed according to the settings in various style files.
4. A new partition is created, which includes an index and an attribute table.
5. Assist data is generated, which might include a spanning word list.

When problems occur during an operation, the *mkvdk* utility writes error messages to the system log file (*sysinfo.log*). You can direct error and other messages to the console by using the *mkvdk* command with the *-outlevel* option. You can direct messages to a file of your choice by using the *-loglevel* and *-logfile* options.

The log file contains the following fields:

- Date
- Time
- Level
- Code
- Component
- Description

You can use the log file to view details about what happens during the collection creation process. Use the `mkvdk -loglevel` command and specify the numeric identifier for the message level you want, as summarized in the following table:

Type	Number
Fatal	1
Error	2
Warning	4
Status	8
Info	16
Verbose	32
Debug	64

To calculate the numeric parameter, add the numbers for the message types you want to include. The default for both `-outlevel` and `-loglevel` is 15, which selects fatal, error, warning, and status messages (1+2+4+8).

## Getting started with the Verity `mkvdk` utility

The following is the basic `mkvdk` syntax:

```
mkvdk -collection path [option] [...] [filespec] [...]
```

Where:

- Square brackets ( `[]` ) indicate optional items.
- An ellipsis (...) indicates repetition of the previous item. Thus, `[filespec] [...]` indicates an optional series of `filespec` items.
- `filespec` represents a document filename or a list of document filenames. If `filespec` is a list of files, it should consist of an at sign (`@`) followed by the filename containing the list (for example, `@filelist`).
- The `-collection path` argument creates or opens a collection. This argument is required.

Numerous optional syntax options are listed below. All syntax options must precede the first `filespec` parameter.

## Creating a collection

Creating a collection with the `mkvdk` utility involves setting up a collection directory structure and inserting documents into this structure. You can create a collection using the following steps.

### To create a collection:

1. Set up a collection using the following syntax:

```
mkvdk -create -collection collectionname
```

Where `collectionname` is the path to the collection directory. Running this command creates a collection directory that includes style files with configuration information.

2. Insert documents using the following syntax:

```
mkvdk -collection collectionname -bulk -insert filespec
```

Where `filespec` is the name of a bulk insert file that specifies which documents to index and insert into the collection.

## Collection setup options

The `mkvdk` utility has a variety of collection setup options, which the following table describes:

Option	Description
<code>-create</code>	Creates a collection in the specified collection directory. It creates the directory structure, determines the index contents and sets up the document's table schema according to the style files used. If the specified collection already exists, the <code>mkvdk</code> utility exits rather than overwriting the existing collection.
<code>-style dir</code>	Specifies the style directory that contains the style files to use to create a collection. This option can only be used with the <code>-create</code> option. If you do not specify this option when you use the <code>mkvdk</code> utility to create a collection, the <code>mkvdk</code> utility uses the style files in the <code>common/style</code> directory.
<code>-description desc</code>	Sets the collection's description. Enter alphanumeric text, such as "This collection contains electronic mail from ABC Company." Include the quotation marks.
<code>-words</code>	Builds the word list for all partitions in the collection.

## Examples: setting up collections

The following examples show the commands for creating a collection and building the word list:

**Creating a collection** The following command creates a collection in `path_2` using the style files in `path_1`, and submits and indexes the document(s) in `filespec`:

```
mkvdk -create -style path_1 -collection path_2 filespec
```

**Building the word list** The following command builds the word list in the collection residing in the `path` directory:

```
mkvdk -words -collection path
```



## General processing options

The mkvdk utility provides a variety of general processing options, which the following table describes:

Option	Description
-collection path	Specifies the path of the collection to create or open. This option is required to execute the mkvdk utility.
-nolock	Turns off file locking. Locking is on by default.
-synch	Performs work immediately. If this option is not used, indexing work is done in the background, as time permits.
-about	Shows information about the collection, such as its description and the date when it was last modified.
-datapath path	Specifies the datapath to use to find documents that are added to the specified collection. All relative document paths are relative to this setting. If you do not set this option, the mkvdk utility looks for documents next to the collection directory.
-topicset path	Creates a topic index for the collection, based on the specified topic set, and stores it in the collection directory. This facilitates quick and efficient searches over the collection data when using topics.
-mode mode	Sets the indexing mode. Values are case-insensitive. The following are the valid settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Generic</li><li>• FastSearch</li><li>• NewsfeedIdx</li><li>• NewsfeedOpt</li><li>• BulkLoad</li><li>• ReadOnly</li><li>• Any custom mode defined in the style.plc file.</li></ul> The default is Generic mode.
-common	Specifies the path of the Verity common directory. If you do not use this option, the Verity engine looks for the common directory in the directory containing the mkvdk executable, and then along the executable search path. The executable search path is determined by your operating system environment settings. It is the path used by the OS to find the programs you run.
-help	Displays the mkvdk utility syntax options.
-debug	Runs the mkvdk command in debugging mode.
-nooptimize	Prevents optimization by this instance of the mkvdk utility. Using this option turns off the service-level VdkServiceType_Optimize. The service types determine the type of work the Verity engine and its self-administration features will execute on a collection.
-nohousekeep	Prevents housekeeping by this instance of the mkvdk utility. Housekeeping includes deleting files that are no longer needed. Using this option turns off the service-level VdkServiceType_DBA. (Service types are described under -nooptimize.)

Option	Description
-noindex	Prevents indexing by this instance of mkvdk. Documents are not inserted or deleted. Using this option turns off the service-level VdkServiceType_Index. (Service types are described under -nooptimize.)
-charmap name	Specifies the name of the character set to which to map all strings for your application. Set this to a character set that your system can display properly. Using the search engine with the English locale, the character set that any version of Windows displays is 8859. This is NOT the name of the character set of documents being indexed, it is only the name of the character set that your display can handle properly. (The character set of the document is set in the style.dft file using the /charmap option.) Valid options are 850 and 8859. The default is no mapping.
-locale name	Specifies the name of the Verity locale to be used by the mkvdk utility. The locale name must correspond to the name of an existing locale directory, which must exist in the install_dir/common/locale directory. Valid options are english, deutsch, and francais. The default is english.
-datefmt format	Converts a date field value into Verity's internal data representation. You can use this option in conjunction with the mkvdk options -extract (for the field extraction feature) and -bulk (for the bulk submit feature). The named format string identifies to the date parsing routines in what order dates are written when the date string only consists of a sequence of numbers (for example, 03/03/96). Valid options are described in "Date format options" on page 147. The default is MDY.
-servlev level	Specifies service level. The specifier, level, is a string consisting of keywords separated by hyphens, such as search-index-optimize. Valid keywords are described in "Service-level keyword options" on page 147.

## Examples: processing documents

The following examples show the commands for processing documents.

### Using the default options

By default, the mkvdk command submits and indexes documents specified in the command, and services the specified collection. The following command executes the default options:

```
mkvdk -collection path filespec
```

### Servicing only

The following command performs servicing only. Use this command to only index submitted documents and service the collection:

```
mkvdk -collection path
```

### Deleting documents from a collection

The following command deletes documents from a collection:

```
mkvdk -delete -collection path filespec
```

## Bulk inserting or deleting

The following command specifies bulk insertion of a list of documents:

```
mkvdk -collection coll -bulk -insert filespec
```

Where `filespec` is the list of files to insert. Since `insert` is the default, the following command is equivalent to the preceding command:

```
mkvdk -collection coll -bulk filespec
```

The following command specifies bulk deletion of a list of documents:

```
mkvdk -collection coll -bulk -delete filespec
```

Where `filespec` is the list of files to delete. It can be the same file used to insert documents; the only difference is that `-delete` is specified instead of `-insert` (or no specification).

## Date format options

The Verity engine supports many import date formats, including many textual date formats, and the numeric date formats listed in the following table:

Format variable	Description
MDY	Dates written as month-day-year (US format, the default)
DMY	Dates written as day-month-year (European format)
YMD	Dates written as year-month-day (ISO international format)
YDM	Dates written as year-day-month (Swedish format)
USA	Dates written in US format (the same as MDY)
EUR	Dates written in European format (the same as DMY)

## Service-level keyword options

The following table describes the valid keywords for the `-servlev` keyword:

Keyword	Description
search	Enables search and retrieval
insert	Enables adding and updating documents
optimize	Enables opportunistic collection optimization
assist	Enables building of word list
housekeep	Enables housekeeping of unneeded files
delete	Enables document deletion
backup	Enables backup
purge	Enables background purging
repair	Enables collection repair

Keyword	Description
dataprep	Same as search-index-optimize-assist-housekeep
index	Same as insert-delete

## Message options

The `mkvdk` utility provides a variety of messaging options, as described in the following table:

Option	Description
<code>-quiet</code>	Displays only fatal and error messages to the console. It overrides the <code>-outlevel</code> setting. For a list of message types, see the table in <a href="#">“The <code>mkvdk</code> utility syntax” on page 142</a> .
<code>-outlevel (num)</code>	Indicates which message types to display to the console. Valid values are determined by adding together the numbers that correspond to the desired message types. The default value is 15. For more information, see the table in <a href="#">“The <code>mkvdk</code> utility syntax” on page 142</a> .
<code>-logfile filename</code>	Saves messages in the specified file.
<code>-loglevel (num)</code>	Indicates which message types to route to the optional log file. Valid values are determined by adding numbers together that correspond to the desired message types. The default value is 15. For more information, see the table in <a href="#">“The <code>mkvdk</code> utility syntax” on page 142</a> .

## Document processing options

The `mkvdk` utility provides a variety of document processing options, as the following table describes:

Option	Description
<code>-extract</code>	Extracts field values from documents, using the field extraction rules specified in the <code>style.tde</code> file.
<code>-insert</code>	Adds documents to the collection. This is the default option for the <code>mkvdk</code> command.
<code>-update</code>	Adds documents to the collection by replacing all previous information about the specified documents.
<code>-delete</code>	Marks the specified documents as deleted, and makes them unavailable for searches. To actually remove deleted documents from the collection’s internal documents table and word indexes, use the <code>squeeze</code> keyword (see <a href="#">“About squeezing deleted documents” on page 152</a> ).

Option	Description
-nosave	Specifies that a work list, which is generated by the mkvdk utility automatically when you use the <code>-extract</code> option, will not be saved in the collection directory in a file called <code>worklist</code> (in the Verity bulk submit file format). By default, the mkvdk utility saves the <code>worklist</code> in the <code>worklist</code> file.
-nosubmit	Specifies that a work list, which is generated by the mkvdk utility automatically when you use the <code>-extract</code> option, will not be submitted to the indexing engine and will be saved in the collection directory in a file called <code>worklist</code> (in the Verity bulk submit file format). This option allows the mkvdk utility to process field extraction separately from other indexing tasks.

## Bulk submit options

The mkvdk utility provides a variety of bulk submit options, as described in the following table:

Option	Description
-bulk	Interprets <code>filespec</code> as a bulk submit file. You can use this option with the <code>-insert</code> , <code>-update</code> , and <code>-delete</code> options.
-offset num	Specifies the offset into a bulk submit file or files. If you specify multiple bulk submit files and use the <code>-offset</code> option, the offset is applied to all of the bulk submit files.
-numdocs num	Specifies the number of documents to insert or delete from the bulk insert file or files. If you specify multiple bulk insert or delete files and use the <code>-numdocs</code> option, the <code>-numdocs</code> setting is applied to all of the bulk insert or delete files.
-autodel	Deletes the bulk submit file or files when the bulk submission work is finished.

## Using bulk insert and delete options

The bulk submit feature supports the insertion of documents and related field values into collections.

### To use the bulk submit feature to populate fields:

1. Define the fields in the `style.sfl` and `style.ufl` file, as appropriate.
2. Create a bulk submit file that specifies the documents to insert and the field values for each document.
3. Run the mkvdk utility using the `-bulk` option and specifying the bulk submit file or files.

## Collection maintenance options

The `mkvdk` utility provides a variety of collection maintenance options, as described in the following table:

Option	Description
<code>-backup dir</code>	Backs up the collection into the specified directory. The backup does not include the <code>tde</code> subdirectory. The <code>tde</code> subdirectory is created by and for Topic Document Entry if Topic Document Entry is used to create or maintain the collection.
<code>-repair</code>	Repairs the collection, performed by an API call.
<code>-purge</code>	Waits the amount of time specified by the <code>-purgewait</code> option and then deletes all documents in the collection, but not the collection itself. It leaves the collection directory structure intact. To specify a different wait period, use the <code>-purgewait</code> option instead of the <code>-purge</code> option. If you do not use the <code>-purgewait</code> option, the default is 600 seconds.
<code>-purgeback</code>	Used with the <code>-purge</code> option, performs a purge in the background.
<code>-purgewait sec</code>	Specifies to the <code>-purge</code> option how many seconds to wait. If you do not specify <code>sec</code> , the default is 600.
<code>-noservice</code>	Prevents collection servicing, which includes indexing, by this instance of the <code>mkvdk</code> command, performed by an API call.
<code>-persist</code>	Services the collection repeatedly, at default intervals of 30 seconds. Use the <code>-sleeptime</code> option to set a different interval.
<code>-sleeptime sec</code>	Specifies the interval between service calls when the <code>mkvdk</code> utility is run with the <code>-persist</code> option.
<code>-optimize spec</code>	Performs various optimizations on the collection, depending on the value of <code>spec</code> . The specifier, <code>spec</code> , is a string consisting of keywords separated by hyphens, such as <code>maxmerge-squeeze-readonly</code> . For valid keywords, see <a href="#">“Optimization keywords” on page 151</a> .
<code>-noexit</code>	Windows only. Causes the I/O window to remain after the program is finished. By default, the window closes and the program exits, so that scripts calling the <code>mkvdk</code> utility do not hang.

### Examples: maintaining collections

The following examples show the commands for maintaining a collection.

#### Repairing a collection

The following command automatically repairs a collection, or enables it after manual repairs:

```
mkvdk -repair -collection path
```

#### Backing up a collection

The following command backs up a collection to the specified directory:

```
mkvdk -backup path_1 -collection path_2
```

## Deleting a collection

To delete a collection, use the appropriate command for your operating system. For example, to remove the collection directory structure and control files on a UNIX system, use the following command:

```
rm -r -collection_path
```

## Purging a collection

The following command deletes all documents from a collection, but does not delete the collection itself:

```
mkvdk -purge -collection path
```

## Purging a collection in the background

The following command purges the specified collection in the background:

```
mkvdk -purge -purgeback -collection path
```

## Specifying persistent service

The following command runs the mkvdk command as a persistent process, so that servicing is performed repeatedly after num idle seconds:

```
mkvdk -persist -sleeptime num -collection path
```

## Deleting a collection

The `-purge` option deletes all documents in a collection, but does not delete the collection itself. To delete a collection, use operating system commands, such as the `rm` command on UNIX, to remove the collection directory structure and control files.

## Optimization keywords

The following table describes the optimization keywords for the `-optimize` option:

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Keyword	Description
maxclean	Performs the most comprehensive housekeeping possible, and removes out-of-date collection files. Macromedia recommends this optimization only when you are preparing an isolated collection for publication. When using this type, if the collection is being searched, files sometimes get deleted too early, which can affect search results.
maxmerge	Performs maximal merging on the partitions to create partitions that are as large as possible. This creates partitions that can have up to 64000 documents in them.
readonly	Marks the collection as read-only and unchanged after the function call is done. This is appropriate for CD-ROM collections.
spanword	Creates a spanning word list across all the collection's partitions. A collection consists of numerous smaller units, called partitions, each of which includes a word list. Optionally, a spanning word list can be built with an ngram index.

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Keyword	Description
ngramindex	Builds an ngram index for the collection. An ngram index is designed to improve the search performance for queries with the <TYPO> and <WILDCARD> operators. An ngram index cannot be built without a spanning word list. You can build a spanning word list and ngram index in the same command, for example: <code>mkvdk -collection collname -optimize spanword -ngramindex</code>
squeeze	Squeezes deleted documents from the collection. Squeezing deleted documents recovers space in a collection, and improves search performance. (For more information about squeeze, see <a href="#">“About squeezing deleted documents” on page 152.</a> ) Using this option invalidates the search results.
vdbopt	Configures the collection’s Verity databases (VDBs). Each collection consists of smaller units called VDBs. This keyword has the effect of linearizing the data in a VDB, and making the collection metadata contained in the VDB more streamlined. It also lets the VDB grow to a much larger size.
tuneup	Performs the same as combining the maxmerge, vdbopt, and spanword keywords.
publish	Performs the same as all of the optimization types combined. Use this keyword to optimize the collection for the best possible retrieval performance, such as for publication to a network on a server or on a CD-ROM.

## About squeezing deleted documents

When a document is deleted from a collection, its space is not recovered. It is merely marked as deleted and not available for subsequent searches. Squeezing actually removes deleted documents from the collection’s internal documents table and word indexes, thus creating a smaller collection and reducing the collection’s disk space. A smaller collection has a more efficient structure that makes searching slightly faster and uses slightly less memory.

You can safely squeeze deleted documents for a collection at anytime, because the mkvdk utility ensures that the collection is available for searching and servicing through its self-administration features. The application does not need to temporarily disable a collection to squeeze deleted documents, because when a squeeze request is made, the mkvdk utility assigns a new revision code to the collection. After a squeeze has occurred, the next time the application accesses the collection, the Verity engine notifies the application that dramatic changes have been made, and points the application to the new collection data.

Squeezing deleted documents out of a collection is a significant update to the collection. If users are reviewing search results at the time when squeezing occurs, the search results might be invalidated after the squeeze operation.

## About optimized Verity databases

The Verity database (VDB) is the fundamental storage mechanism responsible for supporting dynamic access to documents in collections. A VDB consists of simple tables with rows and columns that relate to each other by row position. VDB tables are not relational, and their architecture supports quick and efficient searching over textual data. A VDB consists of segments that are packed into a single file. One of the advantages of having one packed VDB file is optimized search performance. The fewer files that need to be opened during search processing, the faster the search performance.



The VDB optimization option optimizes the packing of a collection's VDBs. When VDBs are built during normal indexing operations, the segments are not stored sequentially in the one-file VDB file system. As a result of VDB optimization, performance can be improved by reserializing the packed segments in the VDBs so that all segments are contiguous, and VDBs can grow in size. Optimized VDBs can grow up to 2 gigabytes in size, as opposed to the maximum 64 megabytes for an unoptimized one.

Using this option might degrade your indexing performance when certain indexing modes are set for the collection.

## Performance tuning options

The `mkvdk` utility provides performance tuning options, as the following table describes:

Option	Description
<code>-maxfiles num</code>	Sets the maximum number of files that the <code>mkvdk</code> utility can have open at once. The default is 50.
<code>-diskcache num</code>	Sets the size of the <code>mkvdk</code> disk cache in kilobytes. The default is 128.

## Using the `rck2` utility

The `rck2` command-line utility lets you search collections associated with a Verity server. The `rck2` executable file, which starts the `rck2` utility, is located in the `platform/bin` directory. For more information on the specific location of this directory, see [“Location of Verity utilities” on page 142](#).

## The `rck2` syntax

Use the following syntax to start `rck2` from the command line:

```
rck2 -server <servername> -port <portno>
```

For example:

```
c:\cfusionmx7\verity\k2\_nti40\bin\rck2 -server localhost -port 9901.
```

The following table describes `rck2` syntax elements:

Syntax element	Description
<code>-server &lt;servername&gt;</code>	The server name for K2 Server to which to attach. The server name is defined in the <code>k2server.ini</code> file. The <code>rck2</code> utility searches the collections attached to this server.
<code>-port &lt;portno&gt;</code>	The port number where K2 Server (specified by <code>-server</code> ) is running.

## The rck2 command options

The following table describes rck2 command options:

rck2 command	Description
p <sortspec>	The sort specification for the search results. By default, results are sorted by Score. Multiple fields must be specified in a space-separated list using asc or desc to indicate ascending or descending order. For example: p score desc title asc
m <maxdocs>	The maximum number of documents to return in the results list.
c <collections>	The list of collections to search. Multiple collections must be specified in a space-separated list. For example: c coll1 coll2 coll3
f <fields>	The list of fields to retrieve. For example: f k2dockey title date
s <query text>	The query (or question) to be used to process the search. The query can be expressed as words and phrases separated by commas. Additionally, the query can include Verity query language, operators and modifiers.
g <collection>	Display collection information.
d <k2dockey>	Display fields for the K2 document key specified.
v <k2dockey>	Stream the document and display it with highlights.
r <docstart>	Display results starting with the first result in the results list. Fields specified using the f command are displayed. Docstart indicates the first result to be displayed. For example, r 10 displays results starting with the 10th document in the results list.
b <docstart>	Display results based on the last field selection.
i	Display information about K2 Server, including nodes and collections.
x <score precision>	Set score precision to 8- or 16-bit. By default, 16-bit precision is used.
h or ?	Display online Help for the rck2 command options.

## Using the rcvdk utility

Using the Verity rcvdk utility, you can check the contents of a collection from the command line. The rcvdk utility lets you write a variety of queries, using words and phrases separated by commas and Verity query language. A viewing option lets you see document contents and highlights in a simple text display.

### Starting rcvdk

To start the rcvdk utility on most systems, type the path and executable name at a command prompt. The following examples assume you have set your PATH variable, so you just have to enter rcvdk at a command prompt to run it.

For example:

```
c:\cfusionmx7\verity\k2\_nti40\bin\rcvdk /common =  
c:\cfusionmx7\verity\k2\common
```

When you start the rcvdk utility with no arguments, you get the following message, followed by the rcvdk prompt:

```
Type 'help' for a list of commands.  
RC>
```

The help command produces the following list of available commands:

```
RC> help  
Available commands:  
search      s Search documents.  
results     r Display search results.  
clusters    c Display clustered search results.  
view        v View document.  
summarize   z Summarize documents.  
attach      a Attach to one or more collections.  
detach      d Detach from one or more collections.  
quit        q Leave application.  
about       Display VDK 'About' info  
help        ? Display help text; 'help help' for details.  
expert      x Toggle expert mode on/off.  
RC>
```

You can enter the letter q at the RC prompt at any time to quit the application.

## Attaching to a collection using the rcvdk utility

To search a collection, you first must attach to it using the attach (a) command. This command must include the pathname to a collection directory as an argument. After you press Return, the rcvdk utility reports whether the attach command was successful; for example:

```
RC>a /z/doc1/c/public/Collection/file_walking/collbldg/html  
Attaching to collection:  
/z/doc1/c/public/Collection/file_walking/collbldg/html  
Successfully attached to 1 collection.  
RC>
```

The rcvdk utility lets you attach to one or more collections. The specified collections remain attached until you detach from one or more collections using the detach (d) command.

## Basic searching

To retrieve all documents, use the search (s) command without arguments. After you press Return, a search update message is produced, as follows:

```
RC>s  
Search update: finished (100%). Retrieved: 85(85)/85.  
RC>
```

The search results indicate that 85 of the total 85 documents in the collection were retrieved. If you specify a query argument, such as “universal filter,” a subset of the total documents in the collection that contain the specified string is retrieved; for example:

```
RC>s universal filter  
Search update: finished (100%). Retrieved: 18(18)/85.  
RC>
```

In the message returned for the preceding search, the rcvdk utility indicates that 18 documents matched the query. You can perform more elaborate queries using the Verity query language, as shown in the following example:

```
RC>s universal filter <OR> filter.Troubleshooting and Maintenance Tools
```

## Viewing results of the rcvdk utility

After you have attached to a collection and issued a search command successfully, you can view the results list and look at the retrieved documents. You can use the options in the following table:

Option	Description
r	Displays the results list, starting with the first document. A maximum of 24 documents are displayed.
r n	Displays the results list, starting with the nth document. A maximum of 24 documents are displayed.
v	Displays the first or next document in the results list. Highlights are indicated using reverse video, if possible. If not, double angle brackets are used, as in: »universa{k« »filter{k
	To exit the document display, enter the letter q.
v n	Displays the nth document in the results list. To exit the document display, enter the letter q.

The following is the results list for the “universal filter” search. For each document, these fields are displayed by default: Number, Score, and VdkVgwKey.

```
RC> r
Retrieved: 18(18)/85
Number SCORE VdkVgwKey
1: 1.00 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\08_cbg3.htm
2: 0.97 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\11_cbg2.htm
3: 0.97 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\08_cbg7.htm
4: 0.97 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\08_cbg1.htm
5: 0.95 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\cbgtoc.htm
6: 0.95 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\08_cbg4.htm
7: 0.93 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\cbgix.htm
8: 0.92 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\08_cbg6.htm
9: 0.90 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\08_cbg.htm
10: 0.90 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\04_cbg1.htm
11: 0.90 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\01_cbg1.htm
12: 0.87 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\f_cbg.htm
13: 0.87 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\08_cbg2.htm
14: 0.84 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\06_cbg1.htm
15: 0.80 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\part4.htm
16: 0.80 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\f_cbg1.htm
17: 0.80 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\11_cbg5.htm
18: 0.80 d:\search97\s97is\locale\english\doc\collbldg\08_cbg5.htm
RC>
```

The following table describes each of the default fields:

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Field name	Description
Number	The rank of the document in the results list. The document with the highest score is ranked number 1.
Score	The score assigned to each retrieved document, based on its relevance to the query. For a NULL query, no scores are assigned, so the Score column in the results list is blank.
VdkVgwKey	The document key used by the Verity engine to manage the document. If the document is accessed through the file system, the primary key is a pathname. If the document is accessed through a web server, using HTTP, the primary key is a URL.

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## Displaying more fields

You can tell the `rcvdk` utility to display certain fields in the results list using the `fields` command, which is available in the expert mode. To go to the expert mode, enter `x` or `expert` at the RC prompt, then press Return.

All fields in a column are blank if the field is not defined for the collection's schema in the documents table (in `style.ddd`, `style.sfl`, or `style.uff`). A field in a document's row is blank if the field was not populated by a gateway, bulk submit action, or filter.

## Displaying a field

The `fields` command includes the field name and length to be displayed. When used, the `fields` command overrides the default Score and VdkVgwKey fields for the results list.

The search engine returns fields for the results list, so if you do a search, then go to expert mode to use the `fields` command, you must run the search again in order to see the results list with the fields you requested. For example:

```
RC> expert
Expert mode enabled
RC> fields title 20
RC> s universal filter
Search update: finished (100%). Retrieved: 18(18)/85.
RC> r
Retrieved: 18(18)/85
Number title
1: Using the Universal Filter
2: Using the Zone Filter
3: The Zone Filter
4: Overview
5: Table of Contents
6: Universal Filter Configuration Using the
7: Index
8: The PDF Filter
9: Document Filters and Formatting
10: Collection Style Summary
11: Collection Basics
12: Universal Filter Document Types
13: Using the style.dft File
```

```
14: Supported Field Types
15:
16: Recognized Document Types
17: Custom Zone Definitions
18: The KeyView Filter Kit
RC>
```

## Displaying multiple fields

You can specify multiple fields with the `fields` command, as shown in the following example. The field order corresponds to the order of the columns, with the first field specified appearing in the second column. The first column is reserved for the rank order.

Rerun the search before you display the results list with the fields specified.

For example:

```
RC> fields score 5 title 40
RC> s universal filter
Search update: finished (100%). Retrieved: 18(18)/85.
RC>
```

## Using the didump utility

Using the `didump` utility, you can view key components of the word index per partition. The word list is a list of all words indexed by the Verity engine; the zone list is a list of all zones; and the zone attribute list is a list of the zone attributes found by the Verity engine.

The `didump` executable, which starts the `didump` application, is located in the `platform/bin` directory. For more information on the specific location of this directory, see [“Location of Verity utilities” on page 142](#).

For example:

```
c:\cfusionmx7\verity\k2\_nti40\bin\didump /common =
c:\cfusionmx7\verity\k2\common
-pattern llama
c:\new\parts\00000001.did
```

## Viewing the word list with the didump utility

You can view the contents of the word list for a partition by using the `didump` utility with the `-words` flag. The command-line syntax must include the `-words` flag and a pathname to a partition file, like the following:

```
didump -words /z/collbldg/html/parts/00000003.did
```

An alphabetical listing of the words in the word index displays, as follows:

```
didump - Verity, Inc. Version 2.5.0 (_nti31, Jul 7 1999)
```

Text	Size	Doc	Word
A	10	3	4
a	34	5	24
abbreviations	4	1	1
about	4	1	1

acronym	5	1	2
acronyms	4	1	1
actual	4	1	1
administrator	3	1	1
advance	3	1	1
all	8	2	3
also	9	2	4
Always	4	1	1
always	9	2	3
ampersand	4	1	1

The columns in the display indicate the following:

**Size** The number of bytes used by the Verity engine to store information about the word

**Doc** The number of unique documents in which the word appears

**Word** The total number of occurrences of a word for the partition

To view the occurrences of a specific word or pattern, enter a command using the `-pattern` option, as in the following example:

```
didump -pattern acronym 00000003.did
```

In this example, the `didump` utility displays information about the number of occurrences of the word *acronym*. You can display the individual occurrences of a word using the `-verbose` option.

## Viewing the zone list with the `didump` utility

The zone list contains a list of the zones identified by the zone filter. You can search the zones listed using the Verity `IN` operator in a query. To view the contents of the zone list, use the `didump` utility with the `-zones` flag plus the pathname to a partition, like the following:

```
didump -zones /z/collbldg/html/parts/00000003.did
```

This partition is for a collection containing the Verity Collection Building Guide in HTML format. The Verity universal filter invoked the HTML filter by default, and indexed the documents using these zones.

```
didump - Verity, Inc. Version 2.5.0 (_solaris, Jul 07 1999)
```

ZoneName	Fmt	Size	Doc	Regions
A	Wct	10239	85	5016
ADDRESS	Array	34	1	1
BODY	Array	197	85	85
CAPTION	Wct	298	31	85
CODE	Wct	3868	66	1829
H1	Array	80	83	83
H2	Wct	646	53	212
H3	Wct	517	49	171
H4	Wct	128	8	47
HEAD	Array	70	85	85
HTML	Array	165	85	85
TITLE	Array	70	85	85

The columns in the display indicate the following:

**Fmt** The internal data format used to store the zone information.

**Size** The number of bytes used by the Verity engine to store information about the zone.

**Doc** The number of unique documents in which the zone appears

**Region** The total number of instances of a zone for the partition

## Viewing the zone attribute list with the didump utility

The zone attribute list contains a list of the HTML attributes for the zones identified by the HTML zone filter. You can search the zone attributes listed using the Verity IN operator together with the WHEN operator in a query. To view the contents of the zone attributes list, use the didump utility with the `-attributes` flag plus the pathname to a partition, like the following:

```
didump -attributes /z/collbldg/html/parts/00000003.did
```

This partition is for a collection containing the *Verity Collection Building Guide* in HTML format.

```
didump - Verity, Inc. Version 2.5.0 (_solaris, Jul 9 1999)
```

Text	Size	Doc	Word
href 01_cbg.htm	10	2	4
href 01_cbg.htm#282870	3	1	1
href 01_cbg.htm#282872	6	2	2
href 01_cbg1.htm	8	2	3
href 01_cbg1.htm#286513	7	2	2
href 01_cbg1.htm#286520	3	1	1
...			

The columns in the display indicate the following:

**Size** The number of bytes used by the Verity engine to store information about the zone attribute

**Doc** The number of unique documents in which the zone attribute appears

**Word** The total number of occurrences of a zone attribute for the partition

## Using the browse utility

A documents table is built for each partition in a collection. The documents table is used for field searching and for sorting search results. The fields within the documents table are defined by the following collection style files:

**style.ddd** Defines fields used internally by the Verity engine, identified by an initial underscore character (`_`).

**style.sfl** Defines standard fields (many of which are commented out to limit the size of the documents table).

**style.ufl** Defines custom fields that are not included in the style.sfl file.

The value of each field can be filled in from source documents or can be provided explicitly. If a field is blank, it has not been populated.



The browse utility executable, which starts the browse utility application, is located in the *platform/bin* directory. For more information on the specific location of this directory, see “[Location of Verity utilities](#)” on page 142.

For example:

```
c:\cfusionmx7\verity\k2\_nti40\bin\browse /common =
c:\cfusionmx7\verity\k2\common
c:\my_collection\parts\0000001.ddd
```

## Using menu options with the browse utility

Use the following browse command to start the utility and display a set of menu options:

```
browse 0000003.ddd
```

The system displays the following menu of options available for the browse utility:

```
D:\VERITY\colltest\parts>browse 0000003.ddd
BROWSE OPTIONS
?) help
q) quit
c) Number of entries in field
_) Toggle viewing fields beginning with '_'
v) Toggle viewing selected fields
##) Display all fields in specified record number
Dispatch/Compound field options:
n) No dispatch
d) Dispatch
s) Dispatch as stream
Action (? for help):
```

## Displaying fields

You can use several options to control the display of field information.

**To display all the document fields:**

1. At the Action prompt, enter ##
2. Press Return twice to display the fields for the first document record.
3. Press Return to view the document fields for the next sequential record.

The following partial display of the results of the browse command includes internal fields, used by the Verity search engine. An internal field name starts with an underscore character (\_).

```
50 Created                FIX-date ( 4) = 12-Jan-1998 01:52:27 pm
51 Modified               FIX-date ( 4) = 24-Sep-1997 02:40:26 pm
52 Size                   FIX-unsq ( 4) = 5381
53 DOC_OF                 FIX-unsq ( 4) = 0
54 DOC_SZ                 FIX-unsq ( 4) = 4294967295
55 DOC_FN_OF              FIX-unsq ( 4) = 436
56 DOC_FN_SZ              FIX-unsq ( 2) = 58
57 _CACHE_FN_OF           FIX-unsq ( 4) = 2922
58 _CACHE_FN_SZ           FIX-unsq ( 2) = 0
59 _ParentID_OF           FIX-unsq ( 4) = 354
60 _ParentID_SZ           FIX-unsq ( 2) = 46
```

```
61 Title_OF          FIX-unsg ( 4) = 2481
62 Title_SZ          FIX-unsg ( 2) = 15
```

You can eliminate the internal fields. To do this, type the underscore character, then press Return. If you enter an underscore character again, then press return, the internal fields are displayed.

## Using the merge utility

The merge utility lets you combine multiple collections with identical schemas. This is useful for merging smaller collections built from different sources into one, large collection. Also, you can use the merge utility to break up the collection into smaller collections of a roughly uniform size.

**Note:** The Verity merge utility is available only in Windows.

Collections can be merged only if they have identical schemas. Collections can be merged if they have exactly the same set of style files (and style file entries).

Breaking up a large collection helps to optimize search performance, because it allows many applications to perform multiple concurrent search requests over the different collections. After breaking up a large collection, you can also discard older collections to reclaim limited disk storage space.

The merge executable, which starts the merge application, is located in the `_nti40/bin` directory. For more information on the specific location of this directory, see [“Location of Verity utilities” on page 142](#).

For example:

```
c:\cfusionmx7\verity\k2\_nti40\bin\merge /common = c:\cfusionmx7\lib\common
```

To obtain help for the merge utility, enter the following command:

```
merge -help
```

**Note:** After running the merge utility, you must optimize the collection, using the `mkvdk -optimize` option.

## Merging collections using the merge utility

The following is the syntax for using the merge utility to merge multiple collections into a single collection:

```
merge <newCollection> <srcCollection1> <srcCollection2> [srcCollectionN]
```

The utility reads `srcCollection1`, `srcCollection2` and so on and merges them into a single collection with the directory name given for `newCollection`. If the directory name given for `newCollection` does not exist, it is created.

## Splitting collections using the merge utility

The following is the syntax for using the merge utility to split a single large collection into smaller collections:

```
merge -split <srcCollection> <newCollection1> <newCollection2> [-number]
```

The merge utility reads `srcCollection` and splits it into roughly equal pieces, using the filenames given for `newCollection1` and so on.

If you want to split a very large collection into a large number of new collections, you can use the following command, instead of explicitly naming each new collection:

```
merge -split -number newCollection srcCollection
```

The merge utility reads the collection identified by `srcCollection` and splits it into the number of segments specified by the `-number` option. The name of the first new collection is generated by appending the first two letters in the alphabet (aa) to the directory name given for `newCollection`. Each subsequent filename is generated by incrementing one of the appended letters (up to zz) for a maximum of 676 partitions. For example, if the value of `-number` is 3, and the value of `newCollection` is `Collection1`, the collections are named, `Collection1aa`, `Collection1ab`, and `Collection1ac`.

**Note:** The maximum length of the directory name given for `newCollection` is two characters less than the length allowed by the file system.



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