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## Artix Configuration Reference

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# Preface

## What is Covered in this Book

The *Artix Configuration Reference* provides a comprehensive reference for the configuration variables in an Artix configuration domain.

## Who Should Read this Book

This book is intended for use by system administrators, in conjunction with [Configuring and Deploying Artix Solutions](#). It assumes that the reader is familiar with Artix administration. Anyone involved in designing a large scale Artix solution will also find this book useful.

Knowledge of middleware or messaging transports is not required to understand the general topics discussed in this book. However, if you are using this book as a guide to deploying runtime systems, you should have a working knowledge of the middleware transports that you intend to use in your Artix solutions.

**Note:** When deploying Artix in a distributed architecture with other middleware, please see the documentation for that middleware product. You may require access to an administrator. For example, a Tuxedo administrator is required to complete a Tuxedo distributed architecture.

## How to Use this Book

This book is organized as follows:

- [Chapter 1](#) describes the Artix runtime configuration variables.
- [Chapter 2](#) describes the Artix plug-in namespaces and variables.
- [Chapter 3](#) describes the configuration namespaces and variables used to configure Artix security features.
- [Chapter 4](#) describes the CORBA plug-in configuration namespaces and variables.

## The Artix Library

The Artix documentation library is organized in the following sections:

- [Getting Started](#)
- [Designing and Developing Artix Solutions](#)
- [Configuring and Deploying Artix Solutions](#)
- [Using Artix Services](#)
- [Integrating Artix Solutions](#)
- [Integrating with Enterprise Management Systems](#)
- [Reference Documentation](#)

### Getting Started

The books in this section provide you with a background for working with Artix. They describe many of the concepts and technologies used by Artix. They include:

- [Release Notes](#) contains release-specific information about Artix.
- [Installation Guide](#) describes the prerequisites for installing Artix and the procedures for installing Artix on supported systems.
- [Getting Started with Artix](#) describes basic Artix and WSDL concepts.
- [Using Artix Designer](#) describes how to use Artix Designer to build Artix solutions.
- [Artix Technical Use Cases](#) provides a number of step-by-step examples of building common Artix solutions.

### Designing and Developing Artix Solutions

The books in this section go into greater depth about using Artix to solve real-world problems. They describe how Artix uses WSDL to define services, and how to use the Artix APIs to build new services. They include:

- [Building Service-Oriented Architectures with Artix](#) provides an overview of service-oriented architectures and describes how they can be implemented using Artix.
- [Understanding Artix Contracts](#) describes the components of an Artix contract. Special attention is paid to the WSDL extensions used to define Artix-specific payload formats and transports.
- [Developing Artix Applications in C++](#) discusses the technical aspects of programming applications using the C++ API.
- [Developing Advanced Artix Plug-ins in C++](#) discusses the technical aspects of implementing advanced plug-ins (for example, interceptors) using the C++ API.
- [Developing Artix Applications in Java](#) discusses the technical aspects of programming applications using the Java API.

### Configuring and Deploying Artix Solutions

This section includes:

- [Configuring and Deploying Artix Solutions](#) discusses how to configure and deploy Artix-enabled systems, and provides examples of typical use cases.

### Using Artix Services

The books in this section describe how to use the services provided with Artix:

- [Artix Locator Guide](#) discusses how to use the Artix locator.
- [Artix Session Manager Guide](#) discusses how to use the Artix session manager.
- [Artix Transactions Guide, C++](#) explains how to enable Artix C++ applications to participate in transacted operations.
- [Artix Transactions Guide, Java](#) explains how to enable Artix Java applications to participate in transacted operations.
- [Artix Security Guide](#) explains how to use the security features of Artix.

### **Integrating Artix Solutions**

The books in this section describe how to integrate Artix solutions with other middleware technologies.

- [Artix for CORBA](#) provides information on using Artix in a CORBA environment.
- [Artix for J2EE](#) provides information on using Artix to integrate with J2EE applications.

For details on integrating with Microsoft's .NET technology, see the documentation for Artix Connect.

### **Integrating with Enterprise Management Systems**

The books in this section describe how to integrate Artix solutions with a range of enterprise management systems. They include:

- [IBM Tivoli Integration Guide](#) explains how to integrate Artix with IBM Tivoli.
- [BMC Patrol Integration Guide](#) explains how to integrate Artix with BMC Patrol.
- [CA-WSDM Integration Guide](#) explains how to integrate Artix with CA-WSDM.

### **Reference Documentation**

These books provide detailed reference information about specific Artix APIs, WSDL extensions, configuration variables, command-line tools, and terminology. The reference documentation includes:

- [Artix Command Line Reference](#)
- [Artix Configuration Reference](#)
- [Artix WSDL Extension Reference](#)
- [Artix Java API Reference](#)
- [Artix C++ API Reference](#)
- [Artix .NET API Reference](#)
- [Artix Glossary](#)

## Getting the Latest Version

The latest updates to the Artix documentation can be found at <http://www.iona.com/support/docs>.

Compare the version dates on the web page for your product version with the date printed on the copyright page of the PDF edition of the book you are reading.

## Searching the Artix Library

You can search the online documentation by using the **Search** box at the top right of the documentation home page:

<http://www.iona.com/support/docs>

To search a particular library version, browse to the required index page, and use the **Search** box at the top right, for example:

<http://www.iona.com/support/docs/artix/4.0/index.xml>

You can also search within a particular book. To search within a HTML version of a book, use the **Search** box at the top left of the page. To search within a PDF version of a book, in Adobe Acrobat, select **Edit | Find**, and enter your search text.

## Artix Online Help

Artix Designer and the Artix Management Console include comprehensive online help, providing:

- Step-by-step instructions on how to perform important tasks
- A full search feature
- Context-sensitive help for each screen

There are two ways that you can access the online help:

- Select **Help | Help Contents** from the menu bar. Sections on Artix Designer and the Artix Management Console appear in the contents panel of the Eclipse help browser.
- Press **F1** for context-sensitive help.

In addition, there are a number of cheat sheets that guide you through the most important functionality in Artix Designer. To access these, select **Help | Cheat Sheets**.

## Artix Glossary

The [Artix Glossary](#) provides a comprehensive reference of Artix terminology. It provides quick definitions of the main Artix components and concepts. All terms are defined in the context of the development and deployment of Web services using Artix.

## Additional Resources

The [IONA Knowledge Base](#) ([http://www.iona.com/support/knowledge\\_base/index.xml](http://www.iona.com/support/knowledge_base/index.xml)) contains helpful articles written by IONA experts about Artix and other products.

The [IONA Update Center](#) (<http://www.iona.com/support/updates/index.xml>) contains the latest releases and patches for IONA products.

If you need help with this or any other IONA product, go to [IONA Online Support](#) (<http://www.iona.com/support/index.xml>).

Comments, corrections, and suggestions on IONA documentation can be sent to [docs-support@iona.com](mailto:docs-support@iona.com).

## Document Conventions

### Typographical conventions

This book uses the following typographical conventions:

*Fixed width*

Fixed width (courier font) in normal text represents portions of code and literal names of items such as classes, functions, variables, and data structures. For example, text might refer to the `IT_Bus::AnyType` class.

Constant width paragraphs represent code examples or information a system displays on the screen. For example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

*Fixed width italic*

Fixed width italic words or characters in code and commands represent variable values you must supply, such as arguments to commands or path names for your particular system. For example:

```
% cd /users/YourUserName
```

*Italic*

Italic words in normal text represent *emphasis* and introduce *new terms*.

**Bold** Bold words in normal text represent graphical user interface components such as menu commands and dialog boxes. For example: the **User Preferences** dialog.

### Keying Conventions

This book uses the following keying conventions:

No prompt	When a command's format is the same for multiple platforms, the command prompt is not shown.
%	A percent sign represents the UNIX command shell prompt for a command that does not require root privileges.
#	A number sign represents the UNIX command shell prompt for a command that requires root privileges.
>	The notation > represents the MS-DOS or Windows command prompt.
...	Horizontal or vertical ellipses in format and syntax descriptions indicate that material has been eliminated to simplify a discussion.
[ ]	Brackets enclose optional items in format and syntax descriptions.
{ }	Braces enclose a list from which you must choose an item in format and syntax descriptions.
	In format and syntax descriptions, a vertical bar separates items in a list of choices enclosed in { } (braces).  In graphical user interface descriptions, a vertical bar separates menu commands (for example, select <b>File Open</b> ).

## PREFACE

# Artix Runtime

*Artix is based on IONA's highly configurable Adaptive Runtime (ART) infrastructure. This provides a high-speed, robust, and scalable backbone for deploying integration solutions. This chapter explains the configuration settings for the core Artix runtime.*

**In this chapter**

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This chapter includes the following:

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# ORB Plug-ins

## Overview

The `orb_plugins` variable specifies the list of plug-ins that Artix processes load during initialization. A *plug-in* is a class or code library that can be loaded into an Artix application at runtime. These plug-ins enable you to load network transports, payload format mappers, error logging streams, and other features on the fly.

The default `orb_plugins` entry includes the following:

```
orb_plugins = ["xmlfile_log_stream",
              "iiop_profile",
              "giop",
              "iiop"];
```

All other plug-ins that implement bindings and transports load transparently when the WSDL file is loaded into an application. These plug-ins do not need to be explicitly listed in `orb_plugins`. Artix determines what plug-ins are required from the content of the WSDL file.

However, plug-ins for other services (for example, for security, locator, session manager, routing, XSLT transformation, logging, and so on) must all be included in the `orb_plugins` entry.

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## Artix plug-ins

Each network transport and payload format that Artix interoperates with uses its own plug-in. Many of the Artix services features also use plug-ins. Artix plug-ins include the following:

- [“Java plug-ins”](#).
- [“Transport plug-ins”](#).
- [“Payload format plug-ins”](#).
- [“Service plug-ins”](#).
- [“Internal ORB plug-ins”](#)

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## Java plug-ins

Plug-ins written in Java are configured differently from C++ plug-ins. For the most part, only custom plug-ins are written in Java. However, the JMS transport plug-in is also written in Java and requires that you configure it appropriately.

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### Java plug-in loader

When using a Java plug-in, you must include an entry for the Java plug-in loader in the `orb_plugins` list, as shown in [Example 1](#).

**Example 1:** *Including the Java Plug-in Loader*

```
orb_plugins=[..., "java", ...];
```

The `java` plug-in automatically loads the JMS transport plug-in.

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### java\_plugins variable

In addition to including the `java` plug-in loader in the `orb_plugin` list, you must specify the `java_plugins` configuration variable, which lists the names of the Java plug-ins that are to be loaded. `java_plugins` is a list like `orb_plugins`. A plug-in cannot be listed in both variables. Only Java plug-ins should be listed in `java_plugins`; and Java plug-ins should not be listed in `orb_plugins`.

For example, if you are using a custom Java plug-in called `my_java_handler` in your application you would use the configuration similar to the fragment shown in [Example 2](#) to load the plug-ins.

**Example 2:** *Loading a Java Plug-in*

```
orb_plugins=["xml_log_stream", ... "java", ...];  
java_plugins=["my_java_handler"];
```

In addition, you must also specify the plug-in factory class, for example:

```
plugins:my_java_handler:classname="myJavaHandlerFactory"
```

For more details, see [“Custom Plug-ins” on page 114](#).

The following Java plug-in is supplied by Artix, and can be included in your `java_plugins` list:

`java_uddi_proxy` Dynamically locates existing Web services endpoints using the UDDI service.

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## Transport plug-ins

The Artix transport plug-ins are listed in [Table 1](#).

**Table 1:** *Artix Transport Plug-ins*

Plug-in	Transport
<code>at_http</code>	Provides support for HTTP.
<code>https</code>	Provides support for HTTPS.
<code>iiop</code>	Provides support for CORBA IIOP.
<code>iiop_profile</code>	Provides support for CORBA IIOP profile.
<code>giop</code>	Provides support for CORBA GIOP.
<code>tunnel</code>	Provides support for the IIOP transport using non-CORBA payloads.
<code>tuxedo</code>	Provides support for Tuxedo interoperability.
<code>mq</code>	Provides support for IBM WebSphere MQ interoperability, and MQ transactions.
<code>tibrv</code>	Provides support for TIBCO Rendezvous interoperability.
<code>java</code>	Provides support for Java Message Service (JMS) interoperability (and also for Java UDDI and custom Java plug-ins).

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## Payload format plug-ins

The Artix payload format plug-ins are listed in [Table 2](#).

**Table 2:** *Artix Payload Format Plug-ins*

Plug-in	Payload Format
soap	Decodes and encodes messages using the SOAP format. See also “SOAP” on page 95.
G2	Decodes and encodes messages packaged using the G2++ format.
fml	Decodes and encodes messages packaged in FML format.
tagged	Decodes and encodes messages packed in variable record length messages or another self-describing message format.
tibrv	Decodes and encodes TIBCO Rendezvous messages.
fixed	Decodes and encodes fixed record length messages.
ws_orb	Decodes and encodes CORBA messages.

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## Service plug-ins

Artix service feature plug-ins are listed in [Table 3](#).

**Table 3:** *Artix Service Plug-ins*

Plug-in	Artix Feature
bus_loader	In a pure CORBA application, add a <code>bus_loader</code> at the end of your plug-in list to start the bus and initialize all <code>BusPlugins</code> . Not needed if your application uses <code>IT_Bus::init</code> .

**Table 3:** *Artix Service Plug-ins (Continued)*

Plug-in	Artix Feature
bus_response_monitor	Enables performance logging. Monitors response times of Artix client/server requests. See also <a href="#">“Response Time Collector” on page 83</a> .
locator_client	Queries the locator and returns a reference to a target service. See also the <a href="#">Artix Locator Guide</a> .
locator_endpoint	Enables endpoints to use the Artix locator service. See also <a href="#">“Locator Endpoint Manager” on page 80</a> .
ots	Enables the CORBA OTS transaction system. See also <a href="#">“Bus” on page 49</a> .
ots_lite	Enables the OTS Lite transaction system, which supports one-phase commit transactions. See also <a href="#">“Bus” on page 49</a> .
request_forwarder	Enables forwarding of write requests from slave replicas to master replicas. See also <a href="#">“Database Environment” on page 56</a> .
routing	Enables Artix routing. See <a href="#">“Routing” on page 86</a> .
service_locator	Enables the Artix locator. An Artix server acting as the locator service must load this plug-in. See also <a href="#">“Locator Service” on page 77</a> .
session_manager_service	Enables the Artix session manager. An Artix server acting as the session manager must load this plug-in. See also <a href="#">“Session Manager” on page 92</a> .

**Table 3:** *Artix Service Plug-ins (Continued)*

Plug-in	Artix Feature
session_endpoint_manager	Enables the Artix session manager. Endpoints wishing to be managed by the session manager must load this plug-in. See also <a href="#">“Session Endpoint Manager” on page 93</a> .
sm_simple_policy	Enables the policy mechanism for the Artix session manager. Endpoints wishing to be managed by the session manager must load this plug-in. See also <a href="#">“Session Manager Simple Policy” on page 94</a> .
service_lifecycle	Enables service lifecycle for the Artix router. This optimizes performance of the router by cleaning up proxies/routes that are no longer in use. See also <a href="#">“Service Lifecycle” on page 90</a> .
uddi_proxy	Dynamically locates existing Web services endpoints using the UDDI service. See also <a href="#">“java_plugins variable” on page 3</a> .
wsat_protocol	Enables the WS-Atomic Transaction (WS-AT) system. See also <a href="#">“Bus” on page 49</a> .
ws_chain	Enables you to link together a series of services into a multi-part process. See also <a href="#">“Web Services Chain Service” on page 102</a> .
ws_coordination_service	Enables the WS-Coordination service, which coordinates two-phase commit transactions. See also <a href="#">“Bus” on page 49</a> .
wsdl_publish	Enables Artix endpoints to publish and download Artix WSDL files. See also <a href="#">“WSDL Publishing Service” on page 109</a> .

**Table 3:** *Artix Service Plug-ins (Continued)*

Plug-in	Artix Feature
wscolloc	Enables colocation for applications that share a common binding. For example, using the Artix transformer with an Artix server, you can colocate both processes. Instead of passing messages through the messaging stack, messages are passed directly between the two, improving performance.
xmlfile_log_stream	Enables you to view Artix logging output in a file. See also <a href="#">“XML File Log Stream” on page 111</a> .
xslt	Enables Artix to process XSLT scripts. See also <a href="#">“Transformer Service” on page 96</a> .

## Internal ORB plug-ins

This applies to CORBA integrations only. It is possible to specify whether the default ORB shares settings with an internal ORB. In certain circumstances such as initialization, Orbix creates an internal ORB instance. The `share_variables_with_internal_orb` setting is used to prevent an internal CORBA ORB from loading Artix plug-ins.

For example, if you set an indirect persistence mode policy on an Artix CORBA server, and also use the Artix `locator_endpoint` plug-in. Essentially, in this case, the Artix CORBA endpoint is talking to both Artix and Orbix locators.

Setting `share_variables_with_internal_orb` to `false` prevents the internal ORB (`IT_POAInternalORB`) from sharing the default ORB plug-ins. The default setting is as follows:

```
share_variables_with_internal_orb = "false";

IT_POAInternalORB
{
    orb_plugins = ["iiop_profile", "giop", "iiop"];
}
```

The list of plug-ins available for the internal ORB is specified using the `IT_POAInternalORB` configuration scope.

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# Event Log

## Overview

The `event_log` namespace control logging levels in Artix. It contains the following variables:

- `event_log:filters`
- `event_log:filters:bus:pre_filter`

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## event\_log:filters

The `event_log:filters` variable can be set to provide a wide range of logging levels. The default `event_log:filters` setting displays errors only:

```
event_log:filters = ["*=FATAL+ERROR"];
```

The following setting displays errors and warnings only:

```
event_log:filters = ["*=FATAL+ERROR+WARNING"];
```

Adding `INFO_MED` causes all of request/reply messages to be logged (for all transport buffers):

```
event_log:filters = ["*=FATAL+ERROR+WARNING+INFO_MED"];
```

The following setting displays typical trace statement output (without the raw transport buffers being printed):

```
event_log:filters = ["*=FATAL+ERROR+WARNING+INFO_HI"];
```

The following setting displays all logging:

```
event_log:filters = ["*="];
```

The default configuration settings enable logging of only serious errors and warnings. For more exhaustive output, select a different filter list at the default scope, or include a more expansive `event_log:filters` setting in your configuration scope.

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## event\_log:filters:bus:pre\_filter

`event_log:filters:bus:pre_filter` provides filtering of log messages that are sent to the `EventLog` before they are output to the `LogStream`. This enables you to minimize the time spent generating log messages that will be ignored. For example:

```
event_log:filters:bus:pre_filter = "WARN+ERROR+FATAL";  
event_log:filters = ["IT_BUS=FATAL+ERROR", "IT_BUS.BINDING=*"];
```

In this example, only `WARNING`, `ERROR` and `FATAL` priority log messages are sent to the `EventLog`. This means that no processing time is wasted generating strings for `INFO` log messages. The `EventLog` then only sends `FATAL` and `ERROR` log messages to the `LogStream` for the `IT_BUS` subsystem.

**Note:** `event_log:filters:bus:pre_filter` defaults to `*` (all messages). Setting this variable to `WARN+ERROR+FATAL` improves performance significantly.

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# Message Snoop

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## Overview

Artix message snoop is a message interceptor that sends input/output messages to the Artix log to enable viewing of the message content. This is a useful debugging tool when developing and testing an Artix system. The `artix:interceptors:message_snoop` namespace includes the following configuration variables:

- `artix:interceptors:message_snoop:enabled`
- `artix:interceptors:message_snoop:log_level`
- `artix:interceptors:message_snoop:log_subsystem`

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## `artix:interceptors:message_snoop:enabled`

`artix:interceptors:message_snoop:enabled` specifies whether message snoop is enabled. Message snoop is enabled by default. It is automatically added as the last interceptor before the binding to detect any changes that other interceptors might make to the message. By default, `message_snoop` logs at `INFO_MED` in the `MESSAGE_SNOOP` subsystem.

Message snoop is invoked on every message call, twice in the client and twice in the server (assuming Artix is on both sides). This means that it can impact on performance. More importantly, message snoop involves risks to confidentiality. You can disable message snoop using the following setting:

```
artix:interceptors:message_snoop:enabled = "false";
```

**WARNING:** For security reasons, it is strongly recommended that message snoop is disabled in production deployments.

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## artix:interceptors:message\_snoop:log\_level

`artix:interceptors:message_snoop:log_level` specifies a message snoop log level globally or for a service port. The following example sets the level globally:

```
artix:interceptors:message_snoop:log_level = "WARNING";
event_log:filters = ["*=WARNING", "IT_BUS=INFO_HI+WARN+ERROR",
  "MESSAGE_SNOOP=WARNING"];
```

The following example sets the level for a service port:

```
artix:interceptors:message_snoop:http://www.acme.com/tests:myService:myPort:log_level = "INFO_MED";
event_log:filters = ["*=INFO_MED", "IT_BUS=",
  "MESSAGE_SNOOP=INFO_MED"];
```

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## artix:interceptors:message\_snoop:log\_subsystem

`artix:interceptors:message_snoop:log_subsystem` specifies a specific subsystem globally or for a service port. The following example sets the subsystem globally:

```
artix:interceptors:message_snoop:log_subsystem = "MY_SUBSYSTEM";
event_log:filters = ["*=INFO_MED", "IT_BUS=",
  "MY_SUBSYSTEM=INFO_MED"];
```

The following example sets the subsystem for a service port:

```
artix:interceptors:message_snoop:http://www.acme.com/tests:myService:myPort:log_subsystem = "MESSAGE_SNOOP";
event_log:filters = ["*=INFO_MED", "IT_BUS=",
  "MESSAGE_SNOOP=INFO_MED"];
```

If message snoop is disabled globally, but configured for a service/port, it is enabled for that service/port with the specified configuration only. For example:

```
artix:interceptors:message_snoop:enabled = "false";

artix:interceptors:message_snoop:http://www.acme.com/tests:myService:myPort:log_level = "WARNING";
artix:interceptors:message_snoop:http://www.acme.com/tests:myService:myPort:log_subsystem = "MY_SUBSYSTEM";

event_log:filters = ["*=WARNING", "IT_BUS=INFO_HI+WARN+ERROR",
                    "MY_SUBSYSTEM=WARNING"];
```

Setting message snoop in conjunction with log filters is useful when you wish to trace only messages that are relevant to a particular service, and you do not wish to see logging for others (for example, the container, locator, and so on).

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# Policies

## Overview

The `policies` namespace contains variables that control the publishing of server and client hostnames. These include the following:

- `policies:at_http:client:proxy_server`
- `policies:at_http:server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname`
- `policies:at_http:server_address_mode_policy:local_hostname`
- `policies:http:client_address_mode_policy:local_hostname`
- `policies:http:server_address_mode_policy:port_range`
- `policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:local_hostname`
- `policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:port_range`
- `policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname`
- `policies:soap:server_address_mode_policy:local_hostname`
- `policies:soap:server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname`

---

## `policies:at_http:client:proxy_server`

`policies:at_http:client:proxy_server` specifies the URL of the HTTP proxy server (if one exists) along a request/response chain.

**Note:** Artix does not support the existence of more than one proxy server along a request/response chain.

For example:

```
policies:at_http:client:proxy_server =  
    "http://localhost:0/SOAPHTTPProxy";
```

You can specify the HTTP proxy server in different ways. The order of priority is as follows:

1. Context API.
2. WSDL file.

3. Command line configuration, for example:

```
client -ORBpolicies:at_http:client:proxy_server="http://localhost:0/SOAPHTTPProxy"
```

4. This configuration variable.

---

## policies:at\_http:server\_address\_mode\_policy:publish\_hostname

`policies:at_http:server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname` specifies how the server's address is published in dynamically generated Artix service contracts when using the HTTP transport. The possible values are as follows:

<code>canonical</code>	Publishes the fully qualified hostname of the machine in the <code>http:address</code> element of the dynamic WSDL (for example, <code>http://myhost.mydomain.com</code> ).
<code>unqualified</code>	Publishes the unqualified local hostname of the machine in the <code>http:address</code> element of the dynamic WSDL. This does not include the domain name with the hostname (for example, <code>http://myhost</code> ).
<code>ipaddress</code>	Publishes the IP address associated with the machine in the <code>http:address</code> element of the dynamic WSDL (for example, <code>http://10.1.2.3</code> ).

For example:

```
policies:at_http:server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname="canonical";
```

The following values are deprecated:

<code>false</code>	Publishes the IP address of the running server in the <code>http:address</code> element. This is the default behavior.
<code>true</code>	Publishes the hostname of the machine hosting the running server in the <code>http:address</code> element of the WSDL contract.

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## policies:at\_http:server\_address\_mode\_policy:local\_hostname

`policies:at_http:server_address_mode_policy:local_hostname` specifies the server hostname that is published in dynamically generated Artix contracts. For example:

```
policies:at_http:server_address_mode_policy:local_hostname="207.45.52.34";
```

This variable accepts any valid string value. The specified hostname is published in the `http:address` element, which describes the server's location. If no hostname is specified,

`policies:at_http:server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname` is used instead.

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## policies:http:client\_address\_mode\_policy:local\_hostname

`policies:http:client_address_mode_policy:local_hostname` specifies the outgoing client hostname. This enables you to explicitly specify the hostname that the client binds on, when initiating a TCP connection.

This provides support for *multi-homed* client host machines with multiple hostnames or IP addresses (for example, those using multiple DNS aliases or multiple network interface cards).

For example, if you have a client machine with two network addresses (207.45.52.34 and 207.45.52.35), you can explicitly set this variable to either address:

```
policies:http:client_address_mode_policy:local_hostname =  
  "207.45.52.34";
```

This variable accepts any valid string value. By default, the `local_hostname` variable is unspecified, and the client uses the `0.0.0.0` wildcard address. In this case, the network interface card used is determined by the operating system.

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## policies:http:server\_address\_mode\_policy:port\_range

`policies:http:server_address_mode_policy:port_range` specifies a range of HTTP ports in the following format: *FromPort:ToPort*

For example:

```
policies:http:server_address_mode_policy:port_range="4003:4008";
```

**Note:** The specified `port_range` has no effect when a fixed TCP port is specified for the SOAP address in the WSDL contract. The WSDL setting takes precedence over the configuration file setting.

---

## policies:iiop:server\_address\_mode\_policy:local\_hostname

`policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:local_hostname` enables you to explicitly specify the host name that the server listens on and publishes in its IORs.

For example, if you have a machine with two network addresses (207.45.52.34 and 207.45.52.35), you can explicitly set this variable to either address:

```
policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:local_hostname =  
"207.45.52.34";
```

By default, the `local_hostname` variable is unspecified.

---

## policies:iiop:server\_address\_mode\_policy:port\_range

`policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:port_range` specifies the range of ports that a server uses when there is no well-known addressing policy specified for the port. Specified values take the format of *FromPort:ToPort*, for example:

```
policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:port_range="4003:4008"
```

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## policies:iiop:server\_address\_mode\_policy:publish\_hostname

`policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname` specifies whether IIOp exports hostnames or IP addresses in published profiles. Defaults to `false` (exports IP addresses, and does not export hostnames). To use hostnames in object references, set this variable to `true`, as in the following file-based configuration entry:

```
policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname=true
```

---

## policies:soap:server\_address\_mode\_policy:local\_hostname

`policies:soap:server_address_mode_policy:local_hostname` specifies the server hostname that is published in dynamically generated Artix contracts. For example:

```
policies:soap:server_address_mode_policy:local_hostname="207.45.52.34";
```

This variable accepts any valid string value. The specified hostname is published in the `soap:address` element, which describes the server's location. If no hostname is specified, `policies:soap:server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname` is used instead.

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## policies:soap:server\_address\_mode\_policy:publish\_hostname

`policies:soap:server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname` specifies how the server's address is published in dynamically generated Artix contracts when using SOAP as a transport. The possible values are as follows:

- |                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <code>canonical</code>   | Publishes the fully qualified hostname of the machine in the <code>soap:address</code> element of the dynamic WSDL (for example, <code>http://myhost.mydomain.com</code> ).   |
| <code>unqualified</code> | Publishes the unqualified local hostname of the machine in the <code>soap:address</code> element of the dynamic WSDL. This does not include the domain name with the hostname (for example, <code>http://myhost</code> ). |

`ipaddress` Publishes the IP address associated with the machine in the `soap:address` element of the dynamic WSDL (for example, `http://10.1.2.3`).

For example:

```
policies:soap:server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname="ipaddress";
```

The following values are deprecated:

`false` Publishes the IP address of the running server in the `soap:address` element. This is the default behavior.

`true` Publishes the hostname of the machine hosting the running server in the `soap:address` element of the WSDL contract.

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# Binding Lists

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## Overview

When using Artix's CORBA functionality you need to configure how Artix binds itself to message interceptors. The Artix `binding` namespace contains variables that specify interceptor settings. An interceptor acts on a message as it flows from sender to receiver.

Computing concepts that fit the interceptor abstraction include transports, marshaling streams, transaction identifiers, encryption, session managers, message loggers, containers, and data transformers. Interceptors are based on the “chain of responsibility” design pattern. Artix creates and manages chains of interceptors between senders and receivers, and the interceptor metaphor is a means of creating a virtual connection between a sender and a receiver.

The `binding` namespace includes the following variables:

- `client_binding_list`
- `server_binding_list`

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## client\_binding\_list

Artix provides client request-level interceptors for OTS, GIOP, and POA collocation (where server and client are collocated in the same process). Artix also provides and message-level interceptors used in client-side bindings for IIOP, SHMIOP and GIOP.

The `binding:client_binding_list` specifies a list of potential client-side bindings. Each item is a string that describes one potential interceptor binding. The default value is:

```
binding:client_binding_list = ["OTS+POA_Colloc", "POA_Colloc", "OTS+GIOP+IIOP", "GIOP+IIOP"];
```

Interceptor names are separated by a plus (+) character. Interceptors to the right are “closer to the wire” than those on the left. The syntax is as follows:

- Request-level interceptors, such as `GIOP`, must precede message-level interceptors, such as `IIOP`.
- `GIOP` or `POA_colloc` must be included as the last request-level interceptor.

- Message-level interceptors must follow the `GIOP` interceptor, which requires at least one message-level interceptor.
- The last message-level interceptor must be a message-level transport interceptor, such as `IIOP` or `SHMIOP`.

When a client-side binding is needed, the potential binding strings in the list are tried in order, until one successfully establishes a binding. Any binding string specifying an interceptor that is not loaded, or not initialized through the `orb_plugins` variable, is rejected.

For example, if the `ots` plug-in is not configured, bindings that contain the `OTS` request-level interceptor are rejected, leaving `["POA_Colloc", "GIOP+IIOP", "GIOP+SHMIOP"]`. This specifies that POA collocations should be tried first; if that fails, (the server and client are not collocated), the `GIOP` request-level interceptor and the `IIOP` message-level interceptor should be used. If the `ots` plug-in is configured, bindings that contain the `OTS` request interceptor are preferred to those without it.

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## server\_binding\_list

`binding:server_binding_list` specifies interceptors included in request-level binding on the server side. The POA request-level interceptor is implicitly included in the binding.

The syntax is similar to `client_binding_list`. However, in contrast to the `client_binding_list`, the left-most interceptors in the `server_binding_list` are “closer to the wire”, and no message-level interceptors can be included (for example, `IIOP`). For example:

```
binding:server_binding_list = ["OTS",""];
```

An empty string ("" ) is a valid server-side binding string. This specifies that no request-level interceptors are needed. A binding string is rejected if any named interceptor is not loaded and initialized.

The default `server_binding_list` is `["OTS", "" ]`. If the `ots` plug-in is not configured, the first potential binding is rejected, and the second potential binding ("" ) is used, with no explicit interceptors added.

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## Binding Lists for Custom Interceptors

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### Overview

The `binding:artix` namespace includes variables that configure Artix applications to use custom interceptors.

Artix interceptors are listed in the order that they are invoked on a message when it passes through a messaging chain. For example, if a server request interceptor list is specified as `"interceptor_1+interceptor_2"`, the message is passed into `interceptor_1` as it leaves the binding. When `interceptor_1` processes the message, it is passed into `interceptor_2` for more processing. `interceptor_2` then passes the message along to the application code.

The interceptor chain is specified as a single string, and each interceptor name must be separated by a `+` character (for example, `"interceptor_1+interceptor_2+interceptor_3"`).

The variables in the `binding:artix` namespace are as follows:

- `client_message_interceptor_list`
- `client_request_interceptor_list`
- `server_message_interceptor_list`
- `server_request_interceptor_list`

These settings apply to all services activated in a single Artix bus. See also ["Port level interceptor chains" on page 25](#).

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### client\_message\_interceptor\_list

`binding:artix:client_message_interceptor_list` is a string that specifies an ordered list of message-level interceptors for a Java or C++ client application. Each interceptor is separated using a `+` character, for example:

```
binding:artix:client_message_interceptor_list =  
"interceptor_1+interceptor_2";
```

There is no default value.

---

## client\_request\_interceptor\_list

`binding:artix:client_request_interceptor_list` is a string that specifies an ordered list of request-level interceptors for a Java or C++ client application. Each interceptor is separated using a `+` character, for example:

```
binding:artix:client_request_interceptor_list =  
"interceptor_1+interceptor_2";
```

There is no default value.

---

## server\_message\_interceptor\_list

`binding:artix:server_message_interceptor_list` is a string that specifies an ordered list of message-level interceptors for a Java or C++ server application. Each interceptor is separated using a `+` character, for example:

```
binding:artix:server_message_interceptor_list =  
"interceptor_1+interceptor_2";
```

There is no default value.

---

## server\_request\_interceptor\_list

`binding:artix:server_request_interceptor_list` is a string that specifies an ordered list of request-level interceptors for a Java or C++ server application. Each interceptor is separated using a `+` character, for example:

```
binding:artix:server_request_interceptor_list =  
"interceptor_1+interceptor_2";
```

There is no default value.

## Port level interceptor chains

Each of the variables in the `binding:artix` namespace can also be specified at the level of a service port. This more fine-grained approach enables you to configure different interceptor chains for different endpoints in the same application. For example:

```
binding:artix:client_request_interceptor_list:ServiceQname:PortName=
  "interceptor_1+interceptor_2";

binding:artix:server_request_interceptor_list:ServiceQname:PortName=
  "interceptor_1+interceptor_2";

binding:artix:client_message_interceptor_list:ServiceQname:PortName=
  "interceptor_1+interceptor_2";

binding:artix:server_message_interceptor_list:ServiceQname:PortName=
  "interceptor_1+interceptor_2";
```

The syntax of a `ServiceQname` is `NamespaceURI:LocalPart`. The following example shows a service defined as `FooService` with a target namespace of `http://www.myco.com/myservice`:

```
binding:artix:client_request_interceptor_list:http://www.myco.com/myservice:FooService:FooPort=
  "interceptor_1+interceptor_2";
```

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## Interceptor Factory Plug-in

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### Overview

An Artix plug-in that implements an interceptor is dynamically loaded when the interceptor name is specified in the binding list (see [“Binding Lists for Custom Interceptors”](#) on page 23).

You must either include the interceptor plug-in name in your `orb_plugins` list, or specify an interceptor factory plug-in.

**Note:** For Java applications, you also have the option of specifying a handler classname. See [“Java Handler Class”](#) on page 28.

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### `interceptor_factory:InterceptorFactoryName:plugin`

`interceptor_factory:InterceptorFactoryName:plugin` specifies the name of the plug-in used by a custom interceptor. The format of this variable is as follows:

```
interceptor_factory:InterceptorFactoryName:plugin="PluginName";
```

For example,

```
interceptor_factory:TestInterceptor:plugin= "test_interceptor";
```

You do not need to add such configuration for the interceptors that are implemented internally by the various Artix plug-ins (for example, `security`, `service_lifecycle`, and `artix_response_time_interceptor`). These are all hard coded already.

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### C++ applications

The following names are used in this syntax:

- The name of the interceptor factory: *InterceptorFactoryName*
- If the interceptor is implemented as a plug-in, the name of the plug-in: (*PluginName*)
- The name of the shared library that hosts the plug-in: *SharedLibName*

You must always specify the mapping between the plug-in name and the shared library name, using the following configuration syntax:

```
plugins:PluginName:shlib_name = "SharedLibName";
```

There are two ways in which a plug-in can be loaded:

- Specify the plug-in name in the ORB plug-ins list, for example:

```
orb_plugins = [ ..., "PluginName", ... ];
```

Using this approach, the plug-in is loaded during ORB initialization.

- Configure a mapping between an interceptor factory name and the plug-in name as follows:

```
interceptor_factory:InterceptorFactoryName:plugin="PluginName";
```

Using this approach, the plug-in is loaded when the interceptor list is parsed.

## Java applications

For Java applications, the interceptor factory is called a `HandlerFactory`. This can be registered with the Artix bus any of the following ways:

- Write a Java plug-in and register a handler factory inside the plug-in. For details, see [Developing Artix Applications in Java](#).
- Register directly with the Artix bus in your server or client mainline code. If you use this approach, you do not need any additional plug-in configuration, just specify the interceptor factory names in the list. The `HandlerFactory` should be registered before registering the servant on the server side, and before creating the client proxy base on the client-side. The public API is:

```
bus.registerHandlerFactory(new MyHandlerFactory());
```

For more details, see [Developing Artix Applications in Java](#).

- Alternatively, you can use configuration to dynamically register a Java handler without writing a plug-in, or creating a `HandlerFactory`. For details, see [“Java Handler Class” on page 28](#).

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## Java Handler Class

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### Overview

Specifying a Java handler class in configuration enables dynamic creation and registration of a `HandlerFactory` for your handler. On startup, the Java runtime searches the configured list of interceptors for names that are used to identify a classname for a Java handler. The runtime wraps the specified handlers in a `GenericHandlerFactory`, and registers these factories with the Artix bus.

Configuring an endpoint to use a Java handler is a two step process. First, specify an implementation class and associate it with a name. Second, add the handler to one of the endpoint's interceptor chains.

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### handler:handler\_name:classname

`handler:HandlerName:classname` specifies the Java implementation class for your handler. This information is used to dynamically create and register a `HandlerFactory` for your handler. This variable has the following syntax:

```
handler:HandlerName:classname="handlerClassname";
```

The value you supply for `HandlerName` is the name by which the handler will be referred to in interceptor chains. The value you supply for `handlerClassname` is the fully qualified class name of your handler's implementation. For example, if you wrote a handler in a class called `com.acme.myHandler` you would add the following variable to your endpoint's configuration:

```
handler:my_handler_app:classname="com.acme.myHandler";
```

When adding the handler to the endpoint's interceptor chain you would refer to the handler using `my_handler_app`.

**Note:** If you implemented your handler as an Artix plug-in, you must specify its implementation as described in [“Java plug-in classes” on page 115](#).

## handlers and interceptor chains

You must configure your application to load the handlers at the appropriate points in the message chain. This is done using the following configuration variables in the application's configuration scope:

- `binding:artix:client_message_interceptor_list`
- `binding:artix:client_request_interceptor_list`
- `binding:artix:server_message_interceptor_list`
- `binding:artix:server_request_interceptor_list`

The handlers are placed in the list in the order they will be invoked on the message as it passes through the messaging chain. The following example shows an application that uses both client and server handlers.

```
java_interceptors
{
  handler:first_handler:classname="com.acme.myFirstHandler";
  handler:second_handler:classname="com.acme.mySecondHandler";
  ...
  client
  {
    binding:artix:client_request_interceptor_list =
    "first_handler+second_handler";
    binding:artix:client_message_interceptor_list =
    "first_handler+second_handler";
  };
  server
  {
    binding:artix:server_request_interceptor_list=
    "second_handler+first_handler";
    binding:artix:server_message_interceptor_list =
    "second_handler+first_handler";
  };
};
```

For more details, see [“Binding Lists for Custom Interceptors”](#) on page 23.

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# Thread Pool Control

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## Overview

Variables in the `thread_pool` namespace set policies related to thread control. Thread pools can be configured at several levels, where the more specific configuration settings take precedence over the less specific. They can be set globally for Artix instances in a configuration scope, or they can be set on a per-service basis.

To set the values globally, use the following syntax:

```
thread_pool:VariableName
```

To set the values on a per-service basis, specify the service name (and optionally the service URI) from the Artix contract. The syntax is as follows:

```
thread_pool:VariableName:ServiceURI:ServiceName
```

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## Threading variables

This namespace includes following variables:

- `thread_pool:initial_threads`
- `thread_pool:high_water_mark`
- `thread_pool:low_water_mark`
- `thread_pool:max_queue_size`
- `thread_pool:stack_size`

The following variable applies to work queues:

- `service:owns_workqueue`
- 

## `thread_pool:initial_threads`

`thread_pool:initial_threads` specifies the number of initial threads in each port's thread pool. Defaults to 2.

This variable can be set at different levels in your configuration. The following is a global setting:

```
thread_pool:initial_threads = "3";
```

The following setting is at the service name level, which overrides the global setting:

```
thread_pool:initial_threads:SessionManager = "1";
```

The following setting is at the fully-qualified service name level:

```
thread_pool:initial_threads:http://my.tns1/:SessionManager= "1";
```

This overrides the service name level, and is useful when there is a naming clash with service names from two different namespaces.

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## thread\_pool:high\_water\_mark

`thread_pool:high_water_mark` sets the maximum number of threads allowed in each service's thread pool. Defaults to 25.

This variable can be set at different levels in your configuration. The following is a global setting:

```
thread_pool:high_water_mark = "10";
```

The following setting is at the service name level, which overrides the global setting:

```
thread_pool:high_water_mark:SessionManager = "10";
```

The following setting is at the fully-qualified service name level:

```
thread_pool:high_water_mark:http://my.tns1/:SessionManager= "10";
```

This overrides the service name level, and is useful when there is a naming clash with service names from two different namespaces.

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## thread\_pool:low\_water\_mark

`thread_pool:low_water_mark` sets the minimum number of threads in each service's thread pool. Artix will terminate unused threads until only this number exists. Defaults to 5.

This variable can be set at different levels in your configuration. The following is a global setting:

```
thread_pool:low_water_mark = "5";
```

The following setting is at the service name level, which overrides the global setting:

```
thread_pool:low_water_mark:SessionManager = "5";
```

The following setting is at the fully-qualified service name level:

```
thread_pool:low_water_mark:http://my.tns1/:SessionManager= "5";
```

This overrides the service name level, and is useful when there is a naming clash with service names from two different namespaces.

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## thread\_pool:max\_queue\_size

`thread_pool:max_queue_size` specifies the maximum number of request items that can be queued on the internal work queue. If this limit is exceeded, Artix considers the server to be overloaded, and gracefully closes down connections to reduce the load. Artix rejects subsequent requests until there is free space in the work queue.

Defaults to -1, which means that there is no upper limit on the size of the request queue. In this case, the maximum work queue size is limited by how much memory is available to the process.

The following is a global setting:

```
thread_pool:max_queue_size = "10";
```

The following setting is at the service name level, which overrides the global setting:

```
thread_pool:max_queue_size:SessionManager = "10";
```

The following setting is at the fully-qualified service name level:

```
thread_pool:max_queue_size:http://my.tns1/:SessionManager= "10";
```

This overrides the service name level, and is useful when there is a naming clash with service names from two different namespaces.

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## thread\_pool:stack\_size

`thread_pool:stack_size` specifies the stack size for each thread. The stack size is specified in bytes. The default is the following global setting:

```
thread_pool:stack_size = "1048576";
```

The following setting is at the service name level, which overrides the global setting:

```
thread_pool:stack_size:SessionManager = "1048576";
```

The following setting is at the fully-qualified service name level:

```
thread_pool:stack_size:http://my.tns1/:SessionManager= "1048576";
```

This overrides the service name level, and is useful when there is a naming clash with service names from two different namespaces.

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## service:owns\_workqueue

`service:owns_workqueue` specifies whether the service can own a workqueue. If this variable is set to `true`, the service can own a workqueue, if needed. For example, this means that if your application calls `Service::get_workqueue()`, this creates and returns a work queue specific to that service.

If this variable is set to `false`, the service never owns a work queue. It uses the bus work queue. The default value is `true`.

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# Initial Contracts

## Overview

Initial contracts specify the location of the WSDL contracts for Artix services. This provides a uniform mechanism for finding Artix services and contracts, and enables user code to be written in a location transparent way.

Because these variables are in the global scope of `artix.cfg`, every application can access the contracts. These contracts specify a `localhost:0` port, which means that the operating system assigns a TCP/IP port on startup.

To explicitly set a port, copy the relevant WSDL contract to another location, and edit it to include the port. In the application scope, add a `bus:initial_contract:url` entry that points to the edited WSDL file. The `bus:initial_contract:url` namespace includes the following variables:

- `container`
- `locator`
- `peermanager`
- `sessionmanager`
- `sessionendpointmanager`
- `uddi_inquire`
- `uddi_publish`
- `login_service`

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## container

`bus:initial_contract:url:container` specifies the location of the WSDL contract for the Artix container service. For example:

```
bus:initial_contract:url:container =  
    "InstallDir/artix/Version/wsd/container.wsdl";
```

---

## locator

`bus:initial_contract:url:locator` specifies the location of the WSDL contract for the Artix locator service. For example:

```
bus:initial_contract:url:locator =  
  "InstallDir/artix/Version/wsd/locator.wsdl";
```

---

## peermanager

`bus:initial_contract:url:peermanager` specifies the location of the WSDL contract for the Artix peer manager. For example:

```
bus:initial_contract:url:peermanager =  
  "InstallDir/artix/Version/wsd/peer-manager.wsdl";
```

---

## sessionmanager

`bus:initial_contract:url:sessionmanager` specifies the location of the WSDL contract for the Artix session manager. For example:

```
bus:initial_contract:url:sessionmanager =  
  "InstallDir/artix/Version/wsd/session-manager.wsdl";
```

---

## sessionendpointmanager

`bus:initial_contract:url:sessionendpointmanager` specifies the location of the WSDL contract for the Artix session endpoint manager. For example:

```
bus:initial_contract:url:sessionendpointmanager =  
  "InstallDir/artix/Version/wsd/session-manager.wsdl";
```

---

## uddi\_inquire

`bus:initial_contract:url:uddi_inquire` specifies the location of the WSDL contract for the Artix UDDI inquire service. For example:

```
bus:initial_contract:url:uddi_inquire =  
  "InstallDir/artix/Version/wsd/uddi/uddi_v2.wsdl";
```

---

## uddi\_publish

`bus:initial_contract:url:uddi_publish` specifies the location of the WSDL contract for the Artix UDDI publish service. For example:

```
bus:initial_contract:url:uddi_publish =  
  "InstallDir/artix/Version/wsd/uddi/uddi_v2.wsdl";
```

---

## login\_service

`bus:initial_contract:url:login_service` specifies the location of the WSDL contract for the Artix peer manager. For example:

```
bus:initial_contract:url:login_service =  
  "InstallDir/artix/Version/wsd/login_service.wsdl";
```

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## Further information

For more information on finding WSDL contracts, see [Configuring and Deploying Artix Solutions](#).

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# Initial References

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## Overview

Initial references provide a uniform mechanism for enabling servers and clients to communicate with services deployed in the Artix container. This enables user code to be written in a location transparent way. The `bus:initial_references` namespace includes the following variables:

- `locator`
  - `peermanager`
  - `sessionmanager`
  - `sessionendpointmanager`
  - `uddi_inquire`
  - `uddi_publish`
  - `login_service`
  - `container`
- 

## locator

`bus:initial_references:url:locator` specifies the location of an initial endpoint reference for the Artix locator service. For example:

```
bus:initial_references:url:locator = "./locator.ref";
```

For example, the `locator.ref` initial reference file can be generated using the following command:

```
it_container_admin -container ContainerService.url  
-publishreference -service  
{http://ws.iona.com/locator}LocatorService -file locator.ref
```

In this example, `it_container_admin` asks the Artix container service in `ContainerService.url` to publish an endpoint reference to a locator service. The same command can be used when a server or a client obtains an endpoint reference.

---

## peermanager

`bus:initial_references:url:peermanager` specifies the location of an initial endpoint reference for the Artix peer manager service. For example:

```
bus:initial_references:url:peermanager = "./peermanager.ref";
```

For example, the `peermanager.ref` initial reference file can be generated using the following command:

```
it_container_admin -container ContainerService.url  
-publishreference -service  
{http://ws.iona.com/peer_manager}PeerManagerService -file  
peermanager.ref
```

In this example, `it_container_admin` asks the Artix container service in `ContainerService.url` to publish an endpoint reference to a peer manager service. The same command can be used when a server or a client obtains an endpoint reference.

---

## sessionmanager

`bus:initial_references:url:sessionmanager` specifies the location of an initial endpoint reference for the Artix session manager service. For example:

```
bus:initial_references:url:sessionmanager =  
"./sessionmanager.ref";
```

For example, the `sessionmanager.ref` initial reference file can be generated using the following command:

```
it_container_admin -container ContainerService.url  
-publishreference -service  
{http://ws.iona.com/sessionmanager}SessionManagerService  
-file sessionmanager.ref
```

In this example, `it_container_admin` asks the Artix container service in `ContainerService.url` to publish an endpoint reference to a session manager service. The same command can be used when a server or a client obtains an endpoint reference.

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## sessionendpointmanager

`bus:initial_references:url:sessionendpointmanager` specifies the location of an initial endpoint reference for the Artix session endpoint manager service. For example:

```
bus:initial_references:url:sessionendpointmanager =  
    "./sessionendpointmanager.ref";
```

For example, the `sessionendpointmanager.ref` initial reference file can be generated using the following command:

```
it_container_admin -container ContainerService.url  
-publishreference -service  
{http://ws.iona.com/sessionmanager}SessionEndpointManagerService  
-file sessionendpointmanager.ref
```

In this example, `it_container_admin` asks the Artix container service in `ContainerService.url` to publish an endpoint reference to a session endpoint manager service. The same command can be used when a server or a client obtains an endpoint reference.

---

## uddi\_inquire

`bus:initial_references:url:uddi_inquire` specifies the location of an initial endpoint reference for the Artix UDDI inquire service. For example:

```
bus:initial_references:url:uddi_inquire = "./uddi_inquire.ref";
```

For example, the `uddi_inquire.ref` initial reference file can be generated using the following command:

```
it_container_admin -container ContainerService.url  
-publishreference -service  
{http://www.iona.com/uddi_over_artix}UDDI_InquireService  
-file uddi_inquire.ref
```

In this example, `it_container_admin` asks the Artix container service in `ContainerService.url` to publish an endpoint reference to a UDDI inquire service. The same command can be used when a server or a client obtains an endpoint reference.

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## uddi\_publish

`bus:initial_references:url:uddi_publish` specifies the location of an initial endpoint reference for the Artix UDDI publish service. For example:

```
bus:initial_references:url:uddi_publish = "./uddi_publish.ref";
```

For example, the `uddi_publish.ref` initial reference file can be generated using the following command:

```
it_container_admin -container ContainerService.url  
-publishreference -service  
{http://www.iona.com/uddi_over_artix}UDDI_PublishService  
-file uddi_publish.ref
```

In this example, `it_container_admin` asks the Artix container service in `ContainerService.url` to publish an endpoint reference to a UDDI publish service. The same command can be used when a server or a client obtains an endpoint reference.

---

## login\_service

`bus:initial_references:url:login_service` specifies the location of an initial endpoint reference for the Artix login service. For example:

```
bus:initial_references:url:login_service =  
"./login_service.ref";
```

For example, the `login_service.ref` initial reference file can be generated using the following command:

```
it_container_admin -container ContainerService.url  
-publishreference -service  
{http://ws.iona.com/login_service>LoginService -file  
locator.ref
```

In this example, `it_container_admin` asks the Artix container service in `ContainerService.url` to publish an endpoint reference to a login service. The same command can be used when a server or a client obtains an endpoint reference.

## container

---

`bus:initial_references:url:container` specifies the location of an initial endpoint reference for the Artix container service. For example:

```
bus:initial_references:url:container = "./container.ref";
```

For example, the `container.ref` initial reference file can be generated using the following command:

```
it_container_admin -container ContainerService.url  
-publishreference -service  
{http://ws.iona.com/container}ContainerService -file  
container.ref
```

In this example, `it_container_admin` asks the Artix container service in `ContainerService.url` to publish an endpoint reference to a container service. The same command can be used when a server or a client obtains an endpoint reference.

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# QName Aliases

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## Overview

QName aliases are shorthand names for services in Artix configuration files. QNames are specified in the following format:

```
{NamespaceURI}LocalPart
```

For example: `{http://ws.iona.com/locator}LocatorService`. In this case, the `bus:initial_references:url:locator` variable is used as a shorthand instead of a more verbose format, such as

```
bus:initial_references:url:LocatorService:http://ws.iona.com/locator.
```

The `bus:qname_alias` namespace includes the following variables:

- `container`
- `locator`
- `peermanager`
- `sessionmanager`
- `sessionendpointmanager`
- `uddi_inquire`
- `uddi_publish`
- `login_service`

---

## container

`bus:qname_alias:container` specifies the QName alias for the Artix container service. For example:

```
bus:qname_alias:container =  
"{http://ws.iona.com/container}ContainerService";
```

---

## locator

`bus:qname_alias:locator` specifies the QName alias for the Artix locator service. For example:

```
bus:qname_alias:locator =  
  "{http://ws.iona.com/locator}LocatorService";
```

---

## peermanager

`bus:qname_alias:peermanager` specifies the QName alias for the Artix peer manager service. For example:

```
bus:qname_alias:peermanager =  
  "{http://ws.iona.com/peer_manager}PeerManagerService";
```

---

## sessionmanager

`bus:qname_alias:sessionmanager` specifies the QName alias for the Artix session manager service. For example:

```
bus:qname_alias:sessionmanager =  
  "{http://ws.iona.com/sessionmanager}SessionManagerService";
```

---

## sessionendpointmanager

`bus:qname_alias:sessionendpointmanager` specifies the QName alias for the Artix session endpoint manager service. For example:

```
bus:qname_alias:sessionendpointmanager =  
  "{http://ws.iona.com/sessionmanager}SessionEndpointManagerService";
```

---

## uddi\_inquire

`bus:qname_alias:uddi_inquire` specifies the QName alias for the Artix UDDI inquire service. For example:

```
bus:qname_alias:uddi_inquire =  
  "{http://www.iona.com/uddi_over_artix}UDDI_InquireService";
```

---

## uddi\_publish

`bus:qname_alias:uddi_publish` specifies the QName alias for the Artix UDDI publish service. For example:

```
bus:qname_alias:uddi_publish =  
  "{http://www.iona.com/uddi_over_artix}UDDI_PublishService";
```

---

## login\_service

`bus:qname_alias:login_service` specifies the QName alias for the Artix login service. For example:

```
bus:qname_alias:login_service =  
  "{http://ws.iona.com/login_service>LoginService";
```

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# Artix Reference Compatibility

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## Overview

From Artix 3.0.1, the proprietary references produced by Artix no longer use a hard coded `reference_properties` element name. Instead, Artix references use extension element names that are described in the port definition.

### Artix 3.0.1 reference format

For example, when using SOAP, an Artix 3.0.1 stringified reference has the following format:

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'?>
<m1:reference service="m2:AccountService"
              wsdlLocation="file:./bank.wsdl"
              xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
              xmlns:m1="http://www.iona.com/bus"
              xmlns:m2="http://www.iona.com/bus/tests"

              xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <port name="AccountPort" binding="m2:AccountBinding">
    <m3:address xsi:type="m3:tAddress"

              location="http://localhost:999/AccountService/AccountPort/"
              xmlns:m3="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/"
    </m3:address>
  </port>
</m1:reference>
```

**Pre-Artix 3.0.1 reference format**

In earlier versions, stringified references had the following format:

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='utf-8'?>
<ml:reference service="m2:AccountService"
             wsdlLocation="file:./bank.wsdl"
             xmlns:xs="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema"
             xmlns:m1="http://www.ionas.com/bus"
             xmlns:m2="http://www.ionas.com/bus/tests"
             xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">

  <port name="AccountPort" binding="m2:AccountBinding">
    <reference_properties xsi:type="m3:tAddress"
                       location="http://localhost:999/AccountService/AccountPort/"
                       xmlns:m3="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/wsdl/soap/">
    </reference_properties>
  </port>
</ml:reference>
```

**Note:** This change is wire incompatible with previous versions of Artix.

**bus:reference\_2.1\_compat**

`bus:reference_2.1_compat` specifies backward compatibility with pre-Artix 3.0.1 versions of an Artix reference. For example:

```
bus:reference_2.1_compat = "true";
```

If this variable is set to `true`, the Artix reference is generated in the pre-Artix 3.0.1 format. If this is not set or set to `false`, Artix references are generated in the Artix 3.0.1 format.

# Artix Plug-ins

*Artix is built on IONA's Adaptive Runtime architecture (ART), which enables users to configure services as plug-ins to the core product. This chapter explains the configuration settings for Artix-specific plug-ins.*

## Overview

Each Artix transport, payload format, and service has properties that are configurable as plug-ins to the Artix runtime. The variables used to configure plug-in behavior are specified in the configuration scopes of each Artix runtime instance, and follow the same order of precedence. A plug-in setting specified in the global configuration scope is overridden by a value set in a narrower scope.

For example, if you set `plugins:routing:use_pass_through` to `true` in the global scope, and set it to `false` in the `my_app` scope, all Artix runtimes, except for those running in the `my_app` scope, use `true` for this value. Any Artix instance using the `my_app` scope uses `false` for this value.

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# Bus

## Overview

The `plugins:bus` namespace includes the following variables:

- `plugins:bus:register_client_context`
- `plugins:bus:default_tx_provider:plugin`

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## `plugins:bus:register_client_context`

`plugins:bus:register_client_context` specifies whether to register a client context. You can enable registration of client contexts as follows:

```
plugins:bus:register_client_context = "true";
```

The client context provides information about the origin of the incoming request (for example, its original IP address). By default, the context is not registered. This avoids any extra overhead associated with obtaining this information and populating the context.

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## `plugins:bus:default_tx_provider:plugin`

`plugins:bus:default_tx_provider:plugin` specifies the default transaction system used by Artix when a new transaction is started by `bus.transactions().begin_transaction()`. The specified value is the plug-in name of the transaction system provider plug-in. The available values are:

- |                               |   |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <code>ots_tx_provider</code>  | Uses OTS as the transaction provider. Creates either an OTS Lite (single-resource) or OTS Encina (multi-resource) transaction. This is the default setting. For details of the additional configuration used to specify whether OTS Lite or OTS Encina is used, see <a href="#">Chapter 4</a> . |
| <code>wsat_tx_provider</code> | Uses a WS-Coordination/WS-AtomicTransaction provider. The coordination service can either be run in-process or inside the Artix container.  |

**Selecting a transaction provider**

The choice of which transaction provider to use depends on the type of Artix binding your application uses. If most of your communication is over a CORBA binding, use `ots_tx_provider`. If most of your communication uses a SOAP binding, use `wsat_tx_provider`.

In both cases, Artix automatically interposes a transaction context of the correct type when a call is made over a particular binding. For example, if the default provider is OTS, and the application makes an outbound SOAP call, Artix includes a WS-AtomicTransaction SOAP header in the SOAP call. In this case, the transaction is still coordinated by OTS.

Similarly, if the default provider is WSAT, and a CORBA call is made, Artix automatically includes an OTS CORBA service context in the IIOP call. In this case, the transaction is coordinated by a WS-Coordination service.

**orb\_plugin configuration**

The appropriate plug-in for your transaction system must also be loaded. For example, to load the OTS plug-in, include the `ots` plug-in name in the `orb_plugins` list:

```
# Artix configuration file
ots_lite_client_or_server {
    plugins:bus:default_tx_provider:plugin = "ots_tx_provider";
    orb_plugins = [ ..., "ots"];
};
```

For full details of using transaction systems in Artix, see [Developing Artix Applications in C++](#).

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# CA WSDM Observer

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## Overview

The `plugins:ca_wsdm_observer` namespace includes the following variables:

- `plugins:ca_wsdm_observer:auto_register`
  - `plugins:ca_wsdm_observer:config_poll_time`
  - `plugins:ca_wsdm_observer:handler_type`
  - `plugins:ca_wsdm_observer:max_queue_size`
  - `plugins:ca_wsdm_observer:min_queue_size`
  - `plugins:ca_wsdm_observer:report_wait_time`
- 

## `plugins:ca_wsdm_observer:auto_register`

`plugins:ca_wsdm_observer:auto_register` specifies whether the Artix CA WSDM observer automatically registers observed services with a WSDM service. The default is:

```
plugins:ca_wsdm_observer:auto_register = "true";
```

If you have a large number of observed services, the runtime performance may be decreased because of equally large register service requests sent to a WSDM service.

You can set this variable to `false` and manually import service details from WSDL definitions into a WSDM console. However, this only works for SOAP-HTTP non-transient services. This is because WSDM can not import non-SOAP services described in WSDL, while Artix does not publish WSDL for transient services.

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## plugins:ca\_wsdm\_observer:config\_poll\_time

`plugins:ca_wsdm_observer:config_poll_time` specifies how often, in seconds, the observer should poll a WSDM service for configuration updates, use the following variable:

```
plugins:ca_wsdm_observer:config_poll_time
```

The default is 180 seconds (3 minutes). Configuration updates tell the observer whether transaction monitors have been enabled. If so, the observer copies input/output raw messages, and reports them to a WSDM service if duration or request/response size thresholds have been exceeded.

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## plugins:ca\_wsdm\_observer:handler\_type

`plugins:ca_wsdm_observer:handler_type` specifies a value that identifies an Artix observer to a WSDM service. It should be above 200. The default is:

```
plugins:ca_wsdm_observer:handler_type = "217";
```

In addition, if you change the default, you must also update the following file with the new handler type:

```
WSDM-Install-Dir/server/default/conf/WsdmSOMMA_Basic.properties
```

Entries in this file take a format of `observertype.X=ArtixObserver`, where `X` is the handler type value. The default entry is:

```
observertype.217=ArtixObserver
```

---

## plugins:ca\_wsdm\_observer:max\_queue\_size

plugins:ca\_wsdm\_observer:max\_queue\_size specifies the maximum number of service request records that the observer queue can hold. For example:

```
plugins:ca_wsdm_observer:max_queue_size = "600";
```

The default is 500. New records are dropped when the queue size reaches this value. If `report_wait_time` is not set, this variable is ignored. In this case, reports are sent as soon as the queue size is equal to `max_queue_size`.

---

## plugins:ca\_wsdm\_observer:min\_queue\_size

plugins:ca\_wsdm\_observer:min\_queue\_size specifies how many service request records must be available in a queue before a report is sent to a WSDM service. For example:

```
plugins:ca_wsdm_observer:min_queue_size = "6";
```

The default is 5. Set this variable if your load is expected to be large. If this variable is too low, the observer may send reports too frequently, and if it is too high, the memory footprint may increase significantly.

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## plugins:ca\_wsdm\_observer:report\_wait\_time

plugins:ca\_wsdm\_observer:report\_wait\_time specifies how often reports should be sent in seconds. For example:

```
plugins:ca_wsdm_observer:report_wait_time = 10;
```

This variable is an alternative to `min_queue_size`, which instead specifies the frequency of reports on a time basis. This variable should be used with `max_queue_size`.

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# Client-Side High Availability

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## Overview

The variables in the `plugins:ha_conf` namespace configure client-side high availability settings:

- `plugins:ha_conf:strategy`
- `plugins:ha_conf:random:selection`

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## `plugins:ha_conf:strategy`

`plugins:ha_conf:strategy` specifies whether the client uses `random` or `sequential` endpoint selection. For example, specifying `random` enables client applications to select a random server each time they connect:

```
plugins:ha_conf:strategy="random";
```

Defaults to `sequential`.

---

## `plugins:ha_conf:random:selection`

`plugins:ha_conf:random:selection` specifies whether the client always selects a random server or only after the client loses connectivity with the first server in the list. Possible values are `always` or `subsequent`.

Specify `always` if you want your clients to be uniformly load-balanced across different servers, for example:

```
plugins:ha_conf:strategy="random";  
plugins:ha_conf:random:selection="always";
```

Specify `subsequent` if you want your clients to favour a particular server for their initial connectivity, for example:

```
plugins:ha_conf:strategy="random";  
plugins:ha_conf:random:selection="subsequent";
```

Defaults to `always`.

---

# Container

## Overview

The `plugins:container` namespace includes the following variables:

- `plugins:container:deployfolder`
- `plugins:container:deployfolder:readonly`

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## plugins:container:deployfolder

`plugins:container:deployfolder` specifies the location of a local folder where deployment descriptor files are saved to, and where they are read from on restart. For example:

```
plugins:container:deployfolder="./etc";
```

At startup, the container looks in the configured deployment folder and deploys the contents of the folder.

By default, this folder is enabled for dynamic read/write deployment. This means that the container adds and removes files from the deployment folder dynamically as services are deployed or removed from the container.

---

## plugins:container:deployfolder:readonly

`plugins:container:deployfolder:readonly` specifies whether the local folder used to store deployment descriptor files is a read-only folder. This can be used as an initialization folder to predeploy the same required set of services after every restart.

This variable should be used in conjunction with `plugins:container:deployfolder`. For example, the following configuration enables a read-only persistent deployment folder:

```
plugins:container:deployfolder:readonly="true";
```

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# Database Environment

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## Overview

The variables in the `plugins:artix:db` namespace configure database environment and service replication settings:

- `plugins:artix:db:allow_minority_master`
- `plugins:artix:db:auto_demotion`
- `plugins:artix:db:db_open_retry_attempts`
- `plugins:artix:db:download_files`
- `plugins:artix:db:election_timeout`
- `plugins:artix:db:env_name`
- `plugins:artix:db:home`
- `plugins:artix:db:iiop:port`
- `plugins:artix:db:inter_db_open_sleep_period`
- `plugins:artix:db:max_buffered_msgs`
- `plugins:artix:db:max_msg_buffer_size`
- `plugins:artix:db:max_ping_retries`
- `plugins:artix:db:ping_lifetime`
- `plugins:artix:db:ping_retry_interval`
- `plugins:artix:db:priority`
- `plugins:artix:db:replica_name`
- `plugins:artix:db:replicas`
- `plugins:artix:db:roundtrip_timeout`
- `plugins:artix:db:sync_retry_attempts`
- `plugins:artix:db:wSDL_port`

---

## plugins:artix:db:allow\_minority\_master

`plugins:artix:db:allow_minority_master` specifies whether a lone slave can promote itself to a master if it sees that the current master is unavailable. This is only allowed when the replica cluster has two members. This variable defaults to `false` (not allowed). If it is set to `true`, a slave that cannot reach its partner replica will promote itself to master, even though it only has fifty per cent of the votes (one out of two).

**WARNING:** This variable must be used with caution. If it is set to `true`, and the two replicas in the cluster become separated due to a network partition, they are both promoted to master. This can be very problematic because both replicas could make database updates, and resolving those updates later could be very difficult, if not impossible.

It is recommended that high availability clusters have an odd number of members, and the recommended minimum number is three. It is only possible to use a cluster with two members if you specify the following configuration:

```
plugins:artix:db:allow_minority_master=true;
```

---

## plugins:artix:db:auto\_demotion

`plugins:artix:db:auto_demotion` specifies whether a master automatically demotes itself to a slave when it loses contact with the majority of the replica cluster. Defaults to `true`.

The problem of duplicate masters is crucial for any election-based high availability system. Every effort must be taken to ensure that only one master exists at any one time, because database updates made to multiple masters can be extremely difficult to resolve.

The most common cause of duplicate masters to appear is a network partition. This is a split in the network that leaves the current master on one side and a majority of slaves on the other side. Because the slaves have the majority of votes, they elect a master on their side.

When this variable is set to `true`, duplicate masters should never exist. If a master loses contact with the majority of the replica set, it will automatically demote itself to slave.

**WARNING:** This variable must be used with caution. If it is set to `false`, there is a chance that duplicate masters may appear after a network partition. If this happens, and the partition is repaired (allowing the masters to see each other), both masters will self-demote to a slave, hold an election to determine who is most up-to-date, and re-elect a master. If this occurs, any updates made on a demoted master when it was separated from the replicas will be lost.

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## plugins:artix:db:db\_open\_retry\_attempts

`plugins:artix:db:db_open_retry_attempts` specifies the number of attempts made by a slave to open its new database.

When a slave starts for the first time and synchronizes with an existing master, it may take some time for a slave to receive the master's database over the wire, especially if the database is large. If the slave gets `no such file or directory` errors when starting up, it may help to increase this value. Defaults to 5.

---

## plugins:artix:db:download\_files

`plugins:artix:db:download_files` specifies whether fresh slaves download the entire database from the master before starting up. Defaults to `true`. Before starting up, fresh slaves have no database files on their local filesystem.

There may be circumstances where fresh slaves should not download the entire database before starting up. For example, if the database very large, it may be desirable to allow Berkeley DB to synchronize the databases instead.

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## plugins:artix:db:election\_timeout

`plugins:artix:db:election_timeout` specifies the time spent attempting to elect a new master. If a master can not be found in this time, a new election is started. Defaults to 2000 milliseconds (2 seconds). You should not often need to change this setting.

---

## plugins:artix:db:env\_name

`plugins:artix:db:env_name` specifies the filename for the Berkeley DB environment file. The value specified must be the same for all replicas. Defaults to `db_env`. You should not need to change this setting.

---

## plugins:artix:db:home

`plugins:artix:db:home` specifies the directory where Berkeley DB stores all the files for the service databases. Each service should have a dedicated folder for its data stores. This is especially important for replicated services. Defaults to `ReplicaConfigScope_db` (for example, `rep1_db`), where `ReplicaConfigScope` is the inner-most replica configuration scope. You should not need to explicitly set this variable. If this directory does not already exist, it will be created in the current working directory.

---

## plugins:artix:db:iiop:port

`plugins:artix:db:iiop:port` specifies the IIOP port that the replica service starts on, and is used for communications between replicas. Defaults to 0. This variable must be set in a sub-scope for each replica specified in the `plugins:artix:db:replicas` list. The following example shows a sub-scope for the `rep1` replica:

```
rep1{
  plugins:artix:db:priority = 80;
  plugins:artix:db:iiop:port = 2000;
};
```

## **plugins:artix:db:inter\_db\_open\_sleep\_period**

`plugins:artix:db:inter_db_open_sleep_period` specifies the amount of time spent sleeping between failed database open attempts on the slave side. This variable is related to

[plugins:artix:db:db\\_open\\_retry\\_attempts](#).

Defaults to 2000 milliseconds (2 seconds).

---

## **plugins:artix:db:max\_buffered\_msgs**

`plugins:artix:db:max_buffered_msgs` specifies the maximum number of batch messages stored in the message buffer of a high availability database. All messages are sent and the buffer is flushed when this limit is reached.

Defaults to 10. This feature helps to reduce the traffic between replicas.

---

## **plugins:artix:db:max\_msg\_buffer\_size**

`plugins:artix:db:max_msg_buffer_size` specifies the maximum size of the message buffer of a high availability database. All messages are sent and the buffer is flushed when this limit is reached. Defaults to 10240. This feature helps to reduce the traffic between replicas.

---

## **plugins:artix:db:max\_ping\_retries**

`plugins:artix:db:max_ping_retries` specifies how many failed pings between replicas can happen before the remote replica is considered unreachable. The replica is then marked as unavailable until it can be pinged again.

Defaults to 1. This means that if one ping fails, the replica is marked as `UNAVAIL`, and no attempt is made to send it any database update or election packets until it becomes available again.

For more details, see [plugins:artix:db:ping\\_lifetime](#).

---

## plugins:artix:db:ping\_lifetime

`plugins:artix:db:ping_lifetime` specifies the amount of time that the servant pinging replicas waits for before returning. Defaults to 10000 milliseconds (10 seconds).

Replicas monitor each other using inter-replica pings. These pings are optimized to minimize the amount of network traffic between replicas. This optimization is based on specifying long-lived pings.

If the server process dies before returning, the caller gets an immediate notification of the failure of the ping. However, if the server machine dies, the notification occurs when `plugins:artix:db:roundtrip_timeout` expires. This is because the server-side TCP/IP stack can not notify the caller of connection failure if the host machine dies unexpectedly.

---

## plugins:artix:db:ping\_retry\_interval

`plugins:artix:db:ping_retry_interval` specifies the number of milliseconds between inter-replica ping attempts. Defaults to 2000 milliseconds (2 seconds).

For more details, see `plugins:artix:db:ping_lifetime`.

---

## plugins:artix:db:priority

`plugins:artix:db:priority` specifies the replica priority. The higher the priority the more likely the replica is to be elected as master. This variable should be set if you are using replication.

There is no guarantee that the replica with the highest priority is elected master. The first consideration for electing a master is who has the most current database. Setting a priority of 0 means that the replica is never elected master. Defaults to 1.

This variable must be set in a sub-scope for each replica. See the example for `plugins:artix:db:iiop:port`.

---

## plugins:artix:db:replica\_name

`plugins:artix:db:replica_name` specifies a simple string name for the replica. It indicates the replica in the `plugins:artix:db:replicas` list that this configuration refers to.

This variable must be set if `plugins:artix:db:replicas` is set, otherwise a `DBException/BAD_CONFIGURATION` is thrown. Each replica must have its own unique name, and must be present in the list.

Defaults to the replica's innermost configuration scope (for example, `repl`). This value is automatically inferred and does not need to be explicitly set, unless you wish to use a different replica name.

---

## plugins:artix:db:replicas

`plugins:artix:db:replicas` specifies a cluster of replica services. This variable takes a list of replicas specified using the following syntax:

*ReplicaName=HostName:PortNum*

For example, the following entry configures a cluster of three replicas spread across three machines named `jimi`, `noel`, and `mitch`.

```
plugins:artix:db:replicas=["repl=jimi:2000", "rep2=mitch:3000",  
"rep3=noel:4000"];
```

Defaults to an empty list.

**Note:** It is recommended that you set *ReplicaName* to the same value as the replica's configuration scope (see `plugins:artix:db:replica_name`).

---

## plugins:artix:db:roundtrip\_timeout

`plugins:artix:db:roundtrip_timeout` specifies the amount of time that a replica waits for a response from a ping sent to another replica. Defaults to 20000 milliseconds (20 seconds).

If this variable is not set, some failed pings may take a long time to return (for example, if the target machine loses power). When a machine fails, the TCP/IP stack on the machine can not terminate the connection. The client still waits for a reply, and thinks that the connection is still valid.

The client only sees that the connection dies when TCP/IP times out and marks the connection as terminated. The variable prevents this situation from occurring.

**Note:** This variable must be set to a larger value than `plugins:artix:db:ping_lifetime`. Otherwise, valid pings would be regarded as having timed out when they are still in progress.

---

## plugins:artix:db:sync\_retry\_attempts

`plugins:artix:db:sync_retry_attempts` specifies the maximum number of times that the slave sends a synchronization request to the master. This is used when a slave starts for the first time and synchronizes with an existing master.

Slave synchronization is performed by the slave sending a request to the master to write a small piece of data to its database, and then the slave waiting for this data to appear. When the data appears on the slave side, the slave knows it is processing live records from the master and is up-to-date and synchronized. Defaults to 5. You should rarely need to change this setting.

---

## plugins:artix:db:wSDL\_port

`plugins:artix:db:wSDL_port` specifies the WSDL port name for the replica that is used in the service's WSDL contract.

Defaults to the replica's innermost configuration scope (for example, `repl`). This value is automatically inferred and does not need to be explicitly set, unless you wish to use a different WSDL port name.

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# FTP

## Overview

The `plugins:ftp` namespace contains variables for File Transfer Protocol. These include the following:

- `plugins:ftp:policy:client:filenameFactory`
- `plugins:ftp:policy:client:replyFileLifecycle`
- `plugins:ftp:policy:connection:connectMode`
- `plugins:ftp:policy:connection:connectTimeout`
- `plugins:ftp:policy:connection:receiveTimeout`
- `plugins:ftp:policy:connection:scanInterval`
- `plugins:ftp:policy:connection:useFilenameMaskOnScan`
- `plugins:ftp:policy:credentials:name`
- `plugins:ftp:policy:credentials:password`
- `plugins:ftp:policy:server:filenameFactory`
- `plugins:ftp:policy:server:requestFileLifecycle`

---

## `plugins:ftp:policy:client:filenameFactory`

`plugins:ftp:policy:client:filenameFactory` specifies the name of the class that implements the client's filename factory. This generates the filenames used for storing request messages on the FTP server, and determines the name of the associated replies.

This classname must be listed on the endpoint's classpath. The default setting is:

```
plugins:ftp:policy:client:filenameFactory="com.iona.jbus.transports.ftp.policy.client.DefaultFilenameFactory";
```

---

## plugins:ftp:policy:client:replyFileLifecycle

`plugins:ftp:policy:client:replyFileLifecycle` specifies the name of the class that implements the client's reply lifecycle policy. The reply lifecycle policy is responsible for instructing the Artix runtime whether a reply file must be deleted or moved to a different FTP server location.

This classname must be listed on the endpoint's classpath. The default setting is:

```
plugins:ftp:policy:client:replyFileLifecycle="com.iona.jbus.transports.ftp.policy.client.DefaultReplyFileLifecycle";
```

---

## plugins:ftp:policy:connection:connectMode

`plugins:ftp:policy:connection:connectMode` specifies the connection mode used to connect to the FTP daemon. Valid values are `passive` and `active`. The default is:

```
plugins:ftp:policy:connection:connectMode="passive";
```

---

## plugins:ftp:policy:connection:connectTimeout

`plugins:ftp:policy:connection:connectTimeout` specifies a timeout value in milliseconds for establishing a connection with a remote FTP daemon. The default is:

```
plugins:ftp:policy:connection:connectTimeout="-1";
```

---

## plugins:ftp:policy:connection:receiveTimeout

`plugins:ftp:policy:connection:receive:Timeout` specifies a receive timeout value in milliseconds for the FTP daemon filesystem scanner. The receive timeout will occur when the following condition is met:

```
CurrentTime - StartReplyScanningTime >=  
plugins:ftp:policy:connection:receiveTimeout
```

It is recommended that the receive timeout value is greater than `plugins:ftp:policy:connection:scanInterval * 1000`. If this value is set to 0, it is guaranteed that there will be at least one scan of the remote FTPD filesystem before the timeout. The default is:

```
plugins:ftp:policy:connection:receiveTimeout="-1";
```

---

## plugins:ftp:policy:connection:scanInterval

`plugins:ftp:policy:connection:scanInterval` specifies the interval, in seconds, at which the request and reply locations are scanned for updates. The default is:

```
plugins:ftp:policy:connection:scanInterval="5";
```

---

## plugins:ftp:policy:connection:useFilenameMaskOnScan

`plugins:ftp:policy:connection:useFilenameMaskOnScan` specifies whether the Artix runtime uses a filename mask when calling the FTP daemon with a FTP `LIST` command (for example, `LIST myrequests*`).

Some FTP daemons do not implement support for listing a subset of files based on a filename mask. To enable interoperability with such servers, this variable must be set to `false`. However, if you know that an FTP daemon supports a filtered `LIST` command, setting this variable to `true` increases FTP transport performance. The default is:

```
plugins:ftp:policy:connection:useFilenameMaskOnScan="false";
```

---

## plugins:ftp:policy:credentials:name

`plugins:ftp:policy:credentials:name` specifies the FTP daemon user name. This variable along with

`plugins:ftp:policy:credentials:password` must have credentials that allows the Artix runtime to list, add, move and remote files from the filesystem location provided using FTP WSDL extensors. The default is:

```
plugins:ftp:policy:credentials:name="anonymous";
```

---

## plugins:ftp:policy:credentials:password

`plugins:ftp:policy:credentials:password` specifies the FTP daemon user password. The default is:

```
plugins:ftp:policy:credentials:password="anonymous@anonymous.net";
```

---

## plugins:ftp:policy:server:filenameFactory

`plugins:ftp:policy:server:filenameFactory` specifies the name of the class that implements the client's filename factory. The filename factory is responsible for identifying which requests to dispatch, and how to name reply messages.

This classname must be listed on the endpoint's classpath. The default setting is:

```
plugins:ftp:policy:server:filenameFactory="com.iona.jbus.transports.ftp.policy.server.DefaultFilenameFactory";
```

---

## plugins:ftp:policy:server:requestFileLifecycle

`plugins:ftp:policy:server:requestFileLifecycle` specifies the name of the class that implements the server's request lifecycle policy. The request lifecycle policy is responsible for instructing the Artix runtime whether a request file must be deleted or moved to a different FTP server location.

This classname must be listed on the endpoint's classpath. The default setting is:

```
plugins:ftp:policy:server:requestFileLifecycle="com.iona.jbus.transports.ftp.policy.server.DefaultRequestFileLifecycle";
```

# JMS

## Overview

The variables in the `plugins:jms` namespace configure settings for interoperability with the Java Message Service. These include the following:

- `plugins:jms:policies:binding_establishment:backoff_ratio`
- `plugins:jms:policies:binding_establishment:initial_iteration_delay`
- `plugins:jms:policies:binding_establishment:backoff_ratio`
- `plugins:jms:pooled_session_high_water_mark`
- `plugins:jms:pooled_session_low_water_mark`

## `plugins:jms:policies:binding_establishment:backoff_ratio`

`plugins:jms:policies:binding_establishment:backoff_ratio` specifies the degree to which delays between reconnection retries increase from one retry to the next. This is used when Artix tries to reconnect to the Java Message Service after a connection is dropped (for example, if JMS becomes unavailable, or a network error occurs).

The successive delays between retries use the following geometric progression:

Retry Number	Delay
1	<code>initial_iteration_delay</code> X <code>backoff_ratio</code> <sup>0</sup>
2	<code>initial_iteration_delay</code> X <code>backoff_ratio</code> <sup>1</sup>
n	<code>initial_iteration_delay</code> X <code>backoff_ratio</code> <sup>(n-1)</sup>

For example, if the `initial_iteration_delay` is 1000 milliseconds, and the `backoff_ratio` is 2:

- The first retry waits 1000 milliseconds.
- The second retry waits 1000 x 2 milliseconds.
- The third retry waits 1000 x 2 x 2 milliseconds.
- ...
- The nth retry waits  $1000 \times 2^{(n-1)}$ .

The data type is `long`, and values must be greater than or equal to 0. Defaults to 2:

```
plugins:jms:policies:binding_establishment:backoff_ratio="2";
```

In your code, in the event of an initial failure, or an inability to make a connection after the configured retries have been exhausted, a method call will receive a `RemoteException`, which wraps a `TransportException`.

## plugins:jms:policies:binding\_establishment:initial\_iteration\_delay

`plugins:jms:policies:binding_establishment:initial_iteration_delay` specifies the amount of time, between the first and second attempts to establish a connection with a JMS broker.

The data type is `long`, and values must be greater than or equal to 0. Defaults to 1000 milliseconds:

```
plugins:jms:policies:binding_establishment:initial_iteration_delay="1000";
```

## plugins:jms:policies:binding\_establishment:max\_binding\_iterations

`plugins:jms:policies:binding_establishment:max_binding_iterations` specifies the limit on the number of times that an Artix client tries to reconnect to a JMS broker. To disable reconnecting to the Java Message Service, set this variable to 0.

The data type is `long`, and values must be greater than or equal to 0. Defaults to 5:

```
plugins:jms:policies:binding_establishment:max_binding_iterations="5";
```

---

## plugins:jms:pooled\_session\_high\_water\_mark

`plugins:jms:pooled_session_high_water_mark` specifies the limit on the number of temporary JMS queues. The high water mark minus the low water mark equals the number of soft references that are stored.

Temporary queues that are stored as soft references will only be garbage collected if memory becomes an issue for the client. However, any temporary queue that is reaped will potentially be replaced by another queue later. The default value is:

```
plugins:jms:pooled_session_high_water_mark = "500";
```

For example, by default, there are 520 temporary queues—500 soft references and 20 strong references (see [plugins:jms:pooled\\_session\\_low\\_water\\_mark](#)).

**Note:** Setting the high water mark value too high could cause problems with the JMS broker that the client is not aware of.

---

## plugins:jms:pooled\_session\_low\_water\_mark

`plugins:jms:pooled_session_low_water_mark` specifies the number of temporary JMS queues that are stored as strong references. This is the number of queues that remain in memory.

Temporary queues stored as strong references will never be garbage collected, unless the client times out. In the event of a timeout, the temporary queue is reaped to avoid it being used by another invocation. However, any temporary queue that is reaped will potentially be replaced by another queue later. The default value is:

```
plugins:jms:pooled_session_low_water_mark = "20";
```

For example, by default, there are 520 temporary queues—20 strong references and 500 soft references (see [plugins:jms:pooled\\_session\\_high\\_water\\_mark](#)).

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# JMX

## Overview

The `plugins:bus_management` namespace includes variables that specify JMX monitoring of the Artix runtime. JMX stands for Java Management Extensions. These variables include:

- `plugins:bus_0:enabled`
- `plugins:bus_management:connector:enabled`
- `plugins:bus_management:connector:port`
- `plugins:bus_management:connector:registry:required`
- `plugins:bus_management:connector:url:publish`
- `plugins:bus_management:connector:url:file`
- `plugins:bus_management:http_adaptor:enabled`
- `plugins:bus_management:http_adaptor:port`

---

## `plugins:bus_0:enabled`

`plugins:bus_management:enabled` specifies whether the Artix runtime can be managed locally using JMX MBeans. The default setting is `false`. To enable local JMX monitoring, set this variable to `true`:

```
plugins:bus_management:enabled="true";
```

This setting enables a local access to JMX runtime MBeans. The `bus_management` plug-in wraps runtime components into open dynamic MBeans and registers them with a local MBeanServer.

---

## plugins:bus\_management:connector:enabled

`plugins:bus_management:connector:enabled` specifies whether the Artix runtime can be managed remotely using JMX MBeans. The default setting is `false`. To enable remote JMX monitoring, set the following variables to `true`:

```
plugins:bus_management:enabled="true";
plugins:bus_management:connector:enabled="true";
```

These settings allow for both local and remote access.

Remote access is performed through JMX Remote, using an RMI Connector on a default port of 1099. When the configuration has been set, you can use the following default JNDI-based JMXServiceURL to connect remotely:

```
service:jmx:rmi://host:1099/jndi/artix
```

---

## plugins:bus\_management:connector:port

`plugins:bus_management:connector:port` specifies a port for remote JMX access. For example, given the following setting:

```
plugins:bus_management:connector:port="2000";
```

You can then use the following JMXServiceURL:

```
service:jmx:rmi://host:2000/jndi/artix
```

---

## plugins:bus\_management:connector:registry:required

`plugins:bus_management:connector:registry:required` specifies whether the connector uses a stub-based JMXServiceURL. For example, the following settings enable stub-based access:

```
plugins:bus_management:enabled="true";
plugins:bus_management:connector:enabled="true";
plugins:bus_management:connector:registry:required="false";
```

See the [javax.management.remote.rmi](#) package for more details on remote JMX.

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## plugins:bus\_management:connector:url:publish

`plugins:bus_management:connector:url:publish` specifies whether publishing the JMXServiceURL to a local file is enabled. To enable this, specify the following:

```
plugins:bus_management:connector:url:publish="true";
```

---

## plugins:bus\_management:connector:url:file

`plugins:bus_management:connector:url:file` specifies a filename for publishing the JMXServiceURL to a local file. For example, the following settings override the default filename:

```
plugins:bus_management:connector:url:publish="true";
plugins:bus_management:connector:url:file="../../service.url";
```

---

## plugins:bus\_management:http\_adaptor:enabled

`plugins:bus_management:http_adaptor:enabled` specifies whether the default HTTP adaptor console supplied by the JMX reference implementation is enabled. To enable this adaptor, specify the following:

```
plugins:bus_management:http_adaptor:enabled="true";
```

---

## plugins:bus\_management:http\_adaptor:port

`plugins:bus_management:http_adaptor:port` specifies a port for the default HTTP adaptor console supplied by the JMX reference implementation. For example:

```
plugins:bus_management:http_adaptor:port="7659";
```

To access the HTTP adaptor on this port, specify `http://localhost:7659` in your browser.

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# Local Log Stream

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## Overview

The variables in the `plugins:local_log_stream` namespace configure text-based logging. By default, Artix is configured to log messages in an XML format. You can change this behavior using the `local_log_stream` plug-in.

The `plugins:local_log_stream` namespace contains the following variables:

- `plugins:local_log_stream:buffer_file`
- `plugins:local_log_stream:filename`
- `plugins:local_log_stream:filename_date_format`
- `plugins:local_log_stream:log_elements`
- `plugins:local_log_stream:log_thread_id`
- `plugins:local_log_stream:milliseconds_to_log`
- `plugins:local_log_stream:rolling_file`

---

## `plugins:local_log_stream:buffer_file`

`plugins:local_log_stream:buffer_file` specifies whether the output stream is sent to a buffer before it writes to a local log file. To specify this behavior, set this variable to `true`:

```
plugins:local_log_stream:buffer_file = "true";
```

When set to `true`, by default, the buffer is output to a file every 1000 milliseconds when there are more than 100 messages logged. This log interval and number of log elements can also be configured.

---

## plugins:local\_log\_stream:filename

`plugins:local_log_stream:filename` sets the output stream to the specified local text file. For example:

```
plugins:local_log_stream:filename = "/var/adm/mylocal.log";
```

If you do not specify a file name, logging is sent to `stdout`.

---

## plugins:local\_log\_stream:filename\_date\_format

`plugins:local_log_stream:filename_date_format` specifies the format of the date in a text-based rolling log file. The specified date conforms to the format rules of the ANSI C `strftime()` function. For example:

```
plugins:local_log_stream:rolling_file="true";
plugins:local_log_stream:filename="my_log";
plugins:local_log_stream:filename_date_format="_%Y_%m_%d";
```

On the 31st January 2006, this results in a log file named `my_log_2006_01_31`.

---

## plugins:local\_log\_stream:log\_elements

`plugins:local_log_stream:log_elements` specifies the number of log messages that must be in the buffer before they are output to a log file. The default is 100 messages.

For example, the following configuration writes the log output to a log file if there are more than 20 log messages in the buffer.

```
plugins:local_log_stream:log_elements = "20";
```

---

## plugins:local\_log\_stream:log\_thread\_id

`plugins:local_log_stream:log_thread_id` specifies whether the thread ID is logged in the log message or not, for example:

```
plugins:local_log_stream:log_thread_id = "true";
```

The default is `true`.

---

## plugins:local\_log\_stream:milliseconds\_to\_log

`plugins:local_log_stream:milliseconds_to_log` specifies how often in milliseconds that the log buffer is output to a log file. The default is 1000 milliseconds.

For example, the following configuration writes the log output to a log file every 400 milliseconds.

```
plugins:local_log_stream:milliseconds_to_log = "400";
```

---

## plugins:local\_log\_stream:rolling\_file

`plugins:local_log_stream:rolling_file` is a boolean which specifies that the logging plug-in creates a new log file each day to prevent the log file from growing indefinitely. In this model, the stream appends the current date to the configured filename. This produces a complete filename, for example:

```
/var/adm/artix.log.02172006
```

A new file begins with the first event of the day and ends at 23:59:59 each day. The default behavior is `true`. To disable rolling file behavior, set this variable to `false`. For example:

```
plugins:local_log_stream:rolling_file = "false";
```

---

# Locator Service

## Overview

The locator service plug-in, `service_locator`, is configured by the variables in the `plugins:locator` namespace:

- `plugins:locator:peer_timeout`
- `plugins:locator:persist_data`
- `plugins:locator:selection_method`
- `plugins:locator:service_group`
- `plugins:locator:wSDL_port`

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## `plugins:locator:peer_timeout`

`plugins:locator:peer_timeout` specifies the amount of time, in milliseconds, that the locator plug-in waits between keep-alive pings of the endpoints that are registered with it. The default and minimum setting is 10000 milliseconds (10 seconds).

The locator uses a third-party peer manager to ping its endpoints. For more details, see [“Peer Manager” on page 82](#).

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## `plugins:locator:persist_data`

`plugins:locator:persist_data` enables persistence in the locator. This variable specifies whether the locator uses a persistent database to store references. For example:

```
plugins:locator:persist_data="true";
```

Defaults to `false`, which means that the locator uses an in-memory map to store references. When replicating the locator you must set `persist_data` to `true`. If you do not, replication does not work.

---

## plugins:locator:selection\_method

`plugins:locator:selection_method` specifies the load balancing selection method used by the locator.

When `plugins:locator:persist_data` is set to `true`, the locator to switches from round robin to random load balancing.

You can change the default behavior of the locator to always use random load balancing by setting the following:

```
plugins:locator:selection_method = "random";
```

---

## plugins:locator:service\_group

`plugins:locator:service_group` specifies an arbitrary group name for an Artix service or bus. For example, you can use this to query the locator for a specified group of services.

There are no restrictions on assigning services to groups in different processes. Services in the same process can belong to different groups, or to no group. Services in different processes can belong to the same group. By default, a service belongs to no group. Specifying a group in a configuration file takes precedence over specifying a group in a WSDL file.

### Specifying a group for a service

The following example defines a QName alias named `corba_svc`, and assigns this to a group named `CORBAGroup`.

```
bus:qname_alias:corba_svc =  
    "{http://demo.iona.com/advanced/LocatorQuery}CORBASvc";  
plugins:locator:service_group:corba_svc = "CORBAGroup";
```

### Specifying a group for a bus

You can also define a global group for all services in the current bus. All services that do not have a group definition in WSDL or configuration then belong to the global group by default.

```
plugins:locator:service_group = "DefaultGroupName";
```

---

## plugins:locator:wSDL\_port

`plugins:locator:wSDL_port` specifies a locator WSDL port for a locator replica service. This allows the locator to specify the WSDL port that it uses when registering its own servant. This feature enables forwarding of write requests from a slave to a master locator. The following is an example setting:

```
plugins:locator:wSDL_port=Locator1;
```

Defaults to the replica's locator configuration scope name (for example, `Locator1`). This value is automatically inferred and does not need to be explicitly set, unless you wish to use a different WSDL port name.

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# Locator Endpoint Manager

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## Overview

The locator endpoint manager plug-in, `locator_endpoint`, is configured by the following variables:

- `plugins:locator_endpoint:exclude_endpoints`
  - `plugins:locator_endpoint:include_endpoints`
  - `plugins:locator_endpoint:peer_timeout`
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## `plugins:locator_endpoint:exclude_endpoints`

`plugins:locator_endpoint:exclude_endpoints` specifies endpoints to be excluded from the locator. For example, if do not you want to register the container service, but want to register all the endpoints that are activated in that container, use the following setting:

```
plugins:locator_endpoint:exclude_endpoints =  
  [{"http://ws.iona.com/container}ContainerService"];
```

You can also wildcard your service names. This enables you to filter based on a specified namespace. For example:

```
plugins:locator_endpoint:exclude_endpoints =  
  [{"http://www.sample.com/finance}*"];
```

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## `plugins:locator_endpoint:include_endpoints`

`plugins:locator_endpoint:include_endpoints` specifies endpoints to be included in the locator. For example, if you only want to register the session manager, but not any of the endpoints that it manages, use the following setting:

```
plugins:locator_endpoint:include_endpoints =  
  [{"http://ws.iona.com/sessionmanager}SessionManagerService"];
```

You can also wildcard your service names. This enables you to filter based on a namespace. For example:

```
plugins:locator_endpoint:include_endpoints =  
  [{"http://www.sample.com/finance}*"];
```

**Note:** Combining the `exclude_endpoints` and `include_endpoints` variables is ambiguous. If you do this, the application will fail to initialize.

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## plugins:locator\_endpoint:peer\_timeout

`plugins:locator:peer_timeout` specifies the amount of time, in milliseconds, that the locator endpoint plug-in waits between keep-alive pings back to the locator. The default and minimum setting is 10000 milliseconds (10 seconds).

The locator service endpoint uses a third-party peer manager to ping back to the locator. For more details, see [“Peer Manager” on page 82](#).

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# Peer Manager

## Overview

The peer manager is used by the locator and session manager to ping their endpoints, and verify that they are still running. The `peer_manager` plug-in is transparently loaded by the following plug-ins:

- `service_locator`
- `locator_endpoint`
- `session_manager_service`
- `session_endpoint_manager`

The `peer_manager` includes the following configuration variables:

- `plugins:peer_manager:timeout_delta`

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## `plugins:peer_manager:timeout_delta`

`plugins:peer_manager:timeout_delta` specifies the time allowed for failover detection in milliseconds. The default is 2000. For example, increasing this to 10000 ensures that only a real failure results in an endpoint being removed from the locator's list of endpoints.

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# Response Time Collector

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## Overview

The Artix response time collector plug-in configures settings for Artix performance logging. The response time collector plug-in periodically collects data from the response monitor plug-in and logs the results. See [Configuring and Deploying Artix Solutions](#) for full details of Artix performance logging.

The response time collector plug-in includes the following variables:

- `plugins:it_response_time_collector:client-id.`
- `plugins:it_response_time_collector:filename.`
- `plugins:it_response_time_collector:log_properties.`
- `plugins:it_response_time_collector:period.`
- `plugins:it_response_time_collector:server-id.`
- `plugins:it_response_time_collector:syslog_appID.`
- `plugins:it_response_time_collector:system_logging_enabled.`

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## `plugins:it_response_time_collector:client-id`

`plugins:it_response_time_collector:client-id` specifies a client ID that is reported in your log messages. For example:

```
plugins:it_response_time_collector:client-id = "my_client_app";
```

This setting enables management tools to recognize log messages from client applications. This setting is optional; and if omitted, it is assumed that that a server is being monitored.

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## `plugins:it_response_time_collector:filename`

`plugins:it_response_time_collector:filename` specifies the location of the performance log file for a C++ application. For example:

```
plugins:it_response_time_collector:filename =  
"/var/log/my_app/perf_logs/treasury_app.log";
```

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## plugins:it\_response\_time\_collector:log\_properties

`plugins:it_response_time_collector:log_properties` specifies the Apache Log4J details. Artix Java applications use Apache Log4J instead of the log filename used for C++. For example:

```
plugins:it_response_time_collector:log_properties = ["log4j.rootCategory=INFO, A1",
"log4j.appender.A1=com.iona.management.logging.log4jappender.TimeBasedRollingFileAppender",
"log4j.appender.A1.File="/var/log/my_app/perf_logs/treasury_app.log",
"log4j.appender.A1.MaxFileSize=512KB",
"log4j.appender.A1.layout=org.apache.log4j.PatternLayout",
"log4j.appender.A1.layout.ConversionPattern=%d{ISO8601} %-80m %n"
];
```

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## plugins:it\_response\_time\_collector:period

`plugins:it_response_time_collector:period` specifies how often an application should log performance data. For example, the following setting specifies that an application should log performance data every 90 seconds:

```
plugins:it_response_time_collector:period = "90";
```

If you do not specify the response time period, it defaults to 60 seconds.

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## plugins:it\_response\_time\_collector:server-id

`plugins:it_response_time_collector:server-id` specifies a server ID that will be reported in your log messages. This server ID is particularly useful in the case where the server is a replica that forms part of a cluster.

In a cluster, the server ID enables management tools to recognize log messages from different replica instances. For example:

```
plugins:it_response_time_collector:server-id = "my_server_app1";
```

This setting is optional; and if omitted, the server ID defaults to the ORB name of the server. In a cluster, each replica must have this value set to a unique value to enable sensible analysis of the generated performance logs.

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## plugins:it\_response\_time\_collector:syslog\_appID

plugins:it\_response\_time\_collector:syslog\_appID specifies an application name that is prepended to all syslog messages. If you do not specify an ID, it defaults to `iona`. For example:

```
plugins:it_response_time_collector:syslog_appID = "treasury";
```

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## plugins:it\_response\_time\_collector:system\_logging\_enabled

plugins:it\_response\_time\_collector:system\_logging\_enabled specifies whether system logging is enabled. For example:

```
plugins:it_response_time_collector:system_logging_enabled = "true";
```

This enables you to configure the collector to log to a syslog daemon or Windows event log.

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# Routing

## Overview

The `routing` plug-in uses the following variables:

- `plugins:routing:proxy_cache_size`
  - `plugins:routing:reference_cache_size`
  - `plugins:routing:wSDL_url`
  - `plugins:routing:use_bypass`
  - `plugins:routing:use_pass_through`
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## `plugins:routing:proxy_cache_size`

`plugins:routing:proxy_cache_size` specifies the maximum number of proxified server references in the router. This is the number of references that have been converted into a proxy and are ready for invocation.

`plugins:routing:proxy_cache_size` works in conjunction with `plugins:routing:reference_cache_size`. Having a smaller setting for `proxy_cache_size` enables the router to conserve memory, while still being ready for invocations. This is because proxified references use more resources than unproxified references (for example, for client connections and bindings). The default setting is:

```
plugins:routing:proxy_cache_size="50";
```

The router caches references on a least recently used basis in the following order: proxified, unproxified. A proxified reference is demoted to an unproxified reference when the `proxy_cache_size` limit is reached. Unproxified references are promoted to proxies upon invocation.

For example, take a SOAP-HTTP client and CORBA server banking system with 1,500 accounts. By default, the 50 most recently used accounts are present in the router as proxified references. The next 1450 most recently used are unproxified references.

**Note:** Router proxification is available for the following bindings and transports: CORBA, SOAP, HTTP, and IIOP Tunnel.

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## plugins:routing:reference\_cache\_size

`plugins:routing:reference_cache_size` specifies the maximum number of unproxified server references in the router. This refers to the number of references that must be proxified before they can be invoked on.

`plugins:routing:reference_cache_size` works in conjunction with [plugins:routing:proxy\\_cache\\_size](#). Having a larger setting for `reference_cache_size` enables the router to conserve memory, while still being ready for invocations. Unproxified references use less resources than proxies (for example, for client connections and bindings). The default setting is unbounded:

```
plugins:routing:reference_cache_size="-1";
```

The router caches transient references on a least recently used basis in the following order: proxified, unproxified. Unproxified references are promoted to proxies upon invocation. For an example, see

[plugins:routing:proxy\\_cache\\_size](#).

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## plugins:routing:wSDL\_url

`plugins:routing:wSDL_url` specifies the URL to search for Artix contracts that contain the routing rules for your application. This value can point to WSDL in any location, it does not need to be on the local machine.

This value can be either a single URL or a list of URLs. If your application is using the `routing` plug-in, you must specify a value for this variable. The following example is from a default `artix.cfg` file:

```
plugins:routing:wSDL_url="./wSDL/router.wSDL";
```

The following example specifies multiple routes:

```
plugins:routing:wSDL=["route1.wSDL", "../route2.wSDL",  
                    "/artix/routes/route3"];
```

Contract names must be relative to the location from which the Artix router is started. In this example, the router expects that `route1.wsdl` is located in the directory in which it was started, and `route2.wsdl` was located one directory level higher.

**Note:** This variable does not accept a mixture of back slashes and forward slashes. You must specify locations using only “\” or “/”.

## plugins:routing:use\_bypass

`plugins:routing:use_bypass` specifies a special optimization for CORBA-only routes. It enables you to use CORBA location forwarding to connect CORBA clients directly to CORBA servers, bypassing the Artix routing plug-in.

When the client sends the first request to the router, the router sends back a CORBA location forwarding reply, which tells the client to connect directly to the server at the end of the route. The client sends this and all subsequent requests directly to the server, bypassing the router completely. This feature is disabled by default. To enable bypass mode, use the following setting:

```
plugins:routing:use_bypass="true";
```

Routes that must examine the content of each request cannot support bypass mode because the requests do not go through the router. The following types of route support bypass mode:

- Straight source-destination routes.
- Failover: This is achieved by co-operation between CORBA and the router. If a server fails, the forwarded CORBA client automatically falls back to the original IOR, the router. The router then re-forwards the client to a healthy server.
- Load balancing: Load cannot be balanced per-operation using bypass. The router forwards each client to a different server, but when a client is forwarded all its requests go to the same server. If the server fails, the client is re-forwarded to the next healthy server in the round-robin, like failover.

`plugins:routing:use_bypass` and `plugins:routing:use_pass_through` can both be set together. Bypass is used for CORBA-only applications, while pass-through applies in all other cases. Bypass gives best performance because the router effectively disappears. However, pass-through may be preferable in the following cases:

- Bypass is disabled for per-operation, fan-out, and transport-attribute routes.
- Bypassed clients must be able to connect directly to the destination servers. Bypass is not suitable if the router is being used as part of a firewall, or as a connection concentrator.

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## `plugins:routing:use_pass_through`

`plugins:routing:use_pass_through` specifies whether the router receives a message and sends it directly to the destination without parsing. This only applies when the source and destination use the same binding.

The default is `true`. The router copies the message buffer directly from the source endpoint to the destination endpoint (if both use the same binding). This disables reference proxification for same-protocol routes (for example, HTTP-to-HTTP).

However, if you want all connections to go through the router, set this variable to `false`. This means that all references are used across the router.

**Note:** Some attributes are carried in the message body, instead of by the transport. Such attributes are always propagated when the pass-through optimization is in effect, regardless of attribute propagation rules.

**WARNING:** Do *not* enable pass-through in a secure router. When pass-through is enabled, the authentication and authorization steps are skipped. Therefore, you must always set `plugins:routing:use_pass_through` to `false` in a secure router. See IONA Security Advisory, ISA130905.

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# Service Lifecycle

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## Overview

The service lifecycle plug-in enables garbage collection of old or unused proxy services. Dynamic proxy services are used when the Artix router bridges services that have patterns such as callback, factory, or any interaction that passes references to other services. When the router encounters a reference in a message, it proxies the reference into one that a receiving application can use. For example, an IOR from a CORBA server cannot be used by a SOAP client, so a new route is dynamically created for the SOAP client.

However, dynamic proxies persist in the router memory and can have a negative effect on performance. You can overcome this by using service garbage collection to clean up old proxy services that are no longer used. This cleans up unused proxies when a threshold has been reached on a least recently used basis.

The Artix `plugins:service_lifecycle` namespace has the following variable:

```
plugins:service_lifecycle:max_cache_size
```

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## plugins:service\_lifecycle:max\_cache\_size

`plugins:service_lifecycle:max_cache_size` specifies the maximum cache size of servants managed by the `service_lifecycle` plug-in. For example:

```
plugins:service_lifecycle:max_cache_size = "30";
```

To enable service lifecycle, you must also add the `service_lifecycle` plug-in to the `orb_plugins` list, for example:

```
orb_plugins = ["xmlfile_log_stream", "service_lifecycle",  
              "routing"];
```

When writing client applications, you must make allowances for the garbage collection service; in particular, ensure that exceptions are handled appropriately.

For example, a client may attempt to proxyify to a service that has already been garbage collected. To prevent this, do either of the following:

- Handle the exception, get a new reference, and continue. However, in some cases, this may not be possible if the service has state.
- Set `max_cache_size` to a reasonable limit to ensure that all your clients can be accommodated. For example, if you always expect to support 20 concurrent clients, each with a transient service session, you might wish to configure the `max_cache_size` to 30.

You must not impact any clients, and ensure that a service is no longer needed when it is garbage collected. However, if you set `max_cache_size` too high, this may use up too much router memory and have a negative impact on performance. For example, a suggested range for this setting is 30-100.

**Note:** For a more scalable approach to managing proxies, see [plugins:routing:proxy\\_cache\\_size](#) and [plugins:routing:reference\\_cache\\_size](#). This uses a single default servant (instead of the multiple servants used by service lifecycle), thereby minimizing the impact on router resources.

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# Session Manager

## Overview

The session manager, `session_manager_service`, is configured by the following variable:

- `plugins:session_manager_service:peer_timeout`

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## `plugins:session_manager_service:peer_timeout`

`plugins:session_manager_service:peer_timeout` specifies the amount of time, in milliseconds, that the session manager plug-in waits between keep-alive pings of the endpoints registered with it. The default and minimum setting is 10000 milliseconds (10 seconds).

The session manager uses a third-party peer manager to ping its endpoints. For more details, see [“Peer Manager” on page 82](#).

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# Session Endpoint Manager

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## Overview

The session endpoint manager plug-in, `session_endpoint_manager`, is configured by the following variables:

- `plugins:session_endpoint_manager:default_group`
  - `plugins:session_endpoint_manager:header_validation`
  - `plugins:session_endpoint_manager:peer_timeout`
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## `plugins:session_endpoint_manager:default_group`

`plugins:session_endpoint_manager:default_group` specifies the default group name for all endpoints that are instantiated using the configuration scope.

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## `plugins:session_endpoint_manager:header_validation`

`plugins:session_endpoint_manager:header_validation` specifies whether or not a server validates the session headers passed to it by clients. Default value is `true`.

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## `plugins:session_endpoint_manager:peer_timeout`

`plugins:session_endpoint_manager:peer_timeout` specifies the amount of time, in milliseconds, the session endpoint manager plug-in waits between keep-alive pings back to the session manager. The default and minimum setting is 10000 milliseconds (10 seconds).

The session endpoint manager uses a third-party peer manager to ping back to the session manager. For more details, see [“Peer Manager” on page 82](#).

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# Session Manager Simple Policy

## Overview

The session manager's simple policy plug-in, `sm_simple_policy`, is configured by the following variables:

- `plugins:sm_simple_policy:max_concurrent_sessions`
- `plugins:sm_simple_policy:min_session_timeout`
- `plugins:sm_simple_policy:max_session_timeout`

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## `plugins:sm_simple_policy:max_concurrent_sessions`

`plugins:sm_simple_policy:max_concurrent_sessions` specifies the maximum number of concurrent sessions the session manager will allocate. Default value is 1.

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## `plugins:sm_simple_policy:min_session_timeout`

`plugins:sm_simple_policy:min_session_timeout` specifies the minimum amount of time, in seconds, allowed for a session's timeout setting. Zero means the unlimited. Default is 5.

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## `plugins:sm_simple_policy:max_session_timeout`

`plugins:sm_simple_policy:max_session_timeout` specifies the maximum amount of time, in seconds, allowed for a session's timeout setting. Zero means the unlimited. Default is 600.

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# SOAP

## Overview

The `soap` plug-in includes the following configuration settings:

- `plugins:soap:encoding`
- `plugins:soap:write_xsi_type`

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## `plugins:soap:encoding`

`plugins:soap:encoding` specifies the character encoding used when the SOAP plug-in writes service requests or notification broadcasts to the wire. The valid settings are fully qualified IANA codeset names (Internet Assigned Numbers Authority). The default value is `UTF-8`. By default, this variable is not listed in the `artix.cfg` file.

For a listing of valid codesets visit the IANA's website (<http://www.iana.org/assignments/character-sets>).

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## `plugins:soap:write_xsi_type`

`plugins:soap:write_xsi_type` specifies whether to write the types of message parts in the log file. When set to `true`, this identifies each of the types associated with the message parts in the log file.

This only affects the content of the log file, giving you more information on the type contained in each message part. This variable is very useful for debugging purposes.

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# Transformer Service

## Overview

The Artix transformer service uses Artix endpoints that are configured in its configuration scope using the `artix:endpoint:endpoint_list`. For each endpoint that uses the transformer, you must specify an operation map with the corresponding `endpoint_name` from the endpoint list. The `artix:endpoint` namespace contains the following variables:

- `artix:endpoint:endpoint_list`
- `artix:endpoint:endpoint_name:wSDL_location`
- `artix:endpoint:endpoint_name:wSDL_port`

The transformer service, `xslt`, has the following configuration settings:

- `plugins:xslt:servant_list`
  - `plugins:xslt:endpoint_name:operation_map`
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## `artix:endpoint:endpoint_list`

`artix:endpoint:endpoint_list` specifies a list of endpoint names that are used to identify the defined endpoints. Each name in the list represents an endpoint configured with the other variables in this namespace. The endpoint names in this list are used by the Web service chain plug-in and the Artix transformer. For example:

```
artix:endpoint:endpoint_list = ["corba", "tunnel"];
```

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## `artix:endpoint:endpoint_name:wSDL_location`

`artix:endpoint:endpoint_name:wSDL_location` specifies the location of the Artix contract defining this endpoint. For example:

```
artix:endpoint:corba:wSDL_location="C:\myDir/test/wSDL/simple_service.wSDL";
```

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## artix:endpoint:*endpoint\_name*:wsdl\_port

`artix:endpoint:endpoint_name:wsdl_port` specifies the port that defines the physical representation of the endpoint. Use the following format:

```
[{service_qname} service_name [/port_name]
```

For example:

```
artix:endpoint:my_endpoint:wsdl_port="{http://www.mycorp.com/}MyService/MyPort";
```

---

## plugins:xslt:servant\_list

`plugins:xslt:servant_list` specifies a list of endpoints that are instantiated as servants by the transformer. For example:

```
plugins:xslt:servant_list=["endpoint_one", "endpoint_two" ...]
```

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## plugins:xslt:*endpoint\_name*:operation\_map

`plugins:xslt:endpoint_name:operation_map` specifies a list of XSLT operations and scripts to be used in processing the received XML messages. This list of scripts is used by each servant to process requests. Each endpoint specified in the servant list has a corresponding operation map entry. The operation map is specified as a list using the syntax .

```
plugins:xslt:endpoint_name:operation_map = ["wsdlOp1@filename1"  
    , "wsdlOp2@filename2", ..., "wsdlOpN@filenameN"];
```

Each entry specifies a logical operation defined in the service contract by an `operation` element, and the XSLT script to run when a request is made on the operation. You must specify an XSLT script for every operation defined. If you do not, the transformer raises an exception when the unmapped operation is invoked.

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## plugins:xslt:endpoint\_name:trace\_filter

plugins:xslt:endpoint\_name:trace\_filter specifies optional debug settings for the output of the XSLT engine. For example:

```
plugins:xslt:endpoint_name:trace_filter =  
    "INPUT+TEMPLATE+ELEMENT+GENERATE+SELECT";
```

These settings are described as follows:

INPUT	Traces the XML input passed to the XSLT engine.
TEMPLATE	Traces template matches in the XSLT script.
ELEMENT	Traces element generation.
GENERATE	Traces generation of text and attributes.
SELECT	Traces node selections in the XSLT script.

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# Tuxedo

## Overview

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The Tuxedo plug-in includes the following variable:

- `plugins:tuxedo:server`

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## plugins:tuxedo:server

`plugins:tuxedo:server` is a boolean that specifies if the Artix process is a Tuxedo server and must be started using `tmboot`. The default is:

```
plugins:tuxedo:server = "false";
```

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# Web Services Addressing

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## Overview

The `plugins:messaging_port` plug-in specifies variables that support WS-Addressing (WS-A) and WS-ReliableMessaging (WS-RM). These include:

- `plugins:messaging_port:base_replyto_url`
- `plugins:messaging_port:supports_wsa_mep`
- `plugins:messaging_port:wsm_enabled`

See also [Web Services Reliable Messaging](#).

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## `plugins:messaging_port:base_replyto_url`

`plugins:messaging_port:base_replyto_url` specifies a base URI for a WS-Addressing reply-to endpoint. The scope of a reply-to endpoint is at the proxy level, and in Artix, two proxies can not share the same endpoint. This means that each proxy has its own reply-to endpoint. For example, if the base URI is specified as:

```
plugins:messaging_port:base_replyto_url=
"http://localhost:0/WSATestClient/BaseReplyTo/";
```

And if two proxies are instantiated, the first proxy will have a reply-to endpoint whose URI is as follows:

```
"http://localhost:2356/WSATestClient/BaseReplyTo/ReplyTo0001";
```

Similarly, the second proxy will have a reply-to endpoint whose URI is as follows:

```
"http://localhost:2356/WSATestClient/BaseReplyTo/ReplyTo0002";
```

The WS-A reply-to endpoint can be set at the Artix bus-level (like the earlier example) or at a WSDL port-level, for example:

```
plugins:messaging_port:base_replyto_url:http://www.iona.com/bus/
tests:SOAPHTTPService:SOAPHTTPPort=
"http://localhost:0/WSATestClient/BaseReplyTo/";
```

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## plugins:messaging\_port:supports\_wsa\_mep

`plugins:messaging_port:supports_wsa_mep` specifies whether a WS-Addressing Message Exchange Pattern (MEP) is enabled. You can specify this setting either at the Artix bus-level or a specific WSDL port level. Port-specific configuration overrides bus-specific configuration.

### Bus-specific configuration

To enable WS-A at bus level, use the following setting:

```
plugins:messaging_port:supports_wsa_mep = "true";
```

### WSDL port-specific configuration

To enable WS-A at a specific WSDL port level, you must specify the WSDL service QName and the WSDL port name, for example:

```
plugins:messaging_port:supports_wsa_mep:http://www.ionapro.com/bus/
tests:SOAPHTTPService:SOAPHTTPPort="true";
```

---

## plugins:messaging\_port:wsm\_enabled

`plugins:messaging_port:wsm_enabled` specifies whether WS-RemoteAddressing is enabled. WS-RM can be enabled either at the bus-level or a specific WSDL port level. Port-specific configuration overrides bus-specific configuration.

### Bus-specific configuration

To enable WS-RM for a specific bus, use the following setting:

```
plugins:messaging_port:wsm_enabled = "true";
```

### WSDL port-specific configuration

To enable WS-RM at a specific WSDL port level, specify the WSDL service QName and also the WSDL port name, for example:

```
plugins:messaging_port:wsm_enabled:http://www.ionapro.com/bus/test
s:SOAPHTTPService:SOAPHTTPPort="true";
```

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# Web Services Chain Service

## Overview

The Web services chain service refers back to the Artix endpoints configured in its configuration scope using `artix:endpoint:endpoint_list`. For each endpoint that will be part of the chain, you specify a service chain with the corresponding `endpoint_name` from the endpoint list.

The Web service chain service, `ws_chain`, uses the following configuration variables:

- `plugins:chain:endpoint_name:operation_name:service_chain`
- `plugins:chain:init_on_first_call`
- `plugins:chain:servant_list`

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## `plugins:chain:endpoint_name:operation_name:service_chain`

`plugins:chain:endpoint_name:operation_name:service_chain` specifies the chain followed by requests made on the operation specified by `operation_name`. The operation must be defined as part of the endpoint specified by `endpoint_name`.

Service chains are specified using the following syntax:

```
["operation1@port1","operation2@port2", ..., "operationN@portN"]
```

Each operation and port entry correspond to an `operation` and a `port` in the endpoint's Artix contract. The request is passed through each service in the order specified. The final operation in the list returns the response back to the endpoint.

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## plugins:chain:init\_on\_first\_call

`plugins:chain:init_on_first_call` specifies whether to instantiate proxy services when a call is made. Defaults to `false`. This means that proxies are instantiated when the chain servant starts.

The chain invokes on other services, and for this reason, must instantiate proxies. This can be done when the chain servant starts (variable set to `false`), or later, when a call is made (variable set to `true`).

You might not be able to properly instantiate proxies when the servant is started because the servant to call is not started. For example, this applies when using the Artix locator or UDDI.

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## plugins:chain:servant\_list

`plugins:chain:servant_list` specifies a list of services in the Web service chain. Each name in the list must correspond to a service specified in the configuration scope. The following simple example shows a list that contains one service:

```
bus:qname_alias:my_client =
  "{http://www.iona.com/xslt}my_client_service";
bus:initial_contract:url:client = "../etc/my_transformation.wsdl";

...

plugins:chain:servant_list = ["my_client"];
```

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# Web Services Reliable Messaging

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## Overview

The `plugins:wsm` plug-in specifies variables that support WS-ReliableMessaging (WS-RM). These include:

- `plugins:wsm:acknowledgement_interval`
- `plugins:wsm:acknowledgement_uri`
- `plugins:wsm:base_retransmission_interval`
- `plugins:wsm:disable_exponential_backoff_retransmission_interval`
- `plugins:wsm:max_messages_per_sequence`
- `plugins:wsm:max_unacknowledged_messages_threshold`

See also [Web Services Addressing](#).

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## `plugins:wsm:acknowledgement_interval`

`plugins:wsm:acknowledgement_interval` specifies the interval at which the WS-RM destination sends asynchronous acknowledgements. This is in addition to the synchronous acknowledgements that are sent upon the receipt of an incoming message. The default value is 3000 milliseconds.

### Bus-specific configuration

The following example shows how to set the acknowledgement interval for a specific bus

```
plugins:wsm:acknowledgement_interval = "2500";
```

### WSDL port-specific configuration

The following example shows how to set the acknowledgement interval for a specific WSDL port:

```
plugins:wsm:acknowledgement_interval:http://www.iona.com/bus/tes  
ts:SOAPHTTPService:SOAPHTTPPort = "2500";
```

---

## plugins:wsm:acknowledgement\_uri

`plugins:wsm:acknowledgement_uri` specifies the endpoint at which the WS-RM source receives acknowledgements. This is also known as `wsm:AcksTo`. The default value is the WS-A anonymous URI:

```
http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2004/08/addressing/role/anonymous
```

### Bus-specific configuration

The following example shows how to configure the acknowledgement endpoint URI for a specific bus:

```
plugins:wsm:acknowledgement_uri =  
    "http://localhost:0/WSASource/DemoAcksTo/";
```

### WSDL port-specific configuration

The following example shows how to configure the acknowledgement endpoint URI for a specific WSDL port:

```
plugins:wsm:acknowledgement_uri:http://www.iona.com/bus/tests:  
SOAPHTTPService:SOAPHTTPPort =  
    "http://localhost:0/WSASource/DemoAcksTo/";
```

---

## plugins:wsm:base\_retransmission\_interval

`plugins:wsm:base_retransmission_interval` specifies the interval at which a WS-RM source retransmits a message that has not yet been acknowledged. The default value is 2000 milliseconds.

### Bus-specific configuration

The following example shows how to set the base retransmission interval for a specific bus:

```
plugins:wsm:base_retransmission_interval = "3000";
```

**WSDL port-specific configuration**

The following example shows how to set the base retransmission interval for a specific WSDL port:

```
plugins:wsmr:base_retransmission_interval:http://www.iona.com/bu
s/tests:SOAPHTTPService:SOAPHTTPPort = "3000";
```

**plugins:wsmr:disable\_exponential\_backoff\_retransmission\_interval**

`plugins:wsmr:disable_exponential_backoff_retransmission_interval` determines if successive retransmission attempts for an unacknowledged message are performed at exponential intervals or not. The default value is `false`, which means that they are attempted at exponential intervals.

If the value is `true` (exponential backoff disabled), the retransmission of unacknowledged messages is performed at the base retransmission interval.

**Bus-specific configuration**

The following example shows how to set the exponential backoff for retransmission for a specific bus:

```
plugins:wsmr:disable_exponential_backoff_retransmission_interval
= "true";
```

**WSDL port-specific configuration**

The following example shows how to set the exponential backoff for retransmission for a specific WSDL port:

```
plugins:wsmr:disable_exponential_backoff_retransmission_interval
:http://www.iona.com/bus/tests:SOAPHTTPService:SOAPHTTPPort =
"true";
```

---

## plugins:wsm:max\_messages\_per\_sequence

`plugins:wsm:max_messages_per_sequence` specifies the maximum number of user messages that are permitted in a WS-RM sequence. The default is unlimited; this is sufficient for most situations.

When this attribute is set, the RM endpoint creates a new RM sequence when the limit is reached and after receiving all the acknowledgements for the messages previously sent. The new message is then sent using the new sequence.

### Bus-specific configuration

The following example shows how to set the maximum number of messages for a specific bus

```
plugins:wsm:max_messages_per_sequence = "1";
```

### WSDL port-specific configuration

The following example shows how to set the maximum number of messages for a specific WSDL port:

```
plugins:wsm:max_messages_per_sequence:http://www.iona.com/bus/te  
ests:SOAPHTTPService:SOAPHTTPPort = "1";
```

---

## plugins:wsm:max\_unacknowledged\_messages\_threshold

`plugins:wsm:max_unacknowledged_messages_threshold` specifies the maximum permissible number of unacknowledged messages at the WS-RM source. When the WS-RM source reaches this limit, it sends the last message with a `wsm:AckRequested` header indicating that a WS-RM acknowledgement should be sent by the WS-RM destination as soon as possible.

In addition, when the WS-RM source has reached this limit, it does not accept further messages from the application source. This means that the caller thread (making the invocation on the proxy) is blocked until the number of unacknowledged messages drops below the threshold.

The default value is `-1` (no limit on number of unacknowledged messages).

### **Bus-specific configuration**

The following example shows how to set the max unacknowledged messages threshold for a specific bus:

```
plugins:wsm:max_unacknowledged_messages_threshold = "50";
```

### **WSDL port-specific configuration**

The following example shows how to set the max unacknowledged messages threshold for a specific WSDL port:

```
plugins:wsm:max_unacknowledged_messages_threshold:http://www.io  
na.com/bus/tests:SOAPHTTPService:SOAPHTTPPort = "50";
```

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# WSDL Publishing Service

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## Overview

The WSDL publishing service, `wSDL_publish`, includes the following configuration variables:

- `plugins:wSDL_publish:publish_port`
- `plugins:wSDL_publish:hostname`
- `plugins:wSDL_publish:processor`

Although all three variables are optional, it is recommended that you define `plugins:wSDL_publish:publish_port` and `plugins:wSDL_publish:hostname` in production environments.

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## `plugins:wSDL_publish:publish_port`

`plugins:wSDL_publish:publish_port` specifies the port on which the WSDL publishing service can be contacted.

The default value is `0`, which specifies that `wSDL_publish` will use a port supplied by the operating system at runtime. You can get the `wSDL_publish` URL from the bus.

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## plugins:wSDL\_publish:hostname

`plugins:wSDL_publish:hostname` specifies how the hostname is constructed in the `wSDL_publish` URL. This is the URL that the `wSDL_publish` plug-in uses to retrieve WSDL contracts.

By default, the unqualified local hostname is used. The possible values are as follows:

<code>canonical</code>	The fully qualified hostname of the machine (for example <code>http://myhost.mydomain.com</code> ).
<code>unqualified</code>	The unqualified local hostname of the machine. This does not include the domain name with the hostname (for example, <code>http://myhost</code> ). This is the default.
<code>ipaddress</code>	The IP address associated with the machine (for example <code>http://10.1.2.3</code> ).

**Note:** For details of how the address is published in dynamically generated WSDL contracts, see [policies:at\\_http:server\\_address\\_mode\\_policy:publish\\_hostname](#) and [policies:soap:server\\_address\\_mode\\_policy:publish\\_hostname](#).

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## plugins:wSDL\_publish:processor

`plugins:wSDL_publish:processor` specifies the type of preprocessing done before publishing a WSDL contract. The possible values are as follows:

<code>artix</code>	Strip out server-side artifacts. This is the default setting.
<code>standard</code>	Strip out server side artifacts and IONA proprietary extensors.
<code>none</code>	Disable preprocessing.

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# XML File Log Stream

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## Overview

The XML file log stream plug-in, `xmlfile_log_stream`, enables you to view logging output in an XML file. It includes the following variables:

- `plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:buffer_file`
- `plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:filename`
- `plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:filename_date_format`
- `plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:log_elements`
- `plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:log_thread_id`
- `plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:milliseconds_to_log`
- `plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:rolling_file`
- `plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:use_pid`

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## `plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:buffer_file`

`plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:buffer_file` specifies whether the output stream is sent to a buffer before it writes to a local log file. To specify this behavior, set this variable to `true`:

```
plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:buffer_file = "true";
```

When set to `true`, by default, the buffer is output to a file every 1000 milliseconds when there are more than 100 messages logged. This log interval and number of log elements can also be configured.

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## `plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:filename`

`plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:filename` specifies the filename for your log file, for example:

```
plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:filename = "artix_logfile.xml";
```

If you do not specify a file name, logging is sent to `stdout`.

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## plugins:xmlfile\_log\_stream:filename\_date\_format

`plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:filename_date_format` specifies the format of the date in an XML-based rolling log file. The specified date conforms to the format rules of the ANSI C `strftime()` function. For example:

```
plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:rolling_file="true";
plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:filename="my_log";
plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:filename_date_format="_%Y_%m_%d";
```

On the 31st January 2006, this results in a log file named `my_log_2006_01_31`.

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## plugins:xmlfile\_log\_stream:log\_elements

`plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:log_elements` specifies the number of log messages that must be in the buffer before they are output to a log file. The default is 100 messages.

For example, the following configuration writes the log output to a log file if there are more than 20 log messages in the buffer.

```
plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:log_elements = "20";
```

---

## plugins:xmlfile\_log\_stream:log\_thread\_id

`plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:log_thread_id` specifies whether the thread ID is logged in the log message or not, for example:

```
plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:log_thread_id = "true";
```

The default is `true`.

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## plugins:xmlfile\_log\_stream:milliseconds\_to\_log

`plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:milliseconds_to_log` specifies how often in milliseconds that the log buffer is output to a log file. The default is 1000 milliseconds.

For example, the following configuration writes the log output to a log file every 400 milliseconds.

```
plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:milliseconds_to_log = "400";
```

---

## plugins:xmlfile\_log\_stream:rolling\_file

`plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:rolling_file` is a boolean which specifies that the logging plug-in creates a new log file each day to prevent the log file from growing indefinitely. In this model, the stream appends the current date to the configured filename. This produces a complete filename, for example:

```
/var/adm/artix.log.02172005
```

A new file begins with the first event of the day and ends at 23:59:59 each day. The default behavior is `true`. To disable rolling file behavior, set this variable to `false`. For example:

```
plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:rolling_file = "false";
```

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## plugins:xmlfile\_log\_stream:use\_pid

`plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:use_pid` specifies that the logging plug-in uses a optional process identifier. The default is `false`. To enable the process identifier, set this variable to `true`:

```
plugins:xmlfile_log_stream:use_pid = "true";
```

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# Custom Plug-ins

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## Overview

When you write a custom plug-in for Artix, using either C++ or Java, you must provide some configuration to the Artix runtime so that Artix can locate the libraries and initial settings required to properly instantiate the plug-in. This information is provided in the Artix configuration file used by your application. Typically, you would place the information in the global scope so that more than one of your applications can use the plug-in.

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## C++ plug-in libraries

When writing custom C++ plug-ins, you build your plug-in as a shared library that the bus loads at runtime. In the Artix configuration file, you need to provide the name of the shared library that loads the plug-in. You can do this using the following configuration variable:

```
plugins:PluginName:shlib_name
```

The plug-in name provided must correspond to the plug-in name that is listed in the `orb_plugins` list.

[Example 3](#) shows an example of configuring a custom plug-in called `my_filter` that is implemented by the shared library `my_filter.dll`.

### Example 3: Custom C++ Plug-in Configuration

```
plugins:my_filter:shlib_name="my_filter"
...
my_app
{
  orb_plugins=["my_filter" ...];
  ...
}
```

## Java plug-in classes

Java plug-ins are loaded using the plug-in factory that you implemented for the custom plug-in. In an Artix configuration file, you must provide that name for the plug-in factory class. You can do this using the following configuration variable:

```
plugins:PluginName:Classname
```

The plug-in name provided must correspond to the plug-in name listed in the `orb_plugins` list. [Example 4](#) shows an example of configuring a custom plug-in called `my_java_filter` that has the factory class `myJavaFilterFactory`.

### Example 4: Custom Java Plug-in Configuration

```
plugins:my_java_filter:Classname="myJavaFilterFactory"
...
my_app
{
  orb_plugins=[ ..., "java"];
  java_plugins=["my_java_filter"];
  ...
}
```

## Specifying a classloading environment

If you want a custom plug-in to use an Artix classloader environment, specify the `plugins:PluginName:CE_Name` variable. The classloader environment name is specified as a unique string.

You must also use the `ce:CE_Name:FileName` variable to specify the location of the XML file that describes the classloader environment. `CE_Name` is the classloader environment name used when configuring the plug-in.

The following example shows the configuration for loading a custom plug-in using a classloader environment.

```
plugins:my_app:CE_Name="my_app_ce";
ce:my_app_ce:FileName="\artix_ces\my_app_ce.xml";
```

For more details, see *Developing Artix Applications in Java*.

## Prerequisite plug-ins

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In addition to providing a pointer to the plug-in's implementation, you can also provide a list of plug-ins that your plug-in requires to be loaded. You can provide this information using the following configuration variable:

```
plugins:PluginName:prerequisite_plugins.
```

The prerequisite plug-ins are specified as a list of plug-in names similar to that specified in the `orb_plugins` list. When you provide this list the bus ensures that the required plug-ins are loaded whenever your plug-in is loaded.

[Example 5](#) shows configuring some prerequisite plug-ins for a custom plug-in called `my_filter`.

### **Example 5:** *Custom Prerequisite Plug-in Configuration*

```
plugins:my_filter:prerequisite_plugins = ["my_plugin_1",  
    "my_plugin_2", "my_plugin_3", "my_plugin4"];
```

The syntax is the same for Java and C++ applications.

# Artix Security

*This appendix describes variables used by the IONA Security Framework. The Artix security infrastructure is highly configurable.*

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# Applying Constraints to Certificates

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## Certificate constraints policy

You can use the `CertConstraintsPolicy` to apply constraints to peer X.509 certificates by the default `CertificateValidatorPolicy`. These conditions are applied to the owner's distinguished name (DN) on the first certificate (peer certificate) of the received certificate chain. Distinguished names are made up of a number of distinct fields, the most common being Organization Unit (OU) and Common Name (CN).

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## Configuration variable

You can specify a list of constraints to be used by `CertConstraintsPolicy` through the `policies:iiop_tls:certificate_constraints_policy` or `policies:certificate_constraints_policy` configuration variables. For example:

```
policies:iiop_tls:certificate_constraints_policy =
    ["CN=Johnny*,OU=[unit1|IT_SSL],O=IONA,C=Ireland,ST=Dublin,L=Earth",
     "CN=Paul*,OU=SSLTEAM,O=IONA,C=Ireland,ST=Dublin,L=Earth",
     "CN=TheOmnipotentOne"];
```

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## Constraint language

These are the special characters and their meanings in the constraint list:

*	Matches any text. For example: an* matches ant and anger, but not aunt
[ ]	Grouping symbols.
	Choice symbol. For example: OU=[unit1 IT_SSL] signifies that if the OU is unit1 or IT_SSL, the certificate is acceptable.
=, !=	Signify equality and inequality respectively.

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## Example

This is an example list of constraints:

```
policies:iiop_tls:certificate_constraints_policy = [
    "OU=[unit1|IT_SSL],CN=Steve*,L=Dublin",
    "OU=IT_ART*,OU!=IT_ARTtesters,CN=[Jan|Donal],ST=
    Boston" ];
```

This constraint list specifies that a certificate is deemed acceptable if and only if it satisfies one or more of the constraint patterns:

```

If
  The OU is unit1 or IT_SSL
  And
  The CN begins with the text Steve
  And
  The location is Dublin
Then the certificate is acceptable
Else (moving on to the second constraint)
If
  The OU begins with the text IT_ART but isn't IT_ARTtesters
  And
  The common name is either Donal or Jan
  And
  The State is Boston
Then the certificate is acceptable
Otherwise the certificate is unacceptable.

```

The language is like a boolean OR, trying the constraints defined in each line until the certificate satisfies one of the constraints. Only if the certificate fails all constraints is the certificate deemed invalid.

Note that this setting can be sensitive about white space used within it. For example, "CN =" might not be recognized, where "CN=" is recognized.

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## Distinguished names

For more information on distinguished names, see the *Security Guide*.

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# bus:initial\_contract

The `bus:initial_contract` namespace contains the following configuration variable:

- [url:isf\\_service](#)

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## url:isf\_service

Specifies the location of the Artix security service's WSDL contract. This variable is needed by applications that connect to the Artix security service through a protocol specified in the physical part of the security service's WSDL contract (the alternative would be to connect over IIOP/TLS using a CORBA object reference).

This variable is used in conjunction with the `policies:asp:use_artix_proxies` configuration variable.

# bus:security

The variables in the `bus:security` are intended for use with the `it_container_admin` utility, in order to facilitate communication with a secure Artix container. The `bus:security` namespace contains the following configuration variables:

- `enable_security`
- `user_name`
- `user_password`

## enable\_security

The `bus:security:enable_security` variable is a boolean variable that enables a client to send WSSE username and password credentials. When `true`, the client sends WSSE username and password credentials with every SOAP request message (whether or not the connection is secured by SSL/TLS); when `false`, the feature is disabled.

There are essentially two different ways of initializing the WSSE username and password credentials on the client side:

- *From the configuration file*—you can set the WSSE credentials in the Artix configuration using the related `user_name` and `user_password` configuration variables. For example:

```
# Artix Configuration File
bus:security:enable_security = "true";
bus:security:user_name = "Username";
bus:security:user_password = "Password";
```

- *From the command line*—if you omit the `bus:security:user_name` and `bus:security:user_password` settings from the Artix configuration, the client program will prompt you for the username and password credentials as it starts up. For example:

```
Please enter login :
Please enter password :
```

---

**user\_name**

Initializes a WSSE username. This variable is intended for use in conjunction with the `bus:security:enable_security` variable as part of the configuration for the `it_container_admin` utility.

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**user\_password**

Initializes a WSSE password. This variable is intended for use in conjunction with the `bus:security:enable_security` variable as part of the configuration for the `it_container_admin` utility.

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## initial\_references

The `initial_references` namespace contains the following configuration variables:

- `IT_SecurityService:reference`
- `IT_TLS_Toolkit:plugin`

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### IT\_SecurityService:reference

This configuration variable specifies the location of the Artix security service. Clients of the security service need this configuration setting in order to locate and connect to the security service through the IIOP/TLS protocol.

**Note:** This variable is *not* relevant to clients that connect to a HTTPS-based security service.

The most convenient way to initialize this variable is to use a `corbaloc` URL. The `corbaloc` URL typically has the following format:

```
corbaloc:it_iops:1.2@Hostname:Port/IT_SecurityService
```

Where *Hostname* is the name of the host where the security service is running and *Port* is the IP port where the security service is listening for incoming connections.

If the security service is configured as a cluster, you need to use a multi-profile `corbaloc` URL, which lists the addresses of all the services in the cluster. For example, if you configure a cluster of three services—with addresses `security01:5001`, `security02:5002`, and `security03:5003`—you would set the `corbaloc` URL as follows:

```
corbaloc:it_iops:1.2@security01:5001,it_iops:1.2@security02:5002,it_iops:1.2@security03:5003/IT_SecurityService
```

---

## IT\_TLS\_Toolkit:plugin

This configuration variable enables you to specify the underlying SSL/TLS toolkit to be used by Artix. It is used in conjunction with the `plugins:baltimore_toolkit:shlib_name`, `plugins:schannel_toolkit:shlib_name` (Windows only) and `plugins:systemssl_toolkit:shlib_name` (z/OS only) configuration variables to implement SSL/TLS toolkit replaceability.

The default is the Baltimore toolkit.

For example, to specify that an application should use the Schannel SSL/TLS toolkit, you would set configuration variables as follows:

```
initial_references:IT_TLS_Toolkit:plugin = "schannel_toolkit";  
plugins:schannel_toolkit:shlib_name = "it_tls_schannel";
```

---

# password\_retrieval\_mechanism

The configuration variables in the `password_retrieval_mechanism` namespace are intended to be used *only* by the Artix services. The following variables are defined in this namespace:

- [inherit\\_from\\_parent](#)
- [use\\_my\\_password\\_as\\_kdm\\_password](#)

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## inherit\_from\_parent

If an application forks a child process and this variable is set to `true`, the child process inherits the parent's X.509 certificate password through the environment.

**Note:** This variable is intended for use *only* by the standard Artix services.

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## use\_my\_password\_as\_kdm\_password

This variable should be set to `true` only in the scope of the KDM plug-in's container. From a security perspective it is dangerous to do otherwise as the password could be left in cleartext within the process.

The KDM is a locator plug-in and so it is natural that it should use the locator's identity as its identity. However, it requires a password to encrypt its security information. By default the KDM requests such a password from the user during locator startup and this is separate from the locator password. The locator password would be used if this variable is set to `true`.

**Note:** This variable is intended for use *only* by the standard Artix services.

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# plugins:asp

The `plugins:asp` namespace contains the following variables:

- `authentication_cache_size`
- `authentication_cache_timeout`
- `authorization_realm`
- `default_password`
- `enable_security_service_cert_authentication`
- `enable_security_service_load_balancing`
- `security_type`
- `security_level`

---

## authentication\_cache\_size

The maximum number of credentials stored in the authentication cache. If this size is exceeded, any new authentication tokens acquired by calling the Artix security service are *not* stored in the cache. The cache can shrink again if some of the cached credentials expire (either because the individual token expiry time is exceeded or the `plugins:asp:authentication_cache_timeout` is exceeded).

A value of -1 (the default) means unlimited size. A value of 0 means disable the cache. The value must lie within the range -1 to  $2^{31}-1$ .

**Note:** This variable does not affect CORBA credentials. For details of how to configure the CORBA cache, see “[plugins:gsp](#)” on page 137.

## authentication\_cache\_timeout

The time (in seconds) after which a credential expires. Expired credentials are removed from the cache and must re-authenticate with the Artix security service on the next call from that user.

A value of -1 means an infinite time-out. A value of 0 means disable the cache. The value must lie within the range  $-1$  to  $2^{31}-1$ .

Default is 500 seconds.

**Note:** This variable does not affect CORBA credentials. For details of how to configure the CORBA cache, see “[plugins:gsp](#)” on page 137.

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## authorization\_realm

Specifies the Artix authorization realm to which an Artix server belongs. The value of this variable determines which of a user’s roles are considered when making an access control decision.

For example, consider a user that belongs to the `ejb-developer` and `corba-developer` roles within the `Engineering` realm, and to the `ordinary` role within the `Sales` realm. If you set `plugins:asp:authorization_realm` to `Sales` for a particular server, only the `ordinary` role is considered when making access control decisions (using the action-role mapping file).

The default is `IONAGlobalRealm`.

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## default\_password

When the client credentials originate either from a CORBA Principal (embedded in a SOAP header) or from a certificate subject, the `default_password` variable specifies the password to use on the server side. The `plugins:asp:default_password` variable is used to get around the limitation that a `PRINCIPAL` identity and a `CERT_SUBJECT` are propagated without an accompanying password.

The `artix_security` plug-in uses the received client principal together with the password specified by `plugins:asp:default_password` to authenticate the user through the Artix security service.

The default value is the string, `default_password`.

---

## enable\_security\_service\_cert\_authentication

When this parameter is set to `true`, the client certificate is retrieved from the TLS connection. If no other credentials are available, the client certificate is then sent to the Artix security service for authentication.

The client certificate has the lowest precedence for authentication. Hence, if any other credentials are presented by the client (for example, if the client sends a WSSE username and password), these alternative credentials are sent to the Artix security service instead of the certificate credentials.

Default is `false`.

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## enable\_security\_service\_load\_balancing

A boolean variable that enables load balancing over a cluster of security services. If an application is deployed in a domain that uses security service clustering, the application should be configured to use *client load balancing* (in this context, *client* means a client of the Artix security service). See also `policies:iiop_tls:load_balancing_mechanism`.

Default is `false`.

---

## security\_type

*(Obsolete)* From Artix 3.0 onwards, this variable is ignored.

---

## security\_level

Specifies the level from which security credentials are picked up. The following options are supported by the `artix_security` plug-in:

- `MESSAGE_LEVEL` Get security information from the transport header. This is the default.
- `REQUEST_LEVEL` Get the security information from the message header.

---

## plugins:at\_http

The `plugins:at_http` configuration variables are provided to facilitate migration from legacy Artix applications (that is, Artix releases prior to version 3.0). The `plugins:at_http` namespace contains variables that are similar to the variables from the old (pre-version 3.0) `plugins:http` namespace. One important change made in 3.0, however, is that an application's own certificate must now be provided in PKCS#12 format (where they were previously supplied in PEM format).

If the variables from the `plugins:at_http` namespace are used, they take precedence over the analogous variables from the `principal_sponsor:https` and `policies:https` namespaces.

The `plugins:at_http` namespace contains the following variables:

- `client:client_certificate`.
- `client:client_private_key_password`.
- `client:trusted_root_certificates`.
- `client:use_secure_sockets`.
- `server:server_certificate`.
- `server:server_private_key_password`.
- `server:trusted_root_certificates`.
- `server:use_secure_sockets`.

---

### client:client\_certificate

This variable specifies the full path to the PKCS#12-encoded X.509 certificate issued by the certificate authority for the client. For example:

```
plugins:at_http:client:client_certificate =  
    "C:\aspen\x509\certs\key.cert.p12"
```

---

### client:client\_private\_key\_password

This variable specifies the password to decrypt the contents of the PKCS#12 certificate file specified by `client:client_certificate`.

---

## client:trusted\_root\_certificates

This variable specifies the path to a file containing a concatenated list of CA certificates in PEM format. The client uses this CA list during the TLS handshake to verify that the server's certificate has been signed by a trusted CA.

---

## client:use\_secure\_sockets

The effect of the `client:use_secure_sockets` variable depends on the type of URL specifying the remote service location:

- `https://host:port` URL format—the client always attempts to open a secure connection. That is, the value of `plugins:at_http:client:use_secure_sockets` is effectively ignored.
- `http://host:port` URL format—whether the client attempts to open a secure connection or not depends on the value of `plugins:at_http:client:use_secure_sockets`, as follows:
  - ◆ `true`—the client attempts to open a secure connection (that is, HTTPS running over SSL or TLS). If no port is specified in the `http` URL, the client uses port 443 for secure HTTPS.
  - ◆ `false`—the client attempts to open an insecure connection (that is, plain HTTP).

If `plugins:at_http:client:use_secure_sockets` is true and the client decides to open a secure connection, the `at_http` plug-in then automatically loads the `https` plug-in.

**Note:** If `plugins:at_http:client:use_secure_sockets` is true and the client decides to open a secure connection, Artix uses the following client secure invocation policies by default:

```

policies:client_secure_invocation_policy:requires =
["Confidentiality", "Integrity", "DetectReplay",
"DetectMisordering", "EstablishTrustInTarget"];

policies:client_secure_invocation_policy:supports =
["Confidentiality", "Integrity", "DetectReplay",
"DetectMisordering", "EstablishTrustInTarget",
"EstablishTrustInClient"];

```

You can optionally override these defaults by setting the client secure invocation policy explicitly in configuration.

---

## server:server\_certificate

This variable specifies the full path to the PKCS#12-encoded X.509 certificate issued by the certificate authority for the server. For example:

```

plugins:at_http:server:server_certificate =
"c:\aspen\x509\certs\key.cert.p12"

```

---

## server:server\_private\_key\_password

This variable specifies the password to decrypt the contents of the PKCS#12 certificate file specified by `server:server_certificate`.

---

## server:trusted\_root\_certificates

This variable specifies the path to a file containing a concatenated list of CA certificates in PEM format. The server uses this CA list during the TLS handshake to verify that the client's certificate has been signed by a trusted CA.

---

## server:use\_secure\_sockets

The effect of the `server:use_secure_sockets` variable depends on the type of URL advertising the service location:

- `https://host:port` URL format—the server accepts only secure connection attempts. That is, the value of `plugins:at_http:server:use_secure_sockets` is effectively ignored.
- `http://host:port` URL format—whether the server accepts secure connection attempts or not depends on the value of `plugins:at_http:server:use_secure_sockets`, as follows:
  - ◆ `true`—the server accepts secure connection attempts (that is, HTTPS running over SSL or TLS). If no port is specified in the `http` URL, the server uses port 443 for secure HTTPS.
  - ◆ `false`—the server accepts insecure connection attempts (that is, plain HTTP).

If `plugins:at_http:server:use_secure_sockets` is set and the server accepts a secure connection, the `at_http` plug-in then automatically loads the `https` plug-in.

**Note:** If `plugins:at_http:server:use_secure_sockets` is set and the server accepts a secure connection, Artix uses the following server secure invocation policies by default:

```
    policies:target_secure_invocation_policy:requires =
["Confidentiality","Integrity", "DetectReplay",
"DetectMisordering", "EstablishTrustInClient"];

    policies:target_secure_invocation_policy:supports =
["Confidentiality", "Integrity", "DetectReplay",
"DetectMisordering", "EstablishTrustInTarget",
"EstablishTrustInClient"];
```

You can optionally override these defaults by setting the target secure invocation policy explicitly in configuration.

## **server:use\_secure\_sockets:container**

The effect of the `server:use_secure_sockets:container` variable is similar to the effect of the `server:use_secure_sockets` variable, except that only the `ContainerService` service is affected. Using this variable, it is possible to enable HTTPS security specifically for the `ContainerService` service without affecting the security settings of other services deployed in the container.

---

## plugins:atli2\_tls

The `plugins:atli2_tls` namespace contains the following variable:

- `use_jsse_tk`

---

### use\_jsse\_tk

(Java only) Specifies whether or not to use the JSSE/JCE architecture with the CORBA binding. If `true`, the CORBA binding uses the JSSE/JCE architecture to implement SSL/TLS security; if `false`, the CORBA binding uses the Baltimore SSL/TLS toolkit.

The default is `false`.

---

# plugins:csi

The `policies:csi` namespace includes variables that specify settings for Common Secure Interoperability version 2 (CSIv2):

- `ClassName`
- `shlib_name`

---

## ClassName

`ClassName` specifies the Java class that implements the `csi` plugin. The default setting is:

```
plugins:csi:ClassName = "com.iona.corba.security.csi.CSIPlugin";
```

This configuration setting makes it possible for the Artix core to load the plugin on demand. Internally, the Artix core uses a Java class loader to load and instantiate the `csi` class. Plugin loading can be initiated either by including the `csi` in the `orb_plugins` list, or by associating the plugin with an initial reference.

---

## shlib\_name

`shlib_name` identifies the shared library (or DLL in Windows) containing the `csi` plugin implementation.

```
plugins:csi:shlib_name = "it_csi_prot";
```

The `csi` plug-in becomes associated with the `it_csi_prot` shared library, where `it_csi_prot` is the base name of the library. The library base name, `it_csi_prot`, is expanded in a platform-dependent manner to obtain the full name of the library file.

---

## plugins:gsp

The `plugins:gsp` namespace includes variables that specify settings for the Generic Security Plugin (GSP). This provides authorization by checking a user's roles against the permissions stored in an action-role mapping file. It includes the following:

- `accept_asserted_authorization_info`
- `action_role_mapping_file`
- `assert_authorization_info`
- `authentication_cache_size`
- `authentication_cache_timeout`
- `authorization_realm`
- `ClassName`
- `enable_authorization`
- `enable_gssup_sso`
- `enable_user_id_logging`
- `enable_x509_sso`
- `enforce_secure_comms_to_sso_server`
- `enable_security_service_cert_authentication`
- `sso_server_certificate_constraints`
- `use_client_load_balancing`

---

### accept\_asserted\_authorization\_info

If `false`, SAML data is not read from incoming connections. Default is `true`.

---

### action\_role\_mapping\_file

Specifies the action-role mapping file URL. For example:

```
plugins:gsp:action_role_mapping_file =  
  "file:///my/action/role/mapping";
```

---

## assert\_authorization\_info

If `false`, SAML data is not sent on outgoing connections. Default is `true`.

---

## authentication\_cache\_size

The maximum number of credentials stored in the authentication cache. If this size is exceeded the oldest credential in the cache is removed.

A value of `-1` (the default) means unlimited size. A value of `0` means disable the cache.

---

## authentication\_cache\_timeout

The time (in seconds) after which a credential is considered *stale*. Stale credentials are removed from the cache and the server must re-authenticate with the Artix security service on the next call from that user. The cache timeout should be configured to be smaller than the timeout set in the `is2.properties` file (by default, that setting is `is2.sso.session.timeout=600`).

A value of `-1` (the default) means an infinite time-out. A value of `0` means disable the cache.

---

## authorization\_realm

`authorization_realm` specifies the iSF authorization realm to which a server belongs. The value of this variable determines which of a user's roles are considered when making an access control decision.

For example, consider a user that belongs to the `ejb-developer` and `corba-developer` roles within the `Engineering` realm, and to the `ordinary` role within the `Sales` realm. If you set `plugins:gsp:authorization_realm` to `Sales` for a particular server, only the `ordinary` role is considered when making access control decisions (using the `action-role` mapping file).

---

## ClassName

`ClassName` specifies the Java class that implements the `gsp` plugin. This configuration setting makes it possible for the Artix core to load the plugin on demand. Internally, the Artix core uses a Java class loader to load and instantiate the `gsp` class. Plugin loading can be initiated either by including the `csi` in the `orb_plugins` list, or by associating the plugin with an initial reference.

---

## enable\_authorization

A boolean GSP policy that, when `true`, enables authorization using action-role mapping ACLs in server.

Default is `true`.

---

## enable\_gssup\_sso

Enables SSO with a username and a password (that is, GSSUP) when set to `true`.

---

## enable\_user\_id\_logging

A boolean variable that enables logging of user IDs on the server side.

Default is `false`.

Up until the release of Orbix 6.1 SP1, the GSP plug-in would log messages containing user IDs. For example:

```
[junit] Fri, 28 May 2004 12:17:22.0000000 [SLEEPY:3284]
      (IT_CSI:205) I - User alice authenticated successfully.
```

In some cases, however, it might not be appropriate to expose user IDs in the Orbix log. From Orbix 6.2 onward, the default behavior of the GSP plug-in is changed, so that user IDs are *not* logged by default. To restore the pre-Orbix 6.2 behavior and log user IDs, set this variable to `true`.

---

## enable\_x509\_sso

Enables certificate-based SSO when set to `true`.

---

## enforce\_secure\_comms\_to\_sso\_server

Enforces a secure SSL/TLS link between a client and the login service when set to `true`. When this setting is true, the value of the SSL/TLS client secure invocation policy does *not* affect the connection between the client and the login service.

Default is `true`.

---

## enable\_security\_service\_cert\_authentication

A boolean GSP policy that enables X.509 certificate-based authentication on the server side using the Artix security service.

Default is `false`.

---

## sso\_server\_certificate\_constraints

A special certificate constraints policy that applies *only* to the SSL/TLS connection between the client and the SSO login server. For details of the pattern constraint language, see [“Applying Constraints to Certificates” on page 119](#).

---

## use\_client\_load\_balancing

A boolean variable that enables load balancing over a cluster of security services. If an application is deployed in a domain that uses security service clustering, the application should be configured to use *client load balancing* (in this context, *client* means a client of the Artix security service). See also `policies:iiop_tls:load_balancing_mechanism`.

Default is `true`.

---

# plugins:http

The `plugins:http` namespace contains the following variables:

- `client:client_certificate`
- `client:client_certificate_chain`
- `client:client_private_key`
- `client:client_private_key_password`
- `client:trusted_root_certificates`
- `client:use_secure_sockets`
- `server:server_certificate`
- `server:server_certificate_chain`
- `server:server_private_key`
- `server:server_private_key_password`
- `server:trusted_root_certificates`
- `server:use_secure_sockets`

---

## client:client\_certificate

This variable specifies the full path to the PEM-encoded X.509 certificate issued by the certificate authority for the client. For example:

```
plugins:http:client:client_certificate =  
    "c:\aspen\x509\certs\key.cert.pem"
```

This setting is ignored if `plugins:http:client:use_secure_sockets` is `false`.

---

## client:client\_certificate\_chain

(Optional) This variable specifies the full path to the PEM-encoded X.509 certificate chain for the client. For example:

```
plugins:http:client:client_certificate_chain =  
    "c:\aspen\x509\certs\key.cert.pem"
```

This setting is ignored if `plugins:http:client:use_secure_sockets` is `false`.

## **client:client\_private\_key**

This variable specifies a PEM file containing the client certificate's encrypted private key. This private key enables the client to respond to a challenge from a server during an SSL/TLS handshake.

This setting is ignored if `plugins:http:client:use_secure_sockets` is `false`.

---

## **client:client\_private\_key\_password**

This variable specifies the password to decrypt the contents of the `client_private_key` file.

This setting is ignored if `plugins:http:client:use_secure_sockets` is `false`.

---

## **client:trusted\_root\_certificates**

This variable specifies the path to a file containing a concatenated list of CA certificates in PEM format. The client uses this CA list during the TLS handshake to verify that the server's certificate has been signed by a trusted CA.

This setting is ignored if `plugins:http:client:use_secure_sockets` is `false`.

---

## **client:use\_secure\_sockets**

This variable specifies whether the client wants to open a HTTPS connection (that is, HTTP running over SSL or TLS) or an insecure connection (that is, plain HTTP).

Valid values are `true`, for HTTPS, and `false`, for HTTP. The default is `false`.

---

## server:server\_certificate

This variable specifies the full path to the PEM-encoded X.509 certificate issued by the certificate authority for the server. For example:

```
plugins:http:server:server_certificate =  
    "c:\aspen\x509\certs\key.cert.pem"
```

This setting is ignored if `plugins:http:server:use_secure_sockets` is `false`.

---

## server:server\_certificate\_chain

(Optional) This variable specifies the full path to the PEM-encoded X.509 certificate chain for the server. For example:

```
plugins:http:server:server_certificate_chain =  
    "c:\aspen\x509\certs\key.cert.pem"
```

This setting is ignored if `plugins:http:server:use_secure_sockets` is `false`.

---

## server:server\_private\_key

This variable specifies a PEM file containing the server certificate's encrypted private key. This private key enables the server to respond to a challenge from a client during an SSL/TLS handshake.

This setting is ignored if `plugins:http:server:use_secure_sockets` is `false`.

---

## server:server\_private\_key\_password

This variable specifies the password to decrypt the contents of the `server_private_key` file.

This setting is ignored if `plugins:http:server:use_secure_sockets` is `false`.

## **server:trusted\_root\_certificates**

This variable specifies the path to a file containing a concatenated list of CA certificates in PEM format. The server uses this CA list during the TLS handshake to verify that the client's certificate has been signed by a trusted CA.

This setting is ignored if `plugins:http:server:use_secure_sockets` is `false`.

---

## **server:use\_secure\_sockets**

This variable specifies whether the server accepts HTTPS connection attempts (that is, HTTP running over SSL or TLS) or insecure connection attempts (that is, plain HTTP) from a client.

Valid values are `true`, for HTTPS, and `false`, for HTTP. The default is `false`.

---

# plugins:https

The `plugins:https` namespace contains the following variable:

- [ClassName](#)

---

## ClassName

(Java only) This variable specifies the class name of the `https` plug-in implementation. For example:

```
plugins:https:ClassName = "com.ionacorba.https.HTTPSPlugIn";
```

---

## plugins:iiop\_tls

The `plugins:iiop_tls` namespace contains the following variables:

- `buffer_pool:recycle_segments`
- `buffer_pool:segment_preallocation`
- `buffer_pools:max_incoming_buffers_in_pool`
- `buffer_pools:max_outgoing_buffers_in_pool`
- `delay_credential_gathering_until_handshake`
- `enable_iiop_1_0_client_support`
- `incoming_connections:hard_limit`
- `incoming_connections:soft_limit`
- `outgoing_connections:hard_limit`
- `outgoing_connections:soft_limit`
- `tcp_listener:reincarnate_attempts`
- `tcp_listener:reincarnation_retry_backoff_ratio`
- `tcp_listener:reincarnation_retry_delay`

---

### buffer\_pool:recycle\_segments

(Java only) When this variable is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this variable's value instead of the `plugins:iiop:buffer_pool:recycle_segments` variable's value.

---

### buffer\_pool:segment\_preallocation

(Java only) When this variable is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this variable's value instead of the `plugins:iiop:buffer_pool:segment_preallocation` variable's value.

---

## buffer\_pools:max\_incoming\_buffers\_in\_pool

(C++ only) When this variable is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this variable's value instead of the `plugins:iiop:buffer_pools:max_incoming_buffers_in_pool` variable's value.

---

## buffer\_pools:max\_outgoing\_buffers\_in\_pool

(C++ only) When this variable is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this variable's value instead of the `plugins:iiop:buffer_pools:max_outgoing_buffers_in_pool` variable's value.

---

## delay\_credential\_gathering\_until\_handshake

(Windows and Schannel only) This client configuration variable provides an alternative to using the `principal_sponsor` variables to specify an application's own certificate. When this variable is set to `true` and `principal_sponsor:use_principal_sponsor` is set to `false`, the client delays sending its certificate to a server. The client will wait until the server *explicitly* requests the client to send its credentials during the SSL/TLS handshake.

This configuration variable can be used in conjunction with the `plugins:schannel:prompt_with_credential_choice` configuration variable.

---

## enable\_iiop\_1\_0\_client\_support

This variable enables client-side interoperability of Artix SSL/TLS applications with legacy IIOP 1.0 SSL/TLS servers, which do not support IIOP 1.1.

The default value is `false`. When set to `true`, Artix SSL/TLS searches secure target IIOp 1.0 object references for legacy IIOp 1.0 SSL/TLS tagged component data, and attempts to connect on the specified port.

**Note:** This variable will not be necessary for most users.

---

## `incoming_connections:hard_limit`

Specifies the maximum number of incoming (server-side) connections permitted to IIOp. IIOp does not accept new connections above this limit. Defaults to -1 (disabled).

When this variable is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this variable's value instead of the `plugins:iiop:incoming_connections:hard_limit` variable's value.

Please see the chapter on ACM in the *CORBA Programmer's Guide* for further details.

---

## `incoming_connections:soft_limit`

Specifies the number of connections at which IIOp should begin closing incoming (server-side) connections. Defaults to -1 (disabled).

When this variable is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this variable's value instead of the `plugins:iiop:incoming_connections:soft_limit` variable's value.

Please see the chapter on ACM in the *CORBA Programmer's Guide* for further details.

---

## `outgoing_connections:hard_limit`

When this variable is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this variable's value instead of the `plugins:iiop:outgoing_connections:hard_limit` variable's value.

---

## outgoing\_connections:soft\_limit

When this variable is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this variable's value instead of the `plugins:iiop:outgoing_connections:soft_limit` variable's value.

---

## tcp\_listener:reincarnate\_attempts

(Windows only)

`plugins:iiop_tls:tcp_listener:reincarnate_attempts` specifies the number of times that a Listener recreates its listener socket after receiving a `SocketException`.

Sometimes a network error may occur, which results in a listening socket being closed. On Windows, you can configure the listener to attempt a reincarnation, which enables new connections to be established. This variable only affects Java and C++ applications on Windows. Defaults to 0 (no attempts).

---

## tcp\_listener:reincarnation\_retry\_backoff\_ratio

(Windows only)

`plugins:iiop_tls:tcp_listener:reincarnation_retry_delay` specifies a delay between reincarnation attempts. Data type is `long`. Defaults to 0 (no delay).

---

## tcp\_listener:reincarnation\_retry\_delay

(Windows only)

`plugins:iiop_tls:tcp_listener:reincarnation_retry_backoff_ratio` specifies the degree to which delays between retries increase from one retry to the next. Datatype is `long`. Defaults to 1.

---

## plugins:java\_server

In the context of Artix security, the variables in the `plugins:java_server` namespace are used only to configure the Artix security service. To deploy the security service, Artix exploits IONA's *generic server* (which is a feature originally developed for Orbix). The Artix security service is deployed into the following container hierarchy:

- *Generic server*—a simple container, originally developed for the Orbix product, which enables you to deploy CORBA services implemented in C++.
- *Java server plug-in*—a JNI-based adapter that plugs into the generic server, enabling you to deploy CORBA services implemented in Java.
- *JVM created by the Java server plug-in*—once it is loaded, the Java server plug-in creates a JVM instance to host a Java program.
- *Artix security service Java code*—you instruct the Java server plug-in to load the security service core (which is implemented in Java) by specifying the appropriate class to the `plugins:java_server:class` variable.

In addition to the configuration variables described in this section, you must also include the following setting in your configuration:

```
generic_server_plugin = "java_server";
```

Which instructs the generic server to load the Java server plug-in.

The `plugins:java_server` namespace contains the following variables:

- [class](#)
- [classpath](#)
- [jni\\_verbose](#)
- [shlib\\_name](#)
- [system\\_properties](#)
- [X\\_options](#)

---

## class

In the context of the Artix security service, this variable specifies the entry point to the core security service (the core security service is a pure Java program). There are two possible values:

- `com.iona.jbus.security.services.SecurityServer`—creates an Artix bus instance that takes its configuration from the `bus` sub-scope of the current configuration scope. This entry point is suitable for a security service that is accessed through a WSDL contract (for example, a HTTPS-based security service).
- `com.iona.corba.security.services.SecurityServer`—a CORBA-based implementation of the security service, which does *not* create an Artix bus instance. This entry point is suitable for running an IIOP/TLS-based security service.

---

## classpath

Specifies the `CLASSPATH` for the JVM instance created by the Java server plug-in. For the Artix security service, this `CLASSPATH` must point at the JAR file containing the implementation of the security service. For example:

```
plugins:java_server:classpath =
  "C:\artix_40/lib/artix/security_service/4.0/security_service-rt.jar";
```

The Java server plug-in ignores the contents of the `CLASSPATH` environment variable.

---

## jni\_verbose

A boolean variable that instructs the JVM to output JNI-level diagnostics, which can be helpful for troubleshooting. When `true`, the JVM-generated diagnostic messages are sent to the Artix logging stream; when `false`, the diagnostic messages are suppressed.

---

## shlib\_name

Specifies the abbreviated name of the shared library that implements the `java_server` plug-in. This variable must always be set as follows:

```
plugins:java_server:shlib_name = "it_java_server";
```

---

## system\_properties

Specifies a list of Java system properties to the JVM created by the Java server plug-in. For example, the Artix security service requires the following Java system property settings:

```
plugins:java_server:system_properties =
["org.omg.CORBA.ORBClass=com.ion.corba.art.artimpl.ORBImpl",
"org.omg.CORBA.ORBSingletonClass=com.ion.corba.art.artimpl.ORBSingleton",
"is2.properties=%{INSTALL_DIR}/%{PRODUCT_NAME}/%{PRODUCT_VERSION}/demos/security/full_security/etc/is2.properties.FILE",
"java.endorsed.dirs=%{INSTALL_DIR}/%{PRODUCT_NAME}/%{PRODUCT_VERSION}/lib/endorsed"];
```

Where each item in the list specifies a Java system property, as follows:

```
<PropertyName>=<PropertyValue>
```

---

## X\_options

Specifies a list of non-standard, `-x`, options to the JVM created by the Java server plug-in. In contrast to the way these options are specified to the `java` command-line tool, you must omit the `-x` prefix in the `X_options` list.

For example:

```
plugins:java_server:X_options = ["rs"];
```

To find out more about the non-standard JVM options, type `java -X -help` at the command line (using Sun's implementation of the JVM).

---

# plugins:kdm

The `plugins:kdm` namespace contains the following variables:

- `cert_constraints`
- `iiop_tls:port`
- `checksums_optional`

---

## cert\_constraints

Specifies the list of certificate constraints for principals attempting to open a connection to the KDM server plug-in. See [“Applying Constraints to Certificates” on page 119](#) for a description of the certificate constraint syntax.

To protect the sensitive data stored within it, the KDM applies restrictions on which entities are allowed talk to it. A security administrator should choose certificate constraints that restrict access to the following principals:

- The locator service (requires read-only access).
- The `kdm_adm` plug-in, which is normally loaded into the `itadmin` utility (requires read-write access).

All other principals should be blocked from access. For example, you might define certificate constraints similar to the following:

```
plugins:kdm:cert_constraints =  
  ["C=US,ST=Massachusetts,O=ABigBank*,CN=Secure admin*",  
   "C=US,ST=Boston,O=ABigBank*,CN=Orbix2000 Locator Service*"]
```

Your choice of certificate constraints will depend on the naming scheme for your subject names.

---

## **iiop\_tls:port**

Specifies the well known IP port on which the KDM server listens for incoming calls.

---

## **checksums\_optional**

When equal to `false`, the secure information associated with a server must include a checksum; when equal to `true`, the presence of a checksum is optional. Default is `false`.

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# plugins:kdm\_adm

The `plugins:kdm_adm` namespace contains the following variable:

- [cert\\_constraints](#)

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## cert\_constraints

Specifies the list of certificate constraints that are applied when the KDM administration plug-in authenticates the KDM server. See [“Applying Constraints to Certificates” on page 119](#) for a description of the certificate constraint syntax.

The KDM administration plug-in requires protection against attack from applications that try to impersonate the KDM server. A security administrator should, therefore, choose certificate constraints that restrict access to trusted KDM servers only. For example, you might define certificate constraints similar to the following:

```
plugins:kdm_adm:cert_constraints =  
  ["C=US,ST=Massachusetts,O=ABigBank*,CN=IT_KDM*"];
```

Your choice of certificate constraints will depend on the naming scheme for your subject names.

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## plugins:login\_client

The `plugins:login_client` namespace contains the following variables:

- `wsdl_url`

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### `wsdl_url`

Specifies the location of the login service WSDL to the `login_client` plug-in. The value of this variable can either be a relative pathname or an URL. The `login_client` requires access to the login service WSDL in order to obtain details of the physical contract (for example, host and IP port).

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## plugins:login\_service

The `plugins:login_service` namespace contains the following variables:

- `wsdl_url`

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### `wsdl_url`

Specifies the location of the login service WSDL to the `login_service` plug-in. The value of this variable can either be a relative pathname or an URL. The `login_service` requires access to the login service WSDL in order to obtain details of the physical contract (for example, host and IP port).

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## plugins:schannel

The `plugins:schannel` namespace contains the following variable:

- [prompt\\_with\\_credential\\_choice](#)

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### prompt\_with\_credential\_choice

(Windows and Schannel only) Setting both this variable and the `plugins:iiop_tls:delay_credential_gathering_until_handshake` variable to `true` on the client side allows the user to choose which credentials to use for the server connection. The choice of credentials offered to the user is based on the trusted CAs sent to the client in an SSL/TLS handshake message.

If `prompt_with_credential_choice` is set to `false`, runtime chooses the first certificate it finds in the certificate store that meets the applicable constraints.

The certificate prompt can be replaced by implementing an IDL interface and registering it with the ORB.

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# plugins:security

The `plugins:security` namespace contains the following variable:

- `direct_persistence`
- `iiop_tls:addr_list`
- `iiop_tls:host`
- `iiop_tls:port`
- `log4j_to_local_log_stream`
- `share_credentials_across_orbs`

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## direct\_persistence

A boolean variable that specifies whether or not the security service runs on a fixed IP port (for an IIOP/TLS-based security service). You must always set this variable to `true` in the security service's configuration scope, because the security service *must* run on a fixed port.

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## iiop\_tls:addr\_list

When the security service is configured as a cluster, you must use this variable to list the addresses of all of the security services in the cluster.

The first entry, *not* prefixed by a + sign, must specify the address of the current security service instance. The remaining entries, prefixed by a + sign, must specify the addresses of the other services in the cluster (the + sign indicates that an entry affects only the contents of the generated IOR, not the security service's listening port).

For example, to configure the first instance of a cluster consisting of three security service instances—with addresses `security01:5001`, `security02:5002`, and `security03:5003`—you would initialize the address list as follows:

```
plugins:security:iiop_tls:addr_list = ["security01:5001",  
    "+security02:5002", "+security03:5003"];
```

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## iiop\_tls:host

Specifies the hostname where the security service is running. This hostname will be embedded in the security service's IOR (for an IIOP/TLS-based security service).

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## iiop\_tls:port

Specifies the fixed IP port where the security service listens for incoming connections. This IP port also gets embedded in the security service's IOR (for an IIOP/TLS-based security service).

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## log4j\_to\_local\_log\_stream

Redirects the Artix security service's log4j output to the local log stream. In the Artix security service's configuration scope, you can set the `plugins:security:log4j_to_local_log_stream` variable to one of the following values:

- `true`—the security service log4j output is sent to the local log stream. This requires that the `local_log_stream` plug-in is present in the `orb_plugins` list.
- `false`—(*default*) the log4j output is controlled by the `log4j.properties` file (whose location is specified in the `is2.properties` file).

When redirecting log4j messages to the local log stream, you can control the log4j logging level using Artix event log filters. You can specify Artix event log filters with the following setting in the Artix configuration file:

```
event_log:filters = ["IT_SECURITY=LoggingLevels"];
```

The `IT_SECURITY` tag configures the logging levels for the Artix security service (which includes the redirected log4j stream). log4j has five logging levels: `DEBUG`, `INFO`, `WARN`, `ERROR`, and `FATAL`. To select a particular log4j logging level (for example, `WARN`), replace `LoggingLevels` by that logging level plus all of the higher logging levels (for example, `WARN+ERROR+FATAL`).

For example, you can configure the Artix security service to send log4j logging to the local log stream, as follows:

```
# Artix Configuration File
security_service
{
    orb_plugins = ["local_log_stream", "iiop_profile", "giop",
"iiop_tls"];
    plugins:security:log4j_to_local_log_stream = "true";

    # Log all log4j messages at level WARN and above
    event_log:filters = ["IT_SECURITY=WARN+ERROR+FATAL"];
    ...
};
```

---

## share\_credentials\_across\_orbs

Enables own security credentials to be shared across ORBs. Normally, when you specify an own SSL/TLS credential (using the principal sponsor or the principal authenticator), the credential is available only to the ORB that created it. By setting the

`plugins:security:share_credentials_across_orbs` variable to `true`, however, the own SSL/TLS credentials created by one ORB are automatically made available to any other ORBs that are configured to share credentials.

See also `principal_sponsor:csi:use_existing_credentials` for details of how to enable sharing of CSI credentials.

Default is `false`.

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## plugins:wSDL\_publish

The `plugins:wSDL_publish` namespace contains the following variables:

- `enable_secure_wSDL_publish`
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### enable\_secure\_wSDL\_publish

A boolean variable that enables certain security features of the WSDL publishing service that are required whenever the WSDL publishing service is configured to use the HTTPS protocol. Set this variable to `true`, if the WSDL publishing service is configured to use HTTPS; otherwise, set it to `false`.

Default is `false`.

For example, to configure the WSDL publishing service to use HTTPS, you should include the following in your program's configuration scope:

```
# Artix Configuration File
secure_server
{
    orb_plugins = [ ... , "wSDL_publish", "at_http", "https"];

    plugins:wSDL_publish:publish_port = "2222";
    plugins:wSDL_publish:enable_secure_wSDL_publish = "true";
    plugins:at_http:server:use_secure_sockets = "true";

    # Other HTTPS-related settings
    ...
};
```

The `plugins:at_http:server:use_secure_sockets` setting is needed to enable HTTPS for the WSDL publishing service.

**Note:** You must set *both*

`plugins:wSDL_publish:enable_secure_wSDL_publish` and `plugins:at_http:server:use_secure_sockets` to `true`, when enabling HTTPS for the WSDL publish plug-in.

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# policies

The `policies` namespace defines the default CORBA policies for an ORB. Many of these policies can also be set programmatically from within an application. SSL/TLS-specific variables in the `policies` namespace include:

- `allow_unauthenticated_clients_policy`
- `certificate_constraints_policy`
- `client_secure_invocation_policy:requires`
- `client_secure_invocation_policy:supports`
- `max_chain_length_policy`
- `mechanism_policy:accept_v2_hellos`
- `mechanism_policy:ciphersuites`
- `mechanism_policy:protocol_version`
- `session_caching_policy`
- `target_secure_invocation_policy:requires`
- `target_secure_invocation_policy:supports`
- `trusted_ca_list_policy`

---

## allow\_unauthenticated\_clients\_policy

A generic variable that sets this policy both for `iiop_tls` and `https`. To set this policy specifically for the IIOP/TLS protocol, set the `policies:iiop_tls:allow_unauthenticated_clients_policy` variable, which takes precedence.

A boolean variable that specifies whether a server will allow a client to establish a secure connection without sending a certificate. Default is `false`. This configuration variable is applicable *only* in the special case where the target secure invocation policy is set to require `NoProtection` (a semi-secure server).

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## certificate\_constraints\_policy

A generic variable that sets this policy both for `iiop_tls` and `https`. To set this policy specifically for the IIOP/TLS protocol, set the `policies:iiop_tls:certificate_constraints_policy` variable, which takes precedence.

A list of constraints applied to peer certificates—see [“Applying Constraints to Certificates” on page 119](#). If a peer certificate fails to match any of the constraints, the certificate validation step will fail.

The policy can also be set programmatically using the `IT_TLS_API::CertConstraintsPolicy` CORBA policy. Default is no constraints.

---

## client\_secure\_invocation\_policy:requires

A generic variable that sets this policy both for `iiop_tls` and `https`. To set this policy specifically for the IIOP/TLS protocol, set the `policies:iiop_tls:client_secure_invocation_policy:requires` variable, which takes precedence.

Specifies the minimum level of security required by a client. The value of this variable is specified as a list of association options—see the *Artix Security Guide* for more details about association options.

In accordance with CORBA security, this policy cannot be downgraded programmatically by the application.

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## client\_secure\_invocation\_policy:supports

A generic variable that sets this policy both for `iiop_tls` and `https`. To set this policy specifically for the IIOP/TLS protocol, set the `policies:iiop_tls:client_secure_invocation_policy:supports` variable, which takes precedence.

Specifies the initial maximum level of security supported by a client. The value of this variable is specified as a list of association options—see the *Artix Security Guide* for more details about association options.

This policy can be upgraded programmatically using either the `QOP` or the `EstablishTrust` policies.

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## max\_chain\_length\_policy

A generic variable that sets this policy both for `iiop_tls` and `https`. To set this policy specifically for the IIOP/TLS protocol, set the `policies:iiop_tls:max_chain_length_policy` variable, which takes precedence.

`max_chain_length_policy` specifies the maximum certificate chain length that an ORB will accept. The policy can also be set programmatically using the `IT_TLS_API::MaxChainLengthPolicy` CORBA policy. Default is 2.

**Note:** The `max_chain_length_policy` is not currently supported on the z/OS platform.

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## mechanism\_policy:accept\_v2\_hellos

A generic variable that sets this policy both for `iiop_tls` and `https`. To set this policy for a specific protocol, set

`policies:iiop_tls:mechanism_policy:accept_v2_hellos` or  
`policies:https:mechanism_policy:accept_v2_hellos` respectively for IIOP/TLS or HTTPS.

The `accept_v2_hellos` policy is a special setting that facilitates interoperability with an Artix application deployed on the z/OS platform. When `true`, the Artix application accepts V2 client hellos, but continues the

handshake using either the SSL\_V3 or TLS\_V1 protocol. When `false`, the Artix application throws an error, if it receives a V2 client hello. The default is `false`.

For example:

```
policies:mechanism_policy:accept_v2_hellos = "true";
```

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## mechanism\_policy:ciphersuites

A generic variable that sets this policy both for `iiop_tls` and `https`. To set this policy for a specific protocol, set

`policies:iiop_tls:mechanism_policy:ciphersuites` or `policies:https:mechanism_policy:ciphersuites` respectively for IIOP/TLS or HTTPS.

`mechanism_policy:ciphersuites` specifies a list of cipher suites for the default mechanism policy. One or more of the cipher suites shown in [Table 4](#) can be specified in this list.

**Table 4:** *Mechanism Policy Cipher Suites*

Null Encryption, Integrity and Authentication Ciphers	Standard Ciphers
RSA_WITH_NULL_MD5	RSA_EXPORT_WITH_RC4_40_MD5
RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA	RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5
	RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA
	RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA
	RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA
	RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA

If you do not specify the list of cipher suites explicitly, all of the null encryption ciphers are disabled and all of the non-export strength ciphers are supported by default.

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## mechanism\_policy:protocol\_version

A generic variable that sets this policy both for `iiop_tls` and `https`. To set this policy for a specific protocol, set

```
policies:iiop_tls:mechanism_policy:protocol_version Or  
policies:https:mechanism_policy:protocol_version respectively for  
IIOP/TLS or HTTPS.
```

`mechanism_policy:protocol_version` specifies the list of protocol versions used by a security capsule (ORB instance). The list can include one or more of the values `SSL_V3` and `TLS_V1`. For example:

```
policies:mechanism_policy:protocol_version=["TLS_V1", "SSL_V3"];
```

---

## session\_caching\_policy

A generic variable that sets this policy both for `iiop_tls` and `https`. To set this policy specifically for the IIOP/TLS protocol, set the

`policies:iiop_tls:session_caching_policy` variable, which takes precedence.

`session_caching_policy` specifies whether an ORB caches the session information for secure associations when acting in a client role, a server role, or both. The purpose of session caching is to enable closed connections to be re-established quickly. The following values are supported:

`CACHE_NONE`(default)

`CACHE_CLIENT`

`CACHE_SERVER`

`CACHE_SERVER_AND_CLIENT`

The policy can also be set programmatically using the

`IT_TLS_API::SessionCachingPolicy` CORBA policy.

## target\_secure\_invocation\_policy:requires

A generic variable that sets this policy both for `iiop_tls` and `https`. To set this policy specifically for the IIOP/TLS protocol, set the `policies:iiop_tls:target_secure_invocation_policy:requires` variable, which takes precedence.

`target_secure_invocation_policy:requires` specifies the minimum level of security required by a server. The value of this variable is specified as a list of association options.

**Note:** In accordance with CORBA security, this policy cannot be downgraded programmatically by the application.

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## target\_secure\_invocation\_policy:supports

A generic variable that sets this policy both for `iiop_tls` and `https`. To set this policy specifically for the IIOP/TLS protocol, set the `policies:iiop_tls:target_secure_invocation_policy:supports` variable, which takes precedence.

`supports` specifies the maximum level of security supported by a server. The value of this variable is specified as a list of association options. This policy can be upgraded programmatically using either the `QOP` or the `EstablishTrust` policies.

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## trusted\_ca\_list\_policy

A generic variable that sets this policy both for `iiop_tls` and `https`. To set this policy for a specific protocol, set

`policies:iiop_tls:trusted_ca_list_policy` Or

`policies:https:trusted_ca_list_policy` respectively for IIOP/TLS or HTTPS.

`trusted_ca_list_policy` specifies a list of filenames, each of which contains a concatenated list of CA certificates in PEM format. The aggregate of the CAs in all of the listed files is the set of trusted CAs.

For example, you might specify two files containing CA lists as follows:

```
policies:trusted_ca_list_policy =  
  ["install_dir/asp/version/etc/tls/x509/ca/ca_list1.pem",  
   "install_dir/asp/version/etc/tls/x509/ca/ca_list_extra.pem"];
```

The purpose of having more than one file containing a CA list is for administrative convenience. It enables you to group CAs into different lists and to select a particular set of CAs for a security domain by choosing the appropriate CA lists.

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# policies:asp

The `policies:asp` namespace contains the following variables:

- `enable_security`
- `enable_security`
- `enable_sso`
- `load_balancing_policy`
- `use_artix_proxies`

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## enable\_authorization

A boolean variable that specifies whether Artix should enable authorization using the Artix Security Framework. Default is `true`.

**Note:** From Artix 4.0 onwards, the default value of `policies:asp:enable_authorization` is `true`. For versions of Artix prior to 4.0, the default value of `policies:asp:enable_authorization` is `false`.

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## enable\_security

A boolean variable that specifies whether Artix should enable security using the Artix Security Framework. When this variable is set to `false`, all security features that depend on the `artix_security` plug-in (that is, authentication and authorization using the Artix security service) are disabled. Default is `true`.

**Note:** From Artix 4.0 onwards, the default value of `policies:asp:enable_security` is `true`. For versions of Artix prior to 4.0, the default value of `policies:asp:enable_security` is `false`.

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## enable\_sso

This configuration variable is obsolete and has no effect.

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## load\_balancing\_policy

When client load balancing is enabled, this variable specifies how often the Artix security plug-in reconnects to a node in the security service cluster. There are two possible values for this policy:

- `per-server`—(*the default*) after selecting a particular security service from the cluster, the client remains connected to that security service instance for the rest of the session.
- `per-request`—for each new request, the Artix security plug-in selects and connects to a new security service node (in accordance with the algorithm specified by `policies:iiop_tls:load_balancing_mechanism`).

**Note:** The process of re-establishing a secure connection with every new request imposes a significant performance overhead. Therefore, the `per-request` policy value is *not* recommended for most deployments.

This policy is used in conjunction with the `plugins:asp:enable_security_service_load_balancing` and `policies:iiop_tls:load_balancing_mechanism` configuration variables. Default is `per-server`.

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## use\_artix\_proxies

A boolean variable that specifies whether a client of the Artix security service connects to the security service through a WSDL contract or through a CORBA object reference. The `policies:asp:use_artix_proxies` variable can have the following values:

- `true`—connect to the security service through a WSDL contract. The location of the security service WSDL contract can be specified using the `bus:initial_contract:url:isf_service` configuration variable.
- `false`—connect to the security service through a CORBA object reference. The object reference is specified by the `initial_references:IT_SecurityService:reference` configuration variable.

Default is `false`.

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# policies:bindings

The `policies:bindings` namespace contains the following variables:

- [corba:gssup\\_propagation](#)
- [corba:token\\_propagation](#)
- [soap:gssup\\_propagation](#)
- [soap:token\\_propagation](#)

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## corba:gssup\_propagation

A boolean variable that can be used in a SOAP-to-CORBA router to enable the transfer of incoming SOAP credentials into outgoing CORBA credentials.

The CORBA binding extracts the username and password credentials from incoming SOAP/HTTP invocations and inserts them into an outgoing GSSUP credentials object, to be transmitted using CSI authentication over transport. The domain name in the outgoing GSSUP credentials is set to a blank string. Default is `false`.

---

## corba:token\_propagation

A boolean variable that can be used in a SOAP-to-CORBA router to enable the transfer of an SSO token from an incoming SOAP request into an outgoing CORBA request.

The CORBA binding extracts the SSO token from incoming SOAP/HTTP invocations and inserts the token into an outgoing IIOP request, to be transmitted using CSI identity assertion.

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## soap:gssup\_propagation

A boolean variable that can be used in a CORBA-to-SOAP router to enable the transfer of incoming CORBA credentials into outgoing SOAP credentials.

The SOAP binding extracts the username and password from incoming IIOp invocations (where the credentials are embedded in a GIOP service context and encoded according to the CSI and GSSUP standards), and inserts them into an outgoing SOAP header, encoded using the WSSE standard.

Default is `false`.

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## **soap:token\_propagation**

A boolean variable that can be used in a CORBA-to-SOAP router to enable the transfer of an SSO token from an incoming CORBA request into an outgoing SOAP request.

The SOAP binding extracts the SSO token from an incoming IIOp request and inserts the token into the header of an outgoing SOAP/HTTP request.

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# policies:csi

The `policies:csi` namespace includes variables that specify settings for Common Secure Interoperability version 2 (CSIv2):

- `attribute_service:backward_trust:enabled`
- `attribute_service:client_supports`
- `attribute_service:target_supports`
- `auth_over_transport:authentication_service`
- `auth_over_transport:client_supports`
- `auth_over_transport:server_domain_name`
- `auth_over_transport:target_requires`
- `auth_over_transport:target_supports`

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## attribute\_service:backward\_trust:enabled

(Obsolete)

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## attribute\_service:client\_supports

`attribute_service:client_supports` is a client-side policy that specifies the association options supported by the CSIv2 attribute service (principal propagation). The only association option that can be specified is `IdentityAssertion`. This policy is normally specified in an intermediate server so that it propagates CSIv2 identity tokens to a target server. For example:

```
policies:csi:attribute_service:client_supports =  
    ["IdentityAssertion"];
```

---

## attribute\_service:target\_supports

`attribute_service:target_supports` is a server-side policy that specifies the association options supported by the CSIV2 attribute service (principal propagation). The only association option that can be specified is `IdentityAssertion`. For example:

```
policies:csi:attribute_service:target_supports =
  ["IdentityAssertion"];
```

---

## auth\_over\_transport:authentication\_service

(Java CSI plug-in only) The name of a Java class that implements the `IT_CSI::AuthenticateGSSUPCredentials` IDL interface. The authentication service is implemented as a callback object that plugs into the CSIV2 framework on the server side. By replacing this class with a custom implementation, you could potentially implement a new security technology domain for CSIV2.

By default, if no value for this variable is specified, the Java CSI plug-in uses a default authentication object that always returns `false` when the `authenticate()` operation is called.

---

## auth\_over\_transport:client\_supports

`auth_over_transport:client_supports` is a client-side policy that specifies the association options supported by CSIV2 authorization over transport. The only association option that can be specified is `EstablishTrustInClient`. For example:

```
policies:csi:auth_over_transport:client_supports =
  ["EstablishTrustInClient"];
```

---

## auth\_over\_transport:server\_domain\_name

The iSF security domain (CSlv2 authentication domain) to which this server application belongs. The iSF security domains are administered within an overall security technology domain.

The value of the `server_domain_name` variable will be embedded in the IORs generated by the server. A CSlv2 client about to open a connection to this server would check that the domain name in its own CSlv2 credentials matches the domain name embedded in the IOR.

---

## auth\_over\_transport:target\_requires

`auth_over_transport:target_requires` is a server-side policy that specifies the association options required for CSlv2 authorization over transport. The only association option that can be specified is `EstablishTrustInClient`. For example:

```
policies:csi:auth_over_transport:target_requires =  
    ["EstablishTrustInClient"];
```

---

## auth\_over\_transport:target\_supports

`auth_over_transport:target_supports` is a server-side policy that specifies the association options supported by CSlv2 authorization over transport. The only association option that can be specified is `EstablishTrustInClient`. For example:

```
policies:csi:auth_over_transport:target_supports =  
    ["EstablishTrustInClient"];
```

---

## policies:external\_token\_issuer

The `policies:external_token_issuer` namespace contains the following variables:

- `client_certificate_constraints`

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### client\_certificate\_constraints

To facilitate interoperability with Artix on the mainframe, the Artix security service can be configured to issue security tokens based on a username only (no password required). This feature is known as the *external token issuer*. Because this feature could potentially open a security hole in the Artix security service, the external token issuer is made available *only* to those applications that present a certificate matching the constraints specified in `policies:external_token_issuer:client_certificate_constraints`. For details of how to specify certificate constraints, see [“Applying Constraints to Certificates” on page 119](#).

For example, by inserting the following setting into the security service’s configuration scope in the Artix configuration file, you would effectively disable the external token issuer (recommended for deployments that do not need to interoperate with the mainframe).

```
# DISABLE the security service’s external token issuer.  
# Note: The empty list matches no certificates.  
#  
policies:external_token_issuer:client_certificate_constraints =  
  [];
```

This configuration variable must be set in the security server’s configuration scope, otherwise the security server will not start.

---

# policies:https

The `policies:https` namespace contains variables used to configure the https plugin. It contains the following variables:

- `mechanism_policy:accept_v2_hellos`
- `mechanism_policy:ciphersuites`
- `mechanism_policy:protocol_version`
- `trusted_ca_list_policy`

---

## mechanism\_policy:accept\_v2\_hellos

This HTTPS-specific policy overrides the generic `policies:mechanism_policy:accept_v2_hellos` policy.

The `accept_v2_hellos` policy is a special setting that facilitates HTTPS interoperability with certain Web browsers. Many Web browsers send SSL V2 client hellos, because they do not know what SSL version the server supports.

When `true`, the Artix server accepts V2 client hellos, but continues the handshake using either the SSL\_V3 or TLS\_V1 protocol. When `false`, the Artix server throws an error, if it receives a V2 client hello. The default is `true`.

**Note:** This default value is deliberately different from the `policies:iioptls:mechanism_policy:accept_v2_hellos` default value.

For example:

```
policies:https:mechanism_policy:accept_v2_hellos = "true";
```

---

## mechanism\_policy:ciphersuites

Specifies a list of cipher suites for the default mechanism policy. One or more of the following cipher suites can be specified in this list:

**Table 5:** *Mechanism Policy Cipher Suites*

Null Encryption, Integrity and Authentication Ciphers	Standard Ciphers
RSA_WITH_NULL_MD5	RSA_EXPORT_WITH_RC4_40_MD5
RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA	RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5
	RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA
	RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA
	RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA
	RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA

If you do not specify the list of cipher suites explicitly, all of the null encryption ciphers are disabled and all of the non-export strength ciphers are supported by default.

---

## mechanism\_policy:protocol\_version

This HTTPS-specific policy overrides the generic `policies:mechanism_policy:protocol_version` policy.

Specifies the list of protocol versions used by a security capsule (ORB instance). Can include one or more of the following values:

TLS\_V1  
SSL\_V3

The default setting is `SSL_V3` and `TLS_V1`.

For example:

```
policies:https:mechanism_policy:protocol_version = ["TLS_V1",
  "SSL_V3"];
```

---

## trusted\_ca\_list\_policy

Contains a list of filenames (or a single filename), each of which contains a concatenated list of CA certificates in PEM format. The aggregate of the CAs in all of the listed files is the set of trusted CAs.

For example, you might specify two files containing CA lists as follows:

```
policies:trusted_ca_list_policy =  
    ["ASPInstallDir/asp/6.0/etc/tls/x509/ca/ca_list1.pem",  
     "ASPInstallDir/asp/6.0/etc/tls/x509/ca/ca_list_extra.pem"];
```

The purpose of having more than one file containing a CA list is for administrative convenience. It enables you to group CAs into different lists and to select a particular set of CAs for a security domain by choosing the appropriate CA lists.

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## policies:iiop\_tls

The `policies:iiop_tls` namespace contains variables used to set IIOp-related policies for a secure environment. These settings affect the `iiop_tls` plugin. It contains the following variables:

- `allow_unauthenticated_clients_policy`
- `buffer_sizes_policy:default_buffer_size`
- `buffer_sizes_policy:max_buffer_size`
- `certificate_constraints_policy`
- `client_secure_invocation_policy:requires`
- `client_secure_invocation_policy:supports`
- `client_version_policy`
- `connection_attempts`
- `connection_retry_delay`
- `load_balancing_mechanism`
- `max_chain_length_policy`
- `mechanism_policy:accept_v2_hellos`
- `mechanism_policy:ciphersuites`
- `mechanism_policy:protocol_version`
- `server_address_mode_policy:local_domain`
- `server_address_mode_policy:local_hostname`
- `server_address_mode_policy:port_range`
- `server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname`
- `server_version_policy`
- `session_caching_policy`
- `target_secure_invocation_policy:requires`
- `target_secure_invocation_policy:supports`
- `tcp_options_policy:no_delay`
- `tcp_options_policy:recv_buffer_size`
- `tcp_options_policy:send_buffer_size`
- `trusted_ca_list_policy`

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## allow\_unauthenticated\_clients\_policy

A boolean variable that specifies whether a server will allow a client to establish a secure connection without sending a certificate. Default is `false`. This configuration variable is applicable *only* in the special case where the target secure invocation policy is set to require `NoProtection` (a semi-secure server).

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## buffer\_sizes\_policy:default\_buffer\_size

When this policy is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this policy's value instead of the `policies:iiop:buffer_sizes_policy:default_buffer_size` policy's value.

`buffer_sizes_policy:default_buffer_size` specifies, in bytes, the initial size of the buffers allocated by IIOp. Defaults to 16000. This value must be greater than 80 bytes, and must be evenly divisible by 8.

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## buffer\_sizes\_policy:max\_buffer\_size

When this policy is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this policy's value instead of the `policies:iiop:buffer_sizes_policy:max_buffer_size` policy's value.

`buffer_sizes_policy:max_buffer_size` specifies the maximum buffer size permitted by IIOp, in kilobytes. Defaults to 512. A value of -1 indicates unlimited size. If not unlimited, this value must be greater than 80.

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## certificate\_constraints\_policy

A list of constraints applied to peer certificates—see the discussion of certificate constraints in the Artix security guide for the syntax of the pattern constraint language. If a peer certificate fails to match any of the constraints, the certificate validation step will fail.

The policy can also be set programmatically using the `IT_TLS_API::CertConstraintsPolicy` CORBA policy. Default is no constraints.

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## client\_secure\_invocation\_policy:requires

Specifies the minimum level of security required by a client. The value of this variable is specified as a list of association options—see the *Artix Security Guide* for more details about association options.

In accordance with CORBA security, this policy cannot be downgraded programmatically by the application.

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## client\_secure\_invocation\_policy:supports

Specifies the initial maximum level of security supported by a client. The value of this variable is specified as a list of association options—see the *Artix Security Guide* for more details about association options.

This policy can be upgraded programmatically using either the `QOP` or the `EstablishTrust` policies.

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## client\_version\_policy

`client_version_policy` specifies the highest IOP version used by clients. A client uses the version of IOP specified by this variable, or the version specified in the IOR profile, whichever is lower. Valid values for this variable are: 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2.

For example, the following file-based configuration entry sets the server IOP version to 1.1.

```
policies:iop:server_version_policy="1.1";
```

The following `itadmin` command set this variable:

```
itadmin variable modify -type string -value "1.1"  
policies:iop:server_version_policy
```

---

## connection\_attempts

`connection_attempts` specifies the number of connection attempts used when creating a connected socket using a Java application. Defaults to 5.

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## connection\_retry\_delay

`connection_retry_delay` specifies the delay, in seconds, between connection attempts when using a Java application. Defaults to 2.

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## load\_balancing\_mechanism

Specifies the load balancing mechanism for the client of a security service cluster (see also `plugins:gsp:use_client_load_balancing` and `plugins:asp:enable_security_service_load_balancing`). In this context, a client can also be an *Artix* server. This policy only affects connections made using IORs that contain multiple addresses. The `iiop_tls` plug-in load balances over the addresses embedded in the IOR.

The following mechanisms are supported:

- `random`—choose one of the addresses embedded in the IOR at random (this is the default).
- `sequential`—choose the first address embedded in the IOR, moving on to the next address in the list only if the previous address could not be reached.

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## max\_chain\_length\_policy

This policy overrides `policies:max_chain_length_policy` for the `iiop_tls` plugin.

The maximum certificate chain length that an ORB will accept.

The policy can also be set programmatically using the `IT_TLS_API::MaxChainLengthPolicy` CORBA policy. Default is 2.

**Note:** The `max_chain_length_policy` is not currently supported on the z/OS platform.

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## mechanism\_policy:accept\_v2\_hellos

This IIOp/TLS-specific policy overrides the generic `policies:mechanism_policy:accept_v2_hellos` policy.

The `accept_v2_hellos` policy is a special setting that facilitates interoperability with an Artix application deployed on the z/OS platform. Artix security on the z/OS platform is based on IBM's System/SSL toolkit, which implements SSL version 3, but does so by using SSL version 2 hellos as part of the handshake. This form of handshake causes interoperability problems, because applications on other platforms identify the handshake as an SSL version 2 handshake. The misidentification of the SSL protocol version can be avoided by setting the `accept_v2_hellos` policy to `true` in the non-z/OS application (this bug also affects some old versions of Microsoft Internet Explorer).

When `true`, the Artix application accepts V2 client hellos, but continues the handshake using either the `SSL_V3` or `TLS_V1` protocol. When `false`, the Artix application throws an error, if it receives a V2 client hello. The default is `false`.

**Note:** This default value is deliberately different from the `policies:https:mechanism_policy:accept_v2_hellos` default value.

For example:

```
policies:iiop_tls:mechanism_policy:accept_v2_hellos = "true";
```

---

## mechanism\_policy:ciphersuites

This policy overrides `policies:mechanism_policy:ciphersuites` for the `iiop_tls` plugin.

Specifies a list of cipher suites for the default mechanism policy. One or more of the following cipher suites can be specified in this list:

**Table 6:** *Mechanism Policy Cipher Suites*

Null Encryption, Integrity and Authentication Ciphers	Standard Ciphers
<code>RSA_WITH_NULL_MD5</code>	<code>RSA_EXPORT_WITH_RC4_40_MD5</code>
<code>RSA_WITH_NULL_SHA</code>	<code>RSA_WITH_RC4_128_MD5</code>
	<code>RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA</code>
	<code>RSA_EXPORT_WITH_DES40_CBC_SHA</code>

**Table 6:** Mechanism Policy Cipher Suites

Null Encryption, Integrity and Authentication Ciphers	Standard Ciphers
	RSA_WITH_DES_CBC_SHA
	RSA_WITH_3DES_EDE_CBC_SHA

If you do not specify the list of cipher suites explicitly, all of the null encryption ciphers are disabled and all of the non-export strength ciphers are supported by default.

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## mechanism\_policy:protocol\_version

This IIOp/TLS-specific policy overrides the generic `policies:mechanism_policy:protocol_version` policy.

Specifies the list of protocol versions used by a security capsule (ORB instance). Can include one or more of the following values:

TLS\_V1  
 SSL\_V3  
 SSL\_V2V3 (*Deprecated*)

The default setting is `SSL_V3` and `TLS_V1`.

For example:

```
policies:iiop_tls:mechanism_policy:protocol_version = ["TLS_V1",
"SSL_V3"];
```

The `SSL_V2V3` value is now *deprecated*. It was previously used to facilitate interoperability with Artix applications deployed on the z/OS platform. If you have any legacy configuration that uses `SSL_V2V3`, you should replace it with the following combination of settings:

```
policies:iiop_tls:mechanism_policy:protocol_version = ["SSL_V3",
"TLS_V1"];
policies:iiop_tls:mechanism_policy:accept_v2_hellos = "true";
```

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## server\_address\_mode\_policy:local\_domain

(Java only) When this policy is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this policy's value instead of the `policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:local_domain` policy's value.

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## server\_address\_mode\_policy:local\_hostname

(Java only) When this policy is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this policy's value instead of the `policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:local_hostname` policy's value.

`server_address_mode_policy:local_hostname` specifies the hostname advertised by the locator daemon, and listened on by server-side IIOP.

Some machines have multiple hostnames or IP addresses (for example, those using multiple DNS aliases or multiple network cards). These machines are often termed *multi-homed hosts*. The `local_hostname` variable supports these type of machines by enabling you to explicitly specify the host that servers listen on and publish in their IORs.

For example, if you have a machine with two network addresses (207.45.52.34 and 207.45.52.35), you can explicitly set this variable to either address:

```
policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:local_hostname =  
    "207.45.52.34";
```

By default, the `local_hostname` variable is unspecified. Servers use the default hostname configured for the machine with the Orbix configuration tool.

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## server\_address\_mode\_policy:port\_range

(Java only) When this policy is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this policy's value instead of the

`policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:port_range` policy's value.

`server_address_mode_policy:port_range` specifies the range of ports that a server uses when there is no well-known addressing policy specified for the port.

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## server\_address\_mode\_policy:publish\_hostname

When this policy is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this policy's value instead of the

`policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname` policy's value.

`server_address_mode-policy:publish_hostname` specifies whether IIOp exports hostnames or IP addresses in published profiles. Defaults to `false` (exports IP addresses, and does not export hostnames). To use hostnames in object references, set this variable to `true`, as in the following file-based configuration entry:

```
policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname=true
```

The following `itadmin` command is equivalent:

```
itadmin variable create -type bool -value true  
policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname
```

---

## server\_version\_policy

When this policy is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this policy's value instead of the `policies:iiop:server_version_policy` policy's value.

`server_version_policy` specifies the GIOP version published in IIOp profiles. This variable takes a value of either `1.1` or `1.2`. Orbix servers do not publish IIOp 1.0 profiles. The default value is `1.2`.

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## session\_caching\_policy

This policy overrides `policies:session_caching_policy` for the `iiop_tls` plugin.

## **target\_secure\_invocation\_policy:requires**

This policy overrides

`policies:target_secure_invocation_policy:requires` for the `iiop_tls` plugin.

Specifies the minimum level of security required by a server. The value of this variable is specified as a list of association options—see the *Artix Security Guide* for more details about association options.

In accordance with CORBA security, this policy cannot be downgraded programmatically by the application.

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## **target\_secure\_invocation\_policy:supports**

This policy overrides

`policies:target_secure_invocation_policy:supports` for the `iiop_tls` plugin.

Specifies the maximum level of security supported by a server. The value of this variable is specified as a list of association options—see the *Artix Security Guide* for more details about association options.

This policy can be upgraded programmatically using either the `QOP` or the `EstablishTrust` policies.

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## **tcp\_options\_policy:no\_delay**

When this policy is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this policy's value instead of the `policies:iiop:tcp_options_policy:no_delay` policy's value.

`tcp_options_policy:no_delay` specifies whether the `TCP_NODELAY` option should be set on connections. Defaults to `false`.

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## tcp\_options\_policy:recv\_buffer\_size

When this policy is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this policy's value instead of the `policies:iiop:tcp_options_policy:recv_buffer_size` policy's value.

`tcp_options_policy:recv_buffer_size` specifies the size of the TCP receive buffer. This variable can only be set to 0, which corresponds to using the default size defined by the operating system.

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## tcp\_options\_policy:send\_buffer\_size

When this policy is set, the `iiop_tls` plug-in reads this policy's value instead of the `policies:iiop:tcp_options_policy:send_buffer_size` policy's value.

`tcp_options_policy:send_buffer_size` specifies the size of the TCP send buffer. This variable can only be set to 0, which corresponds to using the default size defined by the operating system.

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## trusted\_ca\_list\_policy

This policy overrides the `policies:trusted_ca_list_policy` for the `iiop_tls` plugin.

Contains a list of filenames (or a single filename), each of which contains a concatenated list of CA certificates in PEM format. The aggregate of the CAs in all of the listed files is the set of trusted CAs.

For example, you might specify two files containing CA lists as follows:

```
policies:trusted_ca_list_policy =  
    ["ASPInstallDir/asp/6.0/etc/tls/x509/ca/ca_list1.pem",  
     "ASPInstallDir/asp/6.0/etc/tls/x509/ca/ca_list_extra.pem"];
```

The purpose of having more than one file containing a CA list is for administrative convenience. It enables you to group CAs into different lists and to select a particular set of CAs for a security domain by choosing the appropriate CA lists.

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## policies:security\_server

The `policies:security_server` namespace contains the following variables:

- [client\\_certificate\\_constraints](#)
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### client\_certificate\_constraints

Restricts access to the Artix security server, allowing only clients that match the specified certificate constraints to open a connection to the security service. For details of how to specify certificate constraints, see [“Applying Constraints to Certificates” on page 119](#).

For example, by inserting the following setting into the security service’s configuration scope in the Artix configuration file, you can allow access by clients presenting the `administrator.p12` and `iona_utilities.p12` certificates (demonstration certificates).

```
# Allow access by demonstration client certificates.
# WARNING: These settings are NOT secure and must be customized
#         before deploying in a real system.
#
policies:security_server:client_certificate_constraints =
  ["C=US,ST=Massachusetts,O=ABigBank*,CN=Orbix2000 IONA
  Services (demo cert), OU=Demonstration Section -- no warranty
  --", "C=US,ST=Massachusetts,O=ABigBank*,CN=Abigbank Accounts
  Server*", "C=US,ST=Massachusetts,O=ABigBank*,CN=Iona
  utilities - demo purposes"];
```

The effect of setting this configuration variable is slightly different to the effect of setting `policies:iioptls:certificate_constraints_policy`. Whereas `policies:iioptls:certificate_constraints_policy` affects *all* services deployed in the current process, the `policies:security_server:client_certificate_constraints` variable affects only the Artix security service. This distinction is significant when the login server is deployed into the same process as the security server. In this case, you would typically want to configure the login server such that it does *not* require clients to present an X.509 certificate (this is the default), while the security server *does* require clients to present an X.509 certificate.

This configuration variable must be set in the security server's configuration scope, otherwise the security server will not start.

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# principal\_sponsor

The `principal_sponsor` namespace stores configuration information to be used when obtaining credentials. The CORBA binding provides an implementation of a principal sponsor that creates credentials for applications automatically.

Use of the `PrincipalSponsor` is disabled by default and can only be enabled through configuration.

The `PrincipalSponsor` represents an entry point into the secure system. It must be activated and authenticate the user, before any application-specific logic executes. This allows unmodified, security-unaware applications to have `Credentials` established transparently, prior to making invocations.

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## In this section

The following variables are in this namespace:

- `use_principal_sponsor`
- `auth_method_id`
- `auth_method_data`
- `callback_handler:ClassName`
- `login_attempts`

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## use\_principal\_sponsor

`use_principal_sponsor` specifies whether an attempt is made to obtain credentials automatically. Defaults to `false`. If set to `true`, the following `principal_sponsor` variables must contain data in order for anything to actually happen.

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## auth\_method\_id

`auth_method_id` specifies the authentication method to be used. The following authentication methods are available:

<code>pkcs12_file</code>	The authentication method uses a PKCS#12 file.
<code>pkcs11</code>	Java only. The authentication data is provided by a smart card.
<code>security_label</code>	Windows and Schannel only. The authentication data is specified by supplying the common name (CN) from an application certificate's subject DN.

For example, you can select the `pkcs12_file` authentication method as follows:

```
principal_sponsor:auth_method_id = "pkcs12_file";
```

---

## auth\_method\_data

`auth_method_data` is a string array containing information to be interpreted by the authentication method represented by the `auth_method_id`.

For the `pkcs12_file` authentication method, the following authentication data can be provided in `auth_method_data`:

<code>filename</code>	A PKCS#12 file that contains a certificate chain and private key— <i>required</i> .
<code>password</code>	A password for the private key— <i>optional</i> .  It is bad practice to supply the password from configuration for deployed systems. If the password is not supplied, the user is prompted for it.
<code>password_file</code>	The name of a file containing the password for the private key— <i>optional</i> .  This option is not recommended for deployed systems.

For the `pkcs11` (smart card) authentication method, the following authentication data can be provided in `auth_method_data`:

<code>provider</code>	A name that identifies the underlying PKCS #11 toolkit used by Orbix to communicate with the smart card.  The toolkit currently used by Orbix has the provider name <code>dkck132.dll</code> (from Baltimore).
<code>slot</code>	The number of a particular slot on the smart card (for example, 0) containing the user's credentials.
<code>pin</code>	A PIN to gain access to the smart card— <i>optional</i> .  It is bad practice to supply the PIN from configuration for deployed systems. If the PIN is not supplied, the user is prompted for it.

For the `security_label` authentication method on Windows, the following authentication data can be provided in `auth_method_data`:

<code>label</code>	(Windows and Schannel only.) The common name (CN) from an application certificate's subject DN
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For example, to configure an application on Windows to use a certificate, `bob.p12`, whose private key is encrypted with the `bobpass` password, set the `auth_method_data` as follows:

```
principal_sponsor:auth_method_data =
["filename=c:\users\bob\bob.p12", "password=bobpass"];
```

The following points apply to Java implementations:

- If the file specified by `filename=` is not found, it is searched for on the classpath.
- The file specified by `filename=` can be supplied with a URL instead of an absolute file location.
- The mechanism for prompting for the password if the password is supplied through `password=` can be replaced with a custom mechanism, as demonstrated by the `login` demo.

- There are two extra configuration variables available as part of the `principal_sponsor` namespace, namely `principal_sponsor:callback_handler` and `principal_sponsor:login_attempts`. These are described below.
- These Java-specific features are available subject to change in future releases; any changes that can arise probably come from customer feedback on this area.

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## callback\_handler:ClassName

`callback_handler:ClassName` specifies the class name of an interface that implements the interface `com.ionacorba.tls.auth.CallbackHandler`. This variable is only used for Java clients.

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## login\_attempts

`login_attempts` specifies how many times a user is prompted for authentication data (usually a password). It applies for both internal and custom `CallbackHandlers`; if a `CallbackHandler` is supplied, it is invoked upon up to `login_attempts` times as long as the `PrincipalAuthenticator` returns `SecAuthFailure`. This variable is only used by Java clients.

---

## principal\_sponsor:csi

The `principal_sponsor:csi` namespace stores configuration information to be used when obtaining CSI (Common Secure Interoperability) credentials. It includes the following:

- `use_existing_credentials`
- `use_principal_sponsor`
- `auth_method_data`
- `auth_method_id`

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### use\_existing\_credentials

A boolean value that specifies whether ORBs that share credentials can also share CSI credentials. If `true`, any CSI credentials loaded by one credential-sharing ORB can be used by other credential-sharing ORBs loaded after it; if `false`, CSI credentials are not shared.

This variable has no effect, unless the `plugins:security:share_credentials_across_orbs` variable is also `true`. Default is `false`.

---

### use\_principal\_sponsor

`use_principal_sponsor` is a boolean value that switches the CSI principal sponsor on or off.

If set to `true`, the CSI principal sponsor is enabled; if `false`, the CSI principal sponsor is disabled and the remaining `principal_sponsor:csi` variables are ignored. Defaults to `false`.

## auth\_method\_data

`auth_method_data` is a string array containing information to be interpreted by the authentication method represented by the `auth_method_id`.

For the GSSUPMech authentication method, the following authentication data can be provided in `auth_method_data`:

<code>username</code>	The username for CSiv2 authorization. This is optional. Authentication of CSiv2 usernames and passwords is performed on the server side. The administration of usernames depends on the particular security mechanism that is plugged into the server side see <a href="#">auth_over_transport:authentication_service</a> .
<code>password</code>	The password associated with username. This is optional. It is bad practice to supply the password from configuration for deployed systems. If the password is not supplied, the user is prompted for it.
<code>domain</code>	The CSiv2 authentication domain in which the username/password pair is authenticated.  When the client is about to open a new connection, this domain name is compared with the domain name embedded in the relevant IOR (see <a href="#">policies:csi:auth_over_transport:server_domain_name</a> ). The domain names must match.  <b>Note:</b> If <code>domain</code> is an empty string, it matches any target domain. That is, an empty domain string is equivalent to a wildcard.

If any of the preceding data are omitted, the user is prompted to enter authentication data when the application starts up.

For example, to log on to a CSiv2 application as the `administrator` user in the `US-SantaClara` domain:

```
principal_sponsor:csi:auth_method_data =
  ["username=administrator", "domain=US-SantaClara"];
```

When the application is started, the user is prompted for the administrator password.

**Note:** It is currently not possible to customize the login prompt associated with the CSIv2 principal sponsor. As an alternative, you could implement your own login GUI by programming and pass the user input directly to the principal authenticator.

---

## auth\_method\_id

`auth_method_id` specifies a string that selects the authentication method to be used by the CSI application. The following authentication method is available:

<code>GSSUPMech</code>	The Generic Security Service Username/Password (GSSUP) mechanism.
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For example, you can select the `GSSUPMech` authentication method as follows:

```
principal_sponsor:csi:auth_method_id = "GSSUPMech";
```

---

# principal\_sponsor:https

The `principal_sponsor:https` namespace provides configuration variables that enable you to specify the *own credentials* used with the HTTPS transport. The variables in the `principal_sponsor:https` namespace (which are specific to the HTTPS protocol) have precedence over the analogous variables in the `principal_sponsor` namespace.

Use of the `PrincipalSponsor` is disabled by default and can only be enabled through configuration.

The `PrincipalSponsor` represents an entry point into the secure system. It must be activated and authenticate the user, before any application-specific logic executes. This allows unmodified, security-unaware applications to have `Credentials` established transparently, prior to making invocations.

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## In this section

The following variables are in this namespace:

- `use_principal_sponsor`
- `auth_method_id`
- `auth_method_data`

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## use\_principal\_sponsor

`use_principal_sponsor` specifies whether an attempt is made to obtain credentials automatically. Defaults to `false`. If set to `true`, the following `principal_sponsor:https` variables must contain data in order for anything to actually happen:

- `auth_method_id`
- `auth_method_data`

---

## auth\_method\_id

`auth_method_id` specifies the authentication method to be used. The following authentication methods are available:

`pkcs12_file`      The authentication method uses a PKCS#12 file

For example, you can select the `pkcs12_file` authentication method as follows:

```
principal_sponsor:auth_method_id = "pkcs12_file";
```

---

## auth\_method\_data

`auth_method_data` is a string array containing information to be interpreted by the authentication method represented by the `auth_method_id`.

For the `pkcs12_file` authentication method, the following authentication data can be provided in `auth_method_data`:

<code>filename</code>	A PKCS#12 file that contains a certificate chain and private key— <i>required</i> .
<code>password</code>	A password for the private key— <i>optional</i> . It is bad practice to supply the password from configuration for deployed systems. If the password is not supplied, the user is prompted for it.
<code>password_file</code>	The name of a file containing the password for the private key— <i>optional</i> . This option is not recommended for deployed systems.

For example, to configure an application on Windows to use a certificate, `bob.p12`, whose private key is encrypted with the `bobpass` password, set the `auth_method_data` as follows:

```
principal_sponsor:auth_method_data =
["filename=c:\users\bob\bob.p12", "password=bobpass"];
```

# CORBA

*When using the CORBA transport, Artix behaves like an Orbix C++ application. This means that you can specify the Orbix configuration variables that apply to the CORBA-based plug-ins used by Artix.*

**Note:** The variables described in this chapter only apply when Artix is using the CORBA transport.

## In this chapter

The following CORBA-based variables are discussed in this chapter:

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## plugins:codeset

The variables in this namespace specify the codesets used by the CORBA portion of Artix. This is useful when internationalizing your environment. This namespace includes the following variables:

- `char:ncs`
- `char:ccs`
- `wchar:ncs`
- `wchar:ccs`
- `always_use_default`

---

### char:ncs

`char:ncs` specifies the native codeset to use for narrow characters. The default setting is determined as follows:

**Table 7:** *Defaults for the native narrow codeset*

Platform/Locale	Language	Setting
non-MVS, Latin-1 locale	C++	ISO-8859-1
MVS	C++	EBCDIC
ISO-8859-1/Cp-1292/US-ASCII locale	Java	ISO-8859-1
Shift_JS locale	Java	UTF-8
EUC-JP locale	Java	UTF-8
other	Java	UTF-8

## char:ccs

`char:ccs` specifies the list of conversion codesets supported for narrow characters. The default setting is determined as follows:

**Table 8:** *Defaults for the narrow conversion codesets*

Platform/Locale	Language	Setting
non-MVS, Latin-1 locale	C++	
MVS	C++	IOS-8859-1
ISO-8859-1/Cp-1292/US-ASCII locale	Java	UTF-8
Shift_JIS locale	Java	Shift_JIS, euc_JP, ISO-8859-1
EUC-JP locale	Java	euc_JP, Shift_JIS, ISO-8859-1
other	Java	file encoding, ISO-8859-1

## wchar:ncs

`wchar:ncs` specifies the native codesets supported for wide characters. The default setting is determined as follows:

**Table 9:** *Defaults for the wide native codesets*

Platform/Locale	Language	Setting
non-MVS, Latin-1 locale	C++	UCS-2, UCS-4
MVS	C++	UCS-2, UCS-4
ISO-8859-1/Cp-1292/US-ASCII locale	Java	UTF-16
Shift_JIS locale	Java	UTF-16

**Table 9:** *Defaults for the wide native codesets*

Platform/Locale	Language	Setting
EUC-JP locale	Java	UTF-16
other	Java	UTF-16

## wchar:ccs

`wchar:ccs` specifies the list of conversion codesets supported for wide characters. The default setting is determined as follows:

**Table 10:** *Defaults for the narrow conversion codesets*

Platform/Locale	Language	Setting
non-MVS, Latin-1 locale	C++	UTF-16
MVS	C++	UTF-16
ISO-8859-1/Cp-1292/US-ASCII locale	Java	UCS-2
Shift_JIS locale	Java	UCS-2, Shift_JIS, euc_JP
EUC-JP locale	Java	UCS-2, euc_JP, Shift_JIS
other	Java	file encoding, UCS-2

## always\_use\_default

`always_use_default` specifies that hardcoded default values will be used and any `codeset` variables will be ignored if they are in the same configuration scope or higher.

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## plugins:giop

This namespace contains the `plugins:giop:message_server_binding_list` configuration variable, which is one of the variables used to configure bidirectional GIOP. This feature allows callbacks to be made using a connection opened by the client, instead of requiring the server to open a new connection for the callback.

---

### message\_server\_binding\_list

`plugins:giop:message_server_binding_list` specifies a list message interceptors that are used for bidirectional GIOP. On the client-side, the `plugins:giop:message_server_binding_list` must be configured to indicate that an existing outgoing message interceptor chain may be re-used for an incoming server binding, similarly by including an entry for `BiDir_GIOP`, for example:

```
BiDir_GIOP, for example:
```

```
plugins:giop:message_server_binding_list=["BiDir_GIOP", "GIOP" ];
```

---

#### Further information

For details of all the steps involved in setting bidirectional GIOP, see the *Orbix Administrator's Guide*.

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# plugins:giop\_snoop

The variables in this namespace configure settings for the GIOP Snoop tool. This tool intercepts and displays GIOP message content. Its primary roles are as a protocol-level monitor and a debug aid.

The GIOP Snoop plug-in implements message-level interceptors that can participate in client and/or server side bindings over any GIOP-based transport.

The variables in the `giop_snoop` namespace include the following:

- `filename`
- `rolling_file`
- `verbosity`

---

## filename

`plugins:giop_snoop:filename` specifies a file for GIOP Snoop output. By default, output is directed to standard error (`stderr`). This variable has the following format:

```
plugins:giop_snoop:filename = "<some-file-path>;"
```

A *month/day/year* time stamp is included in the output filename with the following general format:

```
<filename>.MDDYYYY
```

---

## rolling\_file

`plugins:giop_snoop:rolling_file` prevents the GIOP Snoop output file from growing indefinitely. This setting specifies to open and then close the output file for each snoop message trace, instead of holding the output files open. This enables administrators to control the size and content of output files. This setting is enabled with:

```
plugins:giop_snoop:rolling_file = "true";
```

---

## verbosity

`plugins:giop_snoop:verbosity` is used to control the verbosity levels of the GIOP Snoop output. For example:

```
plugins:giop_snoop:verbosity = "1";
```

GIOP Snoop verbosity levels are as follows:

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| 1 | LOW       |
| 2 | MEDIUM    |
| 3 | HIGH      |
| 4 | VERY HIGH |

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# plugins:http

The variables in this namespace configure the HTTP transport. This namespace contains the following variables:

- `connection:max_unsent_data`
- `incoming_connections:hard_limit`
- `incoming_connections:soft_limit`
- `ip:send_buffer_size`
- `ip:receive_buffer_size`
- `ip:reuse_addr`
- `outgoing_connections:hard_limit`
- `outgoing_connections:soft_limit`
- `pool:max_threads`
- `pool:min_threads`
- `tcp_connection:keep_alive`
- `tcp_connection:no_delay`
- `tcp_connection:linger_on_close`
- `tcp_listener:reincarnate_attempts`

---

## connection:max\_unsent\_data

`connection:max_unsent_data` specifies, in bytes, the upper limit for the amount of unsent data associated with an individual connection. Defaults to 512Kb.

---

## incoming\_connections:hard\_limit

`incoming_connections:hard_limit` specifies the maximum number of incoming (server-side) connections permitted to HTTP. HTTP does not accept new connections above this limit. Defaults to -1 (disabled).

## **incoming\_connections:soft\_limit**

`incoming_connections:soft_limit` sets the number of connections at which HTTP begins closing incoming (server-side) connections. Defaults to -1 (disabled).

---

## **ip:send\_buffer\_size**

`ip:send_buffer_size` specifies the `SO_SNDBUF` socket options to control how the IP stack adjusts the size of the output buffer. Defaults to 0, meaning the that buffer size is static.

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## **ip:receive\_buffer\_size**

`ip:receive_buffer_size` specifies the `SO_RCVBUF` socket options to control how the IP stack adjusts the size of the input buffer. Defaults to 0, meaning the that buffer size is static.

---

## **ip:reuse\_addr**

`ip:reuse_addr` specifies whether a process can be launched on an already used port. The default on Windows `false`. An exception indicating that the address is already in use will be thrown.

The default on UNIX is `true`. This allows a process to listen on the same port.

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## **outgoing\_connections:hard\_limit**

`outgoing_connections:hard_limit` sets the maximum number of outgoing (client-side) connections permitted to HTTP. HTTP does not allow new outgoing connections above this limit. Defaults to -1 (disabled).

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## outgoing\_connections:soft\_limit

`outgoing_connections:soft_limit` specifies the number of connections at which HTTP begins closing outgoing (client-side) connections. Defaults to -1 (disabled).

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## pool:max\_threads

`pool:max_threads` specifies the maximum number of threads reserved from the `WorkQueue` to support tasks working on behalf of the ATLI transport. Defaults to 5.

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## pool:min\_threads

`pool:min_threads` specifies the minimum number of threads reserved from the `WorkQueue` to support tasks working on behalf of the ATLI transport. Defaults to 1.

---

## tcp\_connection:keep\_alive

`tcp_connection:keep_alive` specifies the setting of `SO_KEEPALIVE` on sockets used to maintain HTTP connections. If set to `TRUE`, the socket will send a *'keepalive probe'* to the remote host if the connection has been idle for a preset period of time. The remote system, if it is still running, will send an `ACK` response. Defaults to `TRUE`.

---

## tcp\_connection:no\_delay

`tcp_connection:no_delay` specifies if `TCP_NODELAY` is set on the sockets used to maintain HTTP connections. If set to `false`, small data packets are collected and sent as a group. The algorithm used allows for no more than a 0.2 msec delay between collected packets. Defaults to `TRUE`.

## **tcp\_connection:linger\_on\_close**

`tcp_connection:linger_on_close` specifies the setting of `SO_LINGER` on all tcp connections to ensure that tcp buffers get cleared once a socket is closed. Defaults to `TRUE`.

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## **tcp\_listener:reincarnate\_attempts**

`tcp_listener:reincarnate_attempts` specifies the number of times that a `Listener` recreate its listener socket after receiving a `SocketException`. This configuration variable only effects Java applications. Defaults to 1.

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## plugins:iiop

The variables in this namespace configure active connection management, IIOp buffer management. For more information about active connection management, see the *Orbix Administrator's Guide*.

This namespace contains the following variables:

- `connection:max_unsent_data`
- `incoming_connections:hard_limit`
- `incoming_connections:soft_limit`
- `ip:send_buffer_size`
- `ip:receive_buffer_size`
- `ip:reuse_addr`
- `outgoing_connections:hard_limit`
- `outgoing_connections:soft_limit`
- `pool:max_threads`
- `pool:min_threads`
- `tcp_connection:keep_alive`
- `tcp_connection:no_delay`
- `tcp_connection:linger_on_close`
- `tcp_listener:reincarnate_attempts`
- `tcp_listener:reincarnation_retry_backoff_ratio`
- `tcp_listener:reincarnation_retry_delay`

---

### connection:max\_unsent\_data

`plugins:iiop:connection:max_unsent_data` specifies the upper limit for the amount of unsent data associated with an individual connection. Defaults to 512k.

## incoming\_connections:hard\_limit

`plugins:iiop:incoming_connections:hard_limit` specifies the maximum number of incoming (server-side) connections permitted to IIOP. IIOP does not accept new connections above this limit. Defaults to -1 (disabled).

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## incoming\_connections:soft\_limit

`plugins:iiop:incoming_connections:soft_limit` sets the number of connections at which IIOP begins closing incoming (server-side) connections. Defaults to -1 (disabled).

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## ip:send\_buffer\_size

`plugins:iiop:ip:send_buffer_size` specifies the `SO_SNDBUF` socket options to control how the IP stack adjusts the size of the output buffer. Defaults to 0, meaning the that buffer size is static.

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## ip:receive\_buffer\_size

`plugins:iiop:ip:receive_buffer_size` specifies the `SO_RCVBUF` socket options to control how the IP stack adjusts the size of the input buffer. Defaults to 0, meaning the that buffer size is static.

---

## ip:reuse\_addr

`plugins:iiop:ip:reuse_addr` specifies whether a process can be launched on an already used port. The default on Windows `false`. An exception indicating that the address is already in use will be thrown.

The default on UNIX is `true`. This allows a process to listen on the same port.

---

## outgoing\_connections:hard\_limit

`plugins:iiop:outgoing_connections:hard_limit` sets the maximum number of outgoing (client-side) connections permitted to IIOp. IIOp does not allow new outgoing connections above this limit. Defaults to -1 (disabled).

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## outgoing\_connections:soft\_limit

`plugins:iiop:outgoing_connections:soft_limit` specifies the number of connections at which IIOp begins closing outgoing (client-side) connections. Defaults to -1 (disabled).

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## pool:max\_threads

`plugins:iiop:pool:max_threads` specifies the maximum number of threads reserved from the `WorkQueue` to support tasks working on behalf of the ATLI transport. Defaults to 5.

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## pool:min\_threads

`plugins:iiop:pool:min_threads` specifies the minimum number of threads reserved from the `WorkQueue` to support tasks working on behalf of the ATLI transport. Defaults to 1.

---

## tcp\_connection:keep\_alive

`plugins:iiop:tcp_connection:keep_alive` specifies the setting of `SO_KEEPALIVE` on sockets used to maintain IIOp connections. If set to `TRUE`, the socket will send a *'keepalive probe'* to the remote host if the connection has been idle for a preset period of time. The remote system, if it is still running, will send an `ACK` response. Defaults to `TRUE`.

---

## tcp\_connection:no\_delay

`plugins:iiop:tcp_connection:no_delay` specifies if `TCP_NODELAY` is set on the sockets used to maintain IIOp connections. If set to false, small data packets are collected and sent as a group. The algorithm used allows for no more than a 0.2 msec delay between collected packets. Defaults to `TRUE`.

---

## tcp\_connection:linger\_on\_close

`plugins:iiop:tcp_connection:linger_on_close` specifies the setting of `SO_LINGER` on all tcp connections to ensure that tcp buffers get cleared once a socket is closed. Defaults to `TRUE`.

---

## tcp\_listener:reincarnate\_attempts

(C++/Windows only)

`plugins:iiop:tcp_listener:reincarnate_attempts` specifies the number of attempts that are made to reincarnate a listener before giving up, logging a fatal error, and shutting down the ORB. Datatype is `long`. Defaults to 0 (no attempts).

Sometimes a network error may occur, which results in a listening socket being closed. On Windows, you can configure the listener to attempt a reincarnation. This enables new connections to be established.

---

## tcp\_listener:reincarnation\_retry\_backoff\_ratio

(C++/Windows only)

`plugins:iiop:tcp_listener:reincarnation_retry_delay` specifies a delay between reincarnation attempts. Data type is `long`. Defaults to 0 (no delay).

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## tcp\_listener:reincarnation\_retry\_delay

(C++/Windows only)

`plugins:iop:tcp_listener:reincarnation_retry_backoff_ratio`

specifies the degree to which delays between retries increase from one retry to the next. Datatype is `long`. Defaults to 1.

---

## plugins:naming

The variables in this namespace configure the naming service plugin. The naming service allows you to associate abstract names with CORBA objects, enabling clients to locate your objects.

This namespace contains the following variables:

- `destructive_methods_allowed`
- `direct_persistence`
- `iiop:port`
- `lb_default_initial_load`
- `lb_default_load_timeout`
- `nt_service_dependencies`

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### destructive\_methods\_allowed

`destructive_methods_allowed` specifies if users can make destructive calls, such as `destroy()`, on naming service elements. The default value is `true`, meaning the destructive methods are allowed.

---

### direct\_persistence

`direct_persistence` specifies if the service runs using direct or indirect persistence. The default value is `false`, meaning indirect persistence.

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### iiop:port

`iiop:port` specifies the port that the service listens on when running using direct persistence.

---

## lb\_default\_initial\_load

`lb_default_initial_load` specifies the default initial load value for a member of an active object group. The load value is valid for a period of time specified by the timeout assigned to that member. Defaults to 0.0. For more information, see the *Orbix Administrator's Guide*.

---

## lb\_default\_load\_timeout

`lb_default_load_timeout` specifies the default load timeout value for a member of an active object group. The default value of -1 indicates no timeout. This means that the load value does not expire. For more information, see the *Orbix Administrator's Guide*.

---

## nt\_service\_dependencies

`nt_service_dependencies` specifies the naming service's dependencies on other NT services. The dependencies are listed in the following format:

```
IT ORB-name domain-name
```

This variable only has meaning if the naming service is installed as an NT service.

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## plugins:ots

The variables in this namespace configure the object transaction service (OTS) generic plugin. The generic OTS plugin contains client and server side transaction interceptors and the implementation of `CosTransactions::Current`. For details of this plugin, refer to the *CORBA OTS Guide*.

The `plugins:ots` namespace contains the following variables:

- `default_ots_policy`
- `default_transaction_policy`
- `default_transaction_timeout`
- `interposition_style`
- `jit_transactions`
- `ots_v11_policy`
- `propagate_separate_tid_optimization`
- `rollback_only_on_system_ex`
- `support_ots_v11`
- `transaction_factory_name`

---

### default\_ots\_policy

`default_ots_policy` specifies the default `OTSPolicy` value used when creating a POA. Set to one of the following values:

`requires`  
`forbids`  
`adapts`

If no value is specified, no `OTSPolicy` is set for new POAs.

---

### default\_transaction\_policy

`default_transaction_policy` specifies the default `TransactionPolicy` value used when creating a POA.

Set to one of the following values:

- `requires` corresponds to a `TransactionPolicy` value of `Requires_shared`.
- `allows` corresponds to a `TransactionPolicy` value of `Allows_shared`.

If no value is specified, no `TransactionPolicy` is set for new POAs.

---

## default\_transaction\_timeout

`default_transaction_timeout` specifies the default timeout, in seconds, of a transaction created using `CosTransactions::Current`. A value of zero or less specifies no timeout. Defaults to 30 seconds.

---

## interposition\_style

`interposition_style` specifies the style of interposition used when a transaction first visits a server. Set to one of the following values:

- `standard`: A new subordinator transaction is created locally and a resource is registered with the superior coordinator. This subordinate transaction is then made available through the `Current` object.
- `proxy`: (default) A locally constrained proxy for the imported transaction is created and made available through the `Current` object.

Proxy interposition is more efficient, but if you need to further propagate the transaction explicitly (using the `Control` object), standard interposition must be specified.

---

## jit\_transactions

`jit_transactions` is a boolean which determines whether to use just-in-time transaction creation. If set to `true`, transactions created using `Current::begin()` are not actually created until necessary. This can be used in conjunction with an `OTSPolicy` value of `SERVER_SIDE` to delay creation of a transaction until an invocation is received in a server. Defaults to `false`.

---

## ots\_v11\_policy

`ots_v11_policy` specifies the effective `OTSPolicy` value applied to objects determined to support `CosTransactions::TransactionalObject`, if `support_ots_v11` is set to `true`.

Set to one of the following values:

- `adapts`
  - `requires`
- 

## propagate\_separate\_tid\_optimization

`propagate_separate_tid_optimization` specifies whether an optimization is applied to transaction propagation when using C++ applications. Must be set for both the sender and receiver to take affect. Defaults to `true`.

---

## rollback\_only\_on\_system\_ex

`rollback_only_on_system_ex` specifies whether to mark a transaction for rollback if an invocation on a transactional object results in a system exception being raised. Defaults to `true`.

---

## support\_ots\_v11

`support_ots_v11` specifies whether there is support for the OMG OTS v1.1 `CosTransactions::TransactionalObject` interface. This option can be used in conjunction with `ots_v11_policy`. When this option is enabled, the OTS interceptors might need to use remote `_is_a()` calls to determine the type of an interface. Defaults to `false`.

---

## transaction\_factory\_name

`transaction_factory_name` specifies the initial reference for the transaction factory. This option must match the corresponding entry in the configuration scope of your transaction service implementation. Defaults to `TransactionFactory`.

---

## plugins:ots\_lite

The variables in this namespace configure the Lite implementation of the object transaction service. The `ots_lite` plugin contains an implementation of `CosTransacitons::TransactionFactory` which is optimized for use in a single resource system. For details, see the *CORBA Programmer's Guide*.

This namespace contains the following variables:

- `orb_name`
- `otid_format_id`
- `superior_ping_timeout`
- `transaction_factory_name`
- `transaction_timeout_period`
- `use_internal_orb`

---

### orb\_name

`orb_name` specifies the ORB name used for the plugin's internal ORB when `use_internal_orb` is set to `true`. The ORB name determines where the ORB obtains its configuration information and is useful when the application ORB configuration needs to be different from that of the internal ORB. Defaults to the ORB name of the application ORB.

---

### otid\_format\_id

`otid_format_id` specifies the value of the `formatID` field of a transaction's identifier (`CosTransactions::otid_t`). Defaults to `0x494f4e41`.

---

### superior\_ping\_timeout

`superior_ping_timeout` specifies, in seconds, the timeout between queries of the transaction state, when standard interposition is being used to recreate a foreign transaction. The interposed resource periodically queries the recovery coordinator, to ensure that the transaction is still alive when the timeout of the superior transaction has expired. Defaults to `30`.

---

## transaction\_factory\_name

`transaction_factory_name` specifies the initial reference for the transaction factory. This option must match the corresponding entry in the configuration scope of your generic OTS plugin to allow it to successfully resolve a transaction factory. Defaults to `TransactionFactory`.

---

## transaction\_timeout\_period

`transaction_timeout_period` specifies the time, in milliseconds, of which all transaction timeouts are multiples. A low value increases accuracy of transaction timeouts, but increases overhead. This value is added to all transaction timeouts. To disable all timeouts, set to `0` or a negative value. Defaults to `1000`.

---

## use\_internal\_orb

`use_internal_orb` specifies whether the `ots_lite` plugin creates an internal ORB for its own use. By default, `ots_lite` creates POAs in the application's ORB. This option is useful if you want to isolate the transaction service from your application ORB. Defaults to `false`.

---

## plugins:ots\_encina

The `plugins:ots_encina` namespace stores configuration variables for the Encina OTS plugin. The `ots_encina` plugin contains an implementation of IDL interface `CosTransactions::TransactionFactory` that supports the recoverable 2PC protocol. For details, see the *CORBA OTS Guide*.

This namespace contains the following variables:

- `agent_ior_file`
- `allow_registration_after_rollback_only`
- `backup_restart_file`
- `direct_persistence`
- `direct_persistence`
- `global_namespace_poa`
- `iiop:port`
- `initial_disk`
- `initial_disk_size`
- `log_threshold`
- `log_check_interval`
- `max_resource_failures`
- `namespace_poa`
- `orb_name`
- `otid_format_id`
- `resource_retry_timeout`
- `restart_file`
- `trace_comp`
- `trace_file`
- `trace_on`
- `transaction_factory_name`
- `transaction_factory_ns_name`
- `transaction_timeout_period`
- `use_internal_orb`
- `use_raw_disk`

## agent\_ior\_file

`agent_ior_file` specifies the file path where the management agent object's IOR is written. Defaults to an empty string.

---

## allow\_registration\_after\_rollback\_only

`allow_registration_after_rollback_only` (C++ only) specifies whether registration of resource objects is permitted after a transaction is marked for rollback.

- `true` specifies that resource objects can be registered after a transaction is marked for rollback.
- `false` (default) specifies that resource objects cannot be registered once a transaction is marked for rollback.

This has no effect on the outcome of the transaction.

---

## backup\_restart\_file

`backup_restart_file` specifies the path for the backup restart file used by the Encina OTS to locate its transaction logs. If unspecified, the backup restart file is the name of the primary restart file—set with `restart_file`—with a `.bak` suffix. Defaults to an empty string.

---

## direct\_persistence

`direct_persistence` specifies whether the transaction factory object can use explicit addressing—for example, a fixed port. If set to `true`, the addressing information is picked up from `plugins:ots_encina`. For example, to use a fixed port, set `plugins_ots_encina:iiop:port`. Defaults to `false`.

---

## global\_namespace\_poa

`global_namespace_poa` specifies the top-level transient POA used as a namespace for OTS implementations. Defaults to `iots`.

---

## iiop:port

`iiop:port` specifies the port that the service listens on when using direct persistence.

---

## initial\_disk

`initial_disk` specifies the path for the initial file used by the Encina OTS for its transaction logs. Defaults to an empty string.

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## initial\_disk\_size

`initial_disk_size` specifies the size of the initial file used by the Encina OTS for its transaction logs. Defaults to 2.

---

## log\_threshold

`log_threshold` specifies the percentage of transaction log space, which, when exceeded, results in a management event. Must be between 0 and 100. Defaults to 90.

---

## log\_check\_interval

`log_check_interval` specifies the time, in seconds, between checks for transaction log growth. Defaults to 60.

---

## max\_resource\_failures

`max_resource_failures` specifies the maximum number of failed invocations on `CosTransaction::Resource` objects to record. Defaults to 5.

---

## namespace\_poa

`namespace_poa` specifies the transient POA used as a namespace. This is useful when there are multiple instances of the plugin being used; each instance must use a different namespace POA to distinguish itself. Defaults to `Encina`.

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## orb\_name

`orb_name` specifies the ORB name used for the plugin's internal ORB when `use_internal_orb` is set to `true`. The ORB name determines where the ORB obtains its configuration information, and is useful when the application ORB configuration needs to be different from that of the internal ORB. Defaults to the ORB name of the application ORB.

---

## otid\_format\_id

`otid_format_id` specifies the value of the `formatID` field of a transaction's identifier (`CosTransactions::otid_t`). Defaults to `0x494f4e41`.

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## resource\_retry\_timeout

`resource_retry_timeout` specifies the time, in seconds, between retrying a failed invocation on a resource object. A negative value means the default is used. Defaults to 5.

---

## restart\_file

`restart_file` specifies the path for the restart file used by the Encina OTS to locate its transaction logs. Defaults to an empty string.

---

## trace\_comp

`trace_comp` sets the Encina trace levels for the component `comp`, where `comp` is one of the following:

```
bde
log
restart
tran
tranLog_log
tranLog_tran
util
vol
```

Set this variable to a bracket-enclosed list that includes one or more of the following string values:

- `event`: interesting events.
- `entry`: entry to a function.
- `param`: parameters to a function.
- `internal_entry`: entry to internal functions.
- `internal_param`: parameters to internal functions.
- `global`.

Defaults to `[]`.

---

## trace\_file

`trace_file` specifies the file to which Encina level tracing is written when enabled via `trace_on`. If not set or set to an empty string, Encina level transactions are written to standard error. Defaults to an empty string.

---

## trace\_on

`trace_on` specifies whether Encina level tracing is enabled. If set to `true`, the information that is output is determined from the trace levels (see `trace_comp`). Defaults to `false`.

## transaction\_factory\_name

`transaction_factory_name` specifies the initial reference for the transaction factory. This option must match the corresponding entry in the configuration scope of your generic OTS plugin to allow it to successfully resolve a transaction factory. Defaults to `TransactionFactory`.

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## transaction\_factory\_ns\_name

`transaction_factory_ns_name` specifies the name used to publish the transaction factory reference in the naming service. Defaults to an empty string.

---

## transaction\_timeout\_period

`transaction_timeout_period` specifies the time, in milliseconds, of which all transaction timeouts are multiples. A low value increases accuracy of transaction timeouts, but increases overhead. This value multiplied to all transaction timeouts. To disable all timeouts, set to 0 or a negative value. Defaults to 1000.

---

## use\_internal\_orb

`use_internal_orb` specifies whether the `ots_encina` plugin creates an internal ORB for its own use. By default the `ots_encina` plugin creates POA's in the application's ORB. This option is useful if you want to isolate the transaction service from your application ORB. Defaults to `false`.

---

## use\_raw\_disk

`use_raw_disk` specifies whether the path specified by `initial_disk` is of a raw disk (`true`) or a file (`false`). If set to `false` and the file does not exist, the Encina OTS plugin tries to create the file with the size specified in `initial_disk_size`. Defaults to `false`.

---

## plugins:poa

This namespace contains variables to configure the CORBA POA plug-in. It contains the following variables:

- `root_name`

---

### root\_name

`root_name` specifies the name of the root POA, which is added to all fully-qualified POA names generated by that POA. If this variable is not set, the POA treats the root as an anonymous root, effectively acting as the root of the location domain.

---

## poa:FQPN

The `poa` namespace includes variables that allow you to use direct persistence and well-known addressing for POAs (Portable Object Adaptors). These variables specify the policy for individual POAs by specifying the fully qualified POA name for each POA. They take the form:

```
poa:FQPN:Variable
```

For example to set the well-known address for a POA whose fully qualified POA name is `helloworld` you would set the variable

```
poa:helloworld:well_known_address.
```

The following variables are in this namespace:

- `direct_persistent`
- `well_known_address`

---

### direct\_persistent

`direct_persistent` specifies if a POA runs using direct persistence. If this is set to `true` the POA generates IORs using the well-known address that is specified in the `well_known_address` variable. Defaults to `false`. For an example of how this works, see [well\\_known\\_address](#).

---

### well\_known\_address

`well_known_address` specifies the address used to generate IORs for the associated POA when that POA's `direct_persistent` variable is set to `true`.

For example, to run your server using direct persistence, and well known addressing, add the following to your configuration:

```
poa:helloworld:direct_persistent = "true";  
poa:helloworld:well_known_address = "helloworld_port";  
helloworld_port:iiop:port = "9202";
```

This corresponds to the following WSDL:

```
<service name="CorbaService">
  <port binding="corbatm:CorbaBinding" name="CorbaPort">
    <corba:address location="file:../../hello_world_service.ior"/>
    <corba:policy poaname="helloworld"/>
  </port>
</service>
```

Using these configuration variables, all object references created by the `helloworld` POA will now be direct persistent containing the well known IIOP address of port `9202`.

If your POA name is different, the configuration variables must be modified. The scheme used is the following:

```
poa:FQPN:direct_persistent=BOOL;
poa:FQPN:well_known_address=Address_Prefix;
Address_Prefix:iiop:port=LONG;
```

*FQPN* is the fully qualified POA name. This introduces the restriction that your POA name can only contain printable characters, and may not contain white space.

*Address\_Prefix* is the string that gets passed to the well-known addressing POA policy. Specify the actual port used using the *Address\_Prefix:iiop:port* variable. You can also use *iiop\_tls* instead of *iiop*.

---

# Core Policies

Configuration variables for core policies include:

- `non_tx_target_policy`
- `rebind_policy`
- `routing_policy_max`
- `routing_policy_min`
- `sync_scope_policy`
- `work_queue_policy`

---

## non\_tx\_target\_policy

`non_tx_target_policy` specifies the default `NonTxTargetPolicy` value for use when a non-transactional object is invoked within a transaction. Set to one of the following values:

<code>permit</code>	Maps to the <code>NonTxTargetPolicy</code> value <code>PERMIT</code> .
<code>prevent</code>	Maps to the <code>NonTxTargetPolicy</code> value <code>PREVENT</code> .(default)

---

## rebind\_policy

`rebind_policy` specifies the default value for `RebindPolicy`. Can be one of the following:

`TRANSPARENT`(default)  
`NO_REBIND`  
`NO_RECONNECT`

---

## routing\_policy\_max

`routing_policy_max` specifies the default maximum value for `RoutingPolicy`. You can set this to one of the following:

`ROUTE_NONE`(default)  
`ROUTE_FORWARD`  
`ROUTE_STORE_AND_FORWARD`

---

## routing\_policy\_min

`routing_policy_min` specifies the default minimum value for `RoutingPolicy`. You can set this to one of the following:

```
ROUTE_NONE(default)
ROUTE_FORWARD
ROUTE_STORE_AND_FORWARD
```

---

## sync\_scope\_policy

`sync_scope_policy` specifies the default value for `SyncScopePolicy`. You can set this to one of the following:

```
SYNC_NONE
SYNC_WITH_TRANSPORT(default)
SYNC_WITH_SERVER
SYNC_WITH_TARGET
```

---

## work\_queue\_policy

`work_queue_policy` specifies the default `WorkQueue` to use for dispatching `GIOP_Requests` and `LocateRequests` when the `WorkQueuePolicy` is not effective. You can set this variable to a string that is resolved using `ORB.resolve_initial_references()`.

For example, to dispatch requests on the internal multi-threaded work queue, this variable should be set to `IT_MultipleThreadWorkQueue`. Defaults to `IT_DirectDispatchWorkQueue`. For more information about `WorkQueue` policies, see the *CORBA Programmer's Guide*.

---

# CORBA Timeout Policies

Orbix supports standard CORBA timeout policies, to enable clients to abort invocations. IONA also provides proprietary policies, which enable more fine-grained control. Configuration variables for standard CORBA timeout policies include:

- `relative_request_timeout`
- `relative_roundtrip_timeout`

---

## relative\_request\_timeout

`relative_request_timeout` specifies how much time, in milliseconds, is allowed to deliver a request. Request delivery is considered complete when the last fragment of the GIOP request is sent over the wire to the target object. There is no default value.

The timeout period includes any delay in establishing a binding. This policy type is useful to a client that only needs to limit request delivery time.

---

## relative\_roundtrip\_timeout

`relative_roundtrip_timeout` specifies how much time, in milliseconds, is allowed to deliver a request and its reply. There is no default value.

The timeout countdown starts with the request invocation, and includes:

- Marshalling in/inout parameters.
- Any delay in transparently establishing a binding.

If the request times out before the client receives the last fragment of reply data, the request is cancelled using a GIOP `CancelRequest` message and all received reply data is discarded.

For more information about standard CORBA timeout policies, see the *CORBA Programmer's Guide*.

---

# IONA Timeout Policies

This section lists configuration variables for the IONA-specific timeout policies, which enable more fine-grained control than the standard CORBA policies. IONA-specific variables in the `policies` namespace include:

- `relative_binding_exclusive_request_timeout`
- `relative_binding_exclusive_roundtrip_timeout`
- `relative_connection_creation_timeout`

---

## **relative\_binding\_exclusive\_request\_timeout**

`relative_binding_exclusive_request_timeout` specifies how much time, in milliseconds, is allowed to deliver a request, exclusive of binding attempts. The countdown begins immediately after a binding is obtained for the invocation. There is no default value.

---

## **relative\_binding\_exclusive\_roundtrip\_timeout**

`relative_binding_exclusive_roundtrip_timeout` specifies how much time, in milliseconds, is allowed to deliver a request and receive its reply, exclusive of binding attempts. There is no default value.

---

## **relative\_connection\_creation\_timeout**

`relative_connection_creation_timeout` specifies how much time, in milliseconds, is allowed to resolve each address in an IOR, within each binding iteration. Default is 8 seconds.

An IOR can have several `TAG_INTERNET_IOP` (IIOP transport) profiles, each with one or more addresses, while each address can resolve via DNS to multiple IP addresses. Furthermore, each IOR can specify multiple transports, each with its own set of profiles.

This variable applies to each IP address within an IOR. Each attempt to resolve an IP address is regarded as a separate attempt to create a connection.

---

## policies:giop

The variables in this namespace set policies that control the behavior of bidirectional GIOP. This feature allows callbacks to be made using a connection opened by the client, instead of requiring the server to open a new connection for the callback. The `policies:giop` namespace includes the following variables:

- “`bidirectional_accept_policy`”.
- “`bidirectional_export_policy`”.
- “`bidirectional_gen3_accept_policy`”.
- “`bidirectional_offer_policy`”.

---

### bidirectional\_accept\_policy

`bidirectional_accept_policy` specifies the behavior of the accept policy used in bidirectional GIOP. On the server side, the `BiDirPolicy::BiDirAcceptPolicy` for the callback invocation must be set to `ALLOW`. You can set this in configuration as follows:

```
policies:giop:bidirectional_accept_policy="ALLOW";
```

This accepts the client's bidirectional offer, and uses an incoming connection for an outgoing request, as long the policies effective for the invocation are compatible with the connection.

---

### bidirectional\_export\_policy

`bidirectional_export_policy` specifies the behavior of the export policy used in bidirectional GIOP. A POA used to activate a client-side callback object must have an effective `BiDirPolicy::BiDirExportPolicy` set to `BiDirPolicy::ALLOW`. You can set this in configuration as follows:

```
policies:giop:bidirectional_export_policy="ALLOW";
```

Alternatively, you can do this programmatically by including this policy in the list passed to `POA::create_POA()`.

## bidirectional\_gen3\_accept\_policy

`bidirectional_gen3_accept_policy` specifies whether interoperability with Orbix 3.x is enabled. Set this variable to `ALLOW` to enable interoperability with Orbix 3.x:

```
policies:giop:bidirectional_gen3_accept_policy="ALLOW";
```

This allows an Orbix 6.x server to invoke on an Orbix 3.x callback reference in a bidirectional fashion.

---

## bidirectional\_offer\_policy

`bidirectional_offer_policy` specifies the behavior of the offer policy used in bidirectional GIOP. A bidirectional offer is triggered for an outgoing connection by setting the effective `BiDirPolicy::BiDirOfferPolicy` to `ALLOW` for an invocation. You can set this in configuration as follows:

```
policies:giop:bidirectional_offer_policy="ALLOW";
```

---

### Further information

For more information on all the steps involved in setting bidirectional GIOP, see the *Orbix Administrator's Guide*.

---

## policies:giop:interop\_policy

The `policies:giop:interop_policy` child namespace contains variables used to configure interoperability with previous versions of IONA products. It contains the following variables:

- `allow_value_types_in_1_1`
- `enable_principal_service_context`
- `ignore_message_not_consumed`
- `negotiate_transmission_codeset`
- `send_locate_request`
- `send_principal`

---

### allow\_value\_types\_in\_1\_1

`allow_value_types_in_1_1` relaxes GIOP 1.1 compliance to allow `valuetypes` to be passed by Java ORBs using GIOP 1.1. This functionality can be important when interoperating with older ORBs that do not support GIOP 1.2. To relax GIOP 1.1 compliance, set this variable to `true`.

---

### enable\_principal\_service\_context

`enable_principal_service_context` specifies whether to permit a principal user identifier to be sent in the service context of CORBA requests. This is used to supply an ORB on the mainframe with a user against which basic authorization can take place.

Typically, on the mid-tier, you may want to set the principal to a user that can be authorized on the mainframe. This can be performed on a per-request basis in a portable interceptor. See the *CORBA Programmer's Guide* for how to write portable interceptors.

To enable principal service contexts, set this variable to `true`:

```
policies:giop:interop_policy:enable_principal_service_context="true";
```

---

## ignore\_message\_not\_consumed

`ignore_message_not_consumed` specifies whether to raise `MARSHAL` exceptions when interoperating with ORBs that set message size incorrectly, or with earlier versions of Orbix if it sends piggyback data. The default value is `false`.

The `MARSHAL` exception is set with one of the following minor codes:

- `REQUEST_MESSAGE_NOT_CONSUMED`
- `REPLY_MESSAGE_NOT_CONSUMED`

---

## negotiate\_transmission\_codeset

`negotiate_transmission_codeset` specifies whether to enable codeset negotiation for wide characters used by some third-party ORBs, previous versions of Orbix, and OrbixWeb. Defaults to `true`.

If this variable is set to `true`, native and conversion codesets for `char` and `wchar` are advertised in `IOP::TAG_CODE_SETS` tagged components in published IORs. The transmission codesets are negotiated by clients and transmitted using an `IOP::CodeSets` service context.

If the variable is `false`, negotiation does not occur and Orbix uses transmission codesets of UTF-16 and ISO-Latin-1 for `wchar` and `char` types, respectively. Defaults to `true`.

---

## send\_locate\_request

`send_locate_request` specifies whether GIOP sends `LocateRequest` messages before sending initial `Request` messages. Required for interoperability with Orbix 3.0. Defaults to `true`.

---

## send\_principal

`send_principal` specifies whether GIOP sends `Principal` information containing the current user name in GIOP 1.0 and GIOP 1.1 requests. Required for interoperability with Orbix 3.0 and Orbix for OS/390. Defaults to `false`.

---

## policies:http

This namespace contains variables used to set HTTP-related policies. It contains the following variables:

- `buffer_sizes_policy:default_buffer_size`
- `buffer_sizes_policy:max_buffer_size`
- `keep-alive:enabled`
- `server_address_mode_policy:port_range`

---

### buffer\_sizes\_policy:default\_buffer\_size

`buffer_sizes_policy:default_buffer_size` specifies, in bytes, the initial size of the buffers allocated by HTTP. Defaults to 4096. This value must be greater than 80 bytes, and must be evenly divisible by 8.

---

### buffer\_sizes\_policy:max\_buffer\_size

`buffer_sizes_policy:max_buffer_size` specifies, in bytes, the maximum buffer size permitted by HTTP. Defaults to -1 which indicates unlimited size. If not unlimited, this value must be greater than 80.

---

### keep-alive:enabled

`keep-alive:enabled` specifies if the server uses persistent connections in response to an incoming `Connection:keep-alive` header. If set to `true`, the server honors the connection setting from the client. If set to `false`, the server always ignores the connection setting from the client.

If no connection setting is sent from the client and this variable is set to `true`, the server responds with `Connection:close` for HTTP 1.0 requests and `Connection:keep-alive` for HTTP 1.1 requests. Defaults to `false`.

**Note:** Setting this variable to `true` does not prevent the server from ultimately choosing to ignore the keep-alive setting for other reasons. For example, if an explicit per client service limit is reached, the server responds with a `Connection:close`, regardless of this variable's setting.

---

## server\_address\_mode\_policy:port\_range

`server_address_mode_policy:port_range` specifies the range of ports that a server uses when there is no well-known addressing policy specified for the port.

---

## policies:iiop

The `policies:iiop` namespace contains variables used to set IIOp-related policies. It contains the following variables:

- `client_address_mode_policy:local_hostname`
- `client_address_mode_policy:port_range`
- `client_version_policy`
- `buffer_sizes_policy:default_buffer_size`
- `buffer_sizes_policy:max_buffer_size`
- `server_address_mode_policy:local_hostname`
- `server_address_mode_policy:port_range`
- `server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname`
- `server_version_policy`
- `tcp_options_policy:no_delay`
- `tcp_options_policy:recv_buffer_size`
- `tcp_options_policy:send_buffer_size`

---

### client\_address\_mode\_policy:local\_hostname

`client_address_mode_policy:local_hostname` specifies the host name that is used by the client.

This variable enables support for *multi-homed* client hosts. These are client machines with multiple hostnames or IP addresses (for example, those using multiple DNS aliases or multiple network interface cards). The `local_hostname` variable enables you to explicitly specify the host name that the client listens on.

For example, if you have a client machine with two network addresses (207.45.52.34 and 207.45.52.35), you can explicitly set this variable to either address:

```
policies:iiop:client_address_mode_policy:local_hostname =
    "207.45.52.34";
```

By default, the `local_hostname` variable is unspecified, and the client uses the 0.0.0.0 wildcard address. In this case, the network interface card used is determined by the operating system.

---

## client\_address\_mode\_policy:port\_range

(C++ only) `client_address_mode_policy:port_range` specifies the range of ports that a client uses when there is no well-known addressing policy specified for the port. Specified values take the format of *from\_port:to\_port*, for example:

```
policies:iiop:client_address_mode_policy:port_range="4003:4008"
```

---

## client\_version\_policy

`client_version_policy` specifies the highest GIOP version used by clients. A client uses the version of GIOP specified by this variable, or the version specified in the IOR profile, whichever is lower. Valid values for this variable are: 1.0, 1.1, and 1.2.

For example, the following file-based configuration entry sets the server IIOp version to 1.1.

```
policies:iiop:server_version_policy="1.1";
```

The following `itadmin` command set this variable:

```
itadmin variable modify -type string -value "1.1"
    policies:iiop:server_version_policy
```

---

## buffer\_sizes\_policy:default\_buffer\_size

`buffer_sizes_policy:default_buffer_size` specifies, in bytes, the initial size of the buffers allocated by IIOp. Defaults to 16000. This value must be greater than 80 bytes, and must be evenly divisible by 8.

---

## buffer\_sizes\_policy:max\_buffer\_size

`buffer_sizes_policy:max_buffer_size` specifies the maximum buffer size permitted by IIOp, in kilobytes. Defaults to -1, which indicates unlimited size. If not unlimited, this value must be greater than 80.

---

## server\_address\_mode\_policy:local\_hostname

`server_address_mode_policy:local_hostname` specifies the server host name that is advertised by the locator daemon, and listened on by server-side IIOp.

This variable enables support for *multi-homed* server hosts. These are server machines with multiple hostnames or IP addresses (for example, those using multiple DNS aliases or multiple network interface cards). The `local_hostname` variable enables you to explicitly specify the host name that the server listens on and publishes in its IORs.

For example, if you have a machine with two network addresses (207.45.52.34 and 207.45.52.35), you can explicitly set this variable to either address:

```
policies:iio:server_address_mode_policy:local_hostname =  
  "207.45.52.34";
```

By default, the `local_hostname` variable is unspecified. Servers use the default hostname configured for the machine with the Orbix configuration tool.

---

## server\_address\_mode\_policy:port\_range

`server_address_mode_policy:port_range` specifies the range of ports that a server uses when there is no well-known addressing policy specified for the port. Specified values take the format of *from\_port:to\_port*, for example:

```
policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:port_range="4003:4008"
```

---

## server\_address\_mode\_policy:publish\_hostname

`server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname` specifies whether IIOP exports hostnames or IP addresses in published profiles. Defaults to `false` (exports IP addresses, and does not export hostnames). To use hostnames in object references, set this variable to `true`, as in the following file-based configuration entry:

```
policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname=true
```

The following `itadmin` command is equivalent:

```
itadmin variable create -type bool -value true  
policies:iiop:server_address_mode_policy:publish_hostname
```

---

## server\_version\_policy

`server_version_policy` specifies the GIOP version published in IIOP profiles. This variable takes a value of either 1.1 or 1.2. Orbix servers do not publish IIOP 1.0 profiles. The default value is 1.2.

---

## tcp\_options\_policy:no\_delay

`tcp_options_policy:no_delay` specifies whether the `TCP_NODELAY` option should be set on connections. Defaults to `false`.

### **tcp\_options\_policy:rcv\_buffer\_size**

`tcp_options_policy:rcv_buffer_size` specifies the size of the TCP receive buffer. This variable can only be set to 0, which corresponds to using the default size defined by the operating system.

---

### **tcp\_options\_policy:send\_buffer\_size**

`tcp_options_policy:send_buffer_size` specifies the size of the TCP send buffer. This variable can only be set to 0, which corresponds to using the default size defined by the operating system.

---

# policies:invocation\_retry

The `policies:invocation_retry` namespace contains variables that determine how a CORBA ORB reinvokes or rebinds requests that raise the following exceptions:

- `TRANSIENT` with a completion status of `COMPLETED_NO` (triggers transparent reinvocations).
- `COMM_FAILURE` with a completion status of `COMPLETED_NO` (triggers transparent rebinding).

This namespace contains the following variables:

- `backoff_ratio`
- `initial_retry_delay`
- `max_forwards`
- `max_rebinds`
- `max_retries`

---

## backoff\_ratio

`backoff_ratio` specifies the degree to which delays between invocation retries increase from one retry to the next. Defaults to 2.

---

## initial\_retry\_delay

`initial_retry_delay` specifies the amount of time, in milliseconds, between the first and second retries. Defaults to 100.

**Note:** The delay between the initial invocation and first retry is always 0.

---

## max\_forwards

`max_forwards` specifies the number of forward tries allowed for an invocation. Defaults to 20. To specify unlimited forward tries, set to -1.

---

## max\_rebinds

`max_rebinds` specifies the number of transparent rebinds attempted on receipt of a `COMM_FAILURE` exception. Defaults to 5.

**Note:** This setting is valid only if the effective `RebindPolicy` is `TRANSPARENT`; otherwise, no rebinding occurs. For more information, see [“rebind\\_policy” on page 236](#).

---

## max\_retries

`max_retries` specifies the number of transparent reinvocations attempted on receipt of a `TRANSIENT` exception. Defaults to 5.

For more information about proprietary IONA timeout policies, see the *CORBA Programmer's Guide*.

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