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Administrator's Guide











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Latest features available with Altair Access[™] Web.

Themes, Branding and Visual Enhancements

You can now customize the Access Web Login page with your logo and a custom message. Dark and light themes have been introduced along with the capability to change text size and background color for improving readability and reducing strain while using the application for a prolonged period of time. The job utilization gauge colors has also been updated to match the visual enhancements.

Modern Communication Layer for Faster Running Job Operations

A strong, reliable and powerful message layer is introduced as beta in Access Web 2019.1 is now enabled by default for 2019.2. This infrastructure greatly improves the speed of job operations for running jobs such as downloading job files, view the job files, remote visualization, etc.

Windows Server 2016 Platform Support

Access Web Components can now be installed in Windows Server 2016. The Access Web is installed using a Docker container, Install PAS and Remote Session using the Windows installer. The Windows installation procedure is document in the *Access Web Administrator's Guide*.

Configure Additional Portal Administrators

The Service User name provided during the Access Web installation is the default Portal Administrator. Using the Access Controls feature of Access Web, the Service User can add other users and assign them as Portal Administrators.

Logger Statement for Debugging Purpose

The debugging of application definitions becomes easier now as the information about the usage of application definition gets logged from the logger statement in the presubmit and refresh scripts.

Job Submission Form Enhancements

The Access Web navigation header is displayed on top of the Job Submission form making it easier to navigate to other functionalities of the application. The last browsed directory location in current submission flow is retained for easier file selection.

Remote Session Enhancements

The following are the enhancements of Remote Session:

- Remote session start-up time and resize operations have been improved.
- Debugging remote sessions is now simplified with pre-install checks and in-place diagnostics dialog in remote session screen.
- The Remote Session clipboard support is extended for Windows.
- Remote Session agent installer is packaged with the latest version of VirtualGL and TurboVNC.

Infrastructure Library Updates

A more secure and reliable foundation is now provided by the updates to the following infrastructure libraries: JDK, Tomcat, React.

Enhancements for Application Definitions

The following are enhancements for Application Definition:

- Debugging The debugging application definitions becomes easier as the information gets logged from the logger statement in the presubmit and refresh scripts.
- Better logging of application definition lifecycle events.
- Compatibility The functions and capabilities of Application Definition APIs has been tested so that it is portable with the Access applications.

Stability and Resilience

- Bug fixes for crashes encountered during license checkout.
- Bug fixes for the known issue when PAS spawn too many processes when the underlying OS command takes a very long time.

Online Help Improvements

Access Web will now fetch and display the latest version of the User Guide (WebHelp) from Altair Connect. As a fall back, the application can also be configured to use a local copy of the User Guide.



Use Access Web to submit jobs to a Workload Manager.

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Altair's new Access Web provides a simple, powerful, and consistent interface for submitting and monitoring jobs on remote clusters, clouds, or other resources. Engineers and researchers can now focus on core activities and spend less time learning how to run applications or moving data around. The Access Web remote visualization and collaboration capabilities bring access to an expensive, highend 3D visualization datacenter hardware right to the user. Access Web provides an ability to visualize the results by extracting plot and animation data. You can view plots for running jobs as well as for jobs which have been successfully completed. You can download and analyze animations using the Altair HyperView Player. Results Visualization Service allows you to compare two or more plots in the result viewer, save the plot you generated with the data as .rvs file and directly view your saved plots with the selected data.

Access Web Features:

- Novice to Expert: simple and powerful
- Same UX: desktop and web
- Secure: protected access to HPC resources
- End-to-end: submit, monitor progress, steer, fix, and rerun jobs
- Collaborate: shared 3D analysis
- 3D Remote Visualization
- Save time: Simplify job submission and management thanks to a powerful GUI with smart, simplified interfaces
- **Be more productive:** Spend more time focused on work and not IT tasks for example, monitor jobs graphically without having to download huge job files
- Increase ROI: Consolidate access to applications and optimize license availability
- **Reduce errors and improve consistency:** Embed your company's best-practice "know how" directly into Application Definitions used for job submission

2.1 Document Conventions

Common typographical conventions for Access Web technical publications.

PA_HOME

The Access Web home directory which contains configuration, data, and logging files. Default location is /var/spool/pbsworks/2019.2/access/home, however this can be overridden during the installation of Access Web.

PA_EXEC

The Access Web execution directory which contains binaries and scripts. Default location is /opt/altair/pbsworks/2019.2/access/exec, however this can be overridden during the installation of Access Web.

PBS HOME

The PBS Professional home directory which contains configuration and logging files. Default location is /var/spool/pbs, however this can be overridden during the installation of PBS Professional.

PBS_EXEC

The PBS Professional execution directory which contains binaries and scripts. Default location is / opt/pbs, however this can be overridden during the installation of PBS Professional.



2.2 System Requirements

Supported platforms, browsers, and hardware requirements for Access Web and for running an interactive application.

2.2.1 System Requirements for Access Web

Supported platforms and browsers for Access Web.

Supported Platforms

Access Web is supported on the following Linux 64-bit (x86 64) platforms:

- Red Hat Enterprise Linux 7.1 to 7.6
- Cent OS 7.1 to 7.6
- SLES 12 SP1 to 12 SP3

Access Web is supported on Windows Server 2016 platform:

Access Web Components can now be installed in Windows Server 2016 using a Docker container.
 PAS and Remote Session can be installed using the Windows installer.

Supported Browsers

Access Web is supported on the following browsers:

Windows

- Firefox latest ESR (Only Extended Support Release is supported. Please refer to https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/organizations/)
- Google Chrome latest
- Microsoft Internet Explorer 11
- Microsoft Edge (limited testing)

Linux

Not supported at this time.

OSX

- Firefox latest ESR (Only Extended Support Release is supported. Please refer to https://www.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/organizations/)
- Google Chrome latest
- Safari Latest



2.3 Hardware Requirements

Minimum and recommended hardware requirements necessary to install and run Access Web.

Hardware Requirements for Access Web

Minimum hardware configuration required for Access Web are:

Hardware	Minimum Requirement	Recommended
CPU	2 CPU cores with a minimum speed of 2.5 GHz	4 CPU cores with a minimum speed of 2.5 GHz
Memory (Physical)	8 GB	16 GB
Disk Space	10 GB	500 GB



Note: For high user load installations please consult PBSWorks support team.

RVS comes inbuilt with Altair Access. To use RVS for viewing result files, you need HyperWorks Desktop software. The software enables the HV Trans and HMathserv features in computing the result file data. You can install Access Web and HyperWorks Desktop software in the same or separate locations but ensure to merge the HV Trans and HMathserv features licenses in Altair Access Web license. The HyperWorks Desktop path can be made accessible from Access Web by creating a mounting point for the HyperWorks installed directory on Access Web installed machine.



Note: Result Visualization of results requires good network connectivity to all the connected file servers such as PAS server and job execution hosts. A minimum speed of 100mbps is required while a speed of 1gbps is recommended.



Tip: For a better performance of RVS, mount the stage directory and scratch directory on the Access Web installed machine if Access Web and PAS are installed separately.

Hardware Requirements for Remote Session Component

Hardware configuration required for Remote Session component are:

Graphics

Supported only on Nvidia and ATI(AMD) graphics cards.

GPU Cores and Memory

Specific to the interactive applications being run.

CPU Cores and Physical Memory

Specific to the interactive applications being run.

Also, refer to Prerequisites for Installing Remote Session.



2.4 Supported Product Configurations

Supported product configurations for using Access Web in Linux and in Windows.

All the component of Access Web like Access Services, PAS, and Remote Session should be the same version.

Linux Support

The currently supported Access Web product configurations for Linux are:

Access Web	PBS Professional	Hyperworks
2019.2	19.2.2	14.0
	19.1.1	2017.2
	18.2.3	
	18.2.2	
	18.1.1	



Note: HyperWorks Desktop application is required to visualize CAE results. Access Web is tested in Hyperworks 2017.2.

Windows Support

The currently supported Access Web product configurations for Windows Server 2016 are:

Access Web	PBS Professional	Hyperworks
2019.2	19.1.1	14.0
	18.2.3	2017.2



2.5 Components, Services, Ports, and Memory

Overview of the components, services, ports and memory used by services available after installation.

2.5.1 Access Web Components

Components and their associated responsibility.

Access Web consists of a collection of components and their associated services, accessed and invoked via a common interface.

Access Web Service

Access Web is a job submission and monitoring portal which enables users to run, monitor and manage workloads on distributed resources remotely. Access Web uses the High-Performance Computing (HPC) workload management capability of Altair's PBS Application Services (PAS) and PBS Professional for efficient resource utilization, access to the cloud for job submission, and subsequent accounting.

Results Visualization Service

Results Visualization Service (RVS) provides features to access, process and visualize CAE results from anywhere, without installing any post-processing desktop applications through the user friendly web interface of Access Web. CAE analysts can monitor simulations in real-time by tracking and visualizing relevant parameters from solver log files. Meaningful plots and animations can also be created remotely without downloading huge raw results files from compute clusters or remote networks locations. A variety of FEA and MBD solvers are supported.

Result files can be computed using the integrated service, RVS in Access Web. It supports various file types to view the result files, refer Supported Result File Types.

RVS is automatically installed with the Access Web. To extract plot and animation data Altair HyperWorks Desktop must be installed.

PBS Application Services

PBS Application Services (PAS) is a middleware component that communicates with the PBS Professional complex and the operating system, and provides services for the front end client applications such as graphical user interfaces. This middleware component is used as the preferred method of communication between the integration of client applications and the PBS Professional complex.

PAS can be installed with Access Web or it can be installed separately on the PBS Server.

Remote Session Components

Remote Session provides a platform for collaboration and remote visualization of graphics-intensive applications and data. It enables high performance remote display of applications over the networks using a web browser. It fosters team work and communications by allowing to share the sessions among users.



Depending upon the deployment option selected, Remote Session components must be distributed across several machines. Installation of the Remote Session components is done through a separate installer from Access Web. The Remote Session installer must be run on the following machines:

- PAS
 - GlxSpheres application definition is installed.
- PBS Server
 - Custom resource "ngpus" is added.
 - Interactive queue "iworkq" is added.
- PBS MoM
 - TurboVNC is installed.
 - VirtualGL is installed.
 - Custom resource "ngpus" is added.
- · Access Web Server
 - Remote Session Interactive Proxy (guacd) is installed.

2.5.2 Ports Used by Access Web

A list of ports used by Access Web services and components.

The Access Web installer has auto-port detection logic in place and ports chosen by each service within a specified range.

If the required port is not available during the installation, then Access Web will increment the port number and try again. This will continue until a free port is found, or until 100 consecutive ports are refused at which point the installer will ask for a port.

Below is a table of all ports and the port range used by Access Web and their services.

Ports used by Access Web

Port	Port Range	Service Using the Port
4443	4443 - 4542	Gateway
4543	4543 - 4642	Access Web Server
4643	4643 - 4742	Postgres Database
4743	4743 - 4842	Message Broker (ActiveMQ)
5343	5343 - 5442	Job Profiles Services
5543	5543 - 5642	AMS Services



Port	Port Range	Service Using the Port
5643	5643 - 5742	Mobile Notification Service

Ports used by Results Visualization Service (RVS)

Port	Port Range	Service Using the Port
5043	5043 - 5142	Result Manager Services
5143	5143 - 5242	Result Core Services

Ports used by PBS Application Services (PAS)

Port	Port Range	Service Using the Port
4222	4222 (no port range)	PAS Message Broker Services
5243	5243 - 5342	PAS

Ports used by Remote Session

Port	Port Range	Service Using the Port
4843	4843 - 4942	Remote Session Services Webserver
4943	4943 - 5042	Remote Session Services Job Update
5443	5443 - 5542	Remote Session Services Proxy

Ports used by Remote Session on the PBS MoM

Port	Port Range	Service Using the Port
5901	5901 to 59XX	Turbo VNC Server Port for Remote Session

Open Ports

It is recommended to have firewall on Access Web installation node and block all ports from outside world except Gateway port (4443), Remote Session Services Job Update port (4943), and PAS Message Broker port (4222).



See Also

Change Port Numbers

2.5.3 Memory Used by Services in Access Web

Overview of default memory usage by service.

The table below provides the amount of memory used by Access Web services and the file where this memory value can be configured post-installation.

The amount of memory can be adjusted by editing the associated configuration file and increasing the default value to a larger value. For example, when OutofMemory errors are noted in the Access Web log files.

Table 1: Memory Usage by Service

Service	Configuration Path and File	Value
Gateway	PA_HOME/config/api_gateway/nginx.conf	512 MB
Access Web Server	PA_EXEC/pa/scripts/setenv.sh	512 MB
Message Broker (ActiveMQ)	PA_EXEC/shared/thirdparty/apache/activemq/bin/env	64 MB -512 MB
Remote Session Services Webserver	PA_EXEC/displaymanager/scripts/setenv.sh	512 MB
Result Manager Services	PA_EXEC/resultmanager/scripts/setenv.sh	512 MB
Result Core Services	PA_EXEC/resultservice/scripts/setenv.sh	512 MB
Job Profiles Services	PA_EXEC/jobprofiles/scripts/setenv.sh	512 MB
AMS Services	PA_EXEC/ams/scripts/setenv.sh	512 MB
Mobile Notification Service	PA_EXEC/mobile_notification_service/scripts/setenv.sh	512 MB
Executor	PA_EXEC/executor/scripts/setenv.sh	512 MB

See Also

Change Memory used by the Services



2.6 Prerequisites for Installation

Prerequisites and planning for installing Access Web, PBS Application Services, Remote Session Components, and for enabling visualization of CAE Results.

2.6.1 Prerequisites for Installing Access Web

Mandatory requirements for installing Access Web.

Service User

The Service User is provided by the administrator during installation and it should be pre-existing in the system. This user will own Access Web services and the files in PA_HOME and PA_EXEC. The default user is "pbsworks" for installing Access Web.

Time Synchronization

Administrator must make sure that there is a time synchronization enabled between machines on which Altair Access and PBS Server installed. In lack of proper time synchronization functionalities like getting job updates, files update times etc. of Access will not work correctly.

PBS Professional

Ensure that a supported version of PBS Professional is installed.

PBS Application Services (PAS)

To take full advantage of all the new features available with Access Web, the cluster must be updated to the latest version of PAS.

PAS Staging Directory

During the installation of PAS, you will be prompted to enter a value for the staging directory. The staging directory is where the necessary job files are transferred after job submission via a client, for example Access Web, for transfer to PBS Professional for execution.

The default location of the staging directory is: /stage

However, you have the option to choose a custom staging directory during installation.

Following are considerations for selecting and creating the staging directory:

- The stage area can grow quite large, depending on the size of the average job. Give careful consideration to the disk usage and disk capacity.
- The pathname for the staging directory should not contain spaces.
- PAS implements an automatic staging directory cleanup such that any data in the staging directory that is not generated by PAS is at risk of being purged without notice. It is recommended to select a staging directory where only PAS data files will be stored. Use of a directory that contains important data is not recommended. The automatic staging directory cleanup does not delete any files in the user's home directory. When the staging directory is set to \$USER HOME (for



example: \$USER_HOME/stage), the files in that directory are not automatically cleaned up and the responsibility for maintaining the staging directory falls on the individual user.

Altair HyperWorks Desktop

Altair HyperWorks Desktop 2017.2 is required for Results Visualization Service in Access Web. It contains the HyperWorks features such as HWHyperMath and HWHyperViewTrans. To install HyperWorks Desktop, follow the instructions in the *Altair HyperWorks 2017 Installation Guide*.

- **Note:** The installation should be in a location where all users have read and write permission. It should not be in /root or any user's home directory.
- Note: In Linux, install libXScrnSaver rpm package using the following command: yum install libXScrnSaver.

2.6.2 Prerequisites for Installing Remote Session

Mandatory requirements for Remote Session components.

Access Web

Access Web must be installed prior to installing the Remote Session components.

Host Name and Port

It is recommended to configure hostname resolution, so that the PBS MoMs can connect to the Access Web server using its hostname rather than IP address and the configured Remote Session Service Job Update port.

The Remote Session Proxy should be able to connect to the interactive execution node through hostname and Turbo VNC Port.

Refer to *Ports Used by Access Web* topic for more information on ports.

Prerequisites for Installing on the PBS MoM

- Run Remote Session precheck diagnosis script in PBS MoM to check the status of GPU nodes.
- Install the 3D adapter drivers provided by the manufacturer.
- Full 3D acceleration or Pixel Buffer support should be enabled by the Linux drivers.
- For running interactive sessions, X Server and application on local display must be configured and working.
- X Server must be configured to export True Color(24bit or 32bit) visuals.
- Use Virtual Private Networking or secured channels for communication between clients and interactive server if encryption is required.
- The PBS Professional execution host must be able to access and run the applications available through Access Web.
- For the Access Web Remote Session installer to set the custom resource at each execution host. Follow the below steps:



• The root user of all execution hosts must be granted operator access. Prior to starting the Remote Session installer, issue the following command to grant this access:

```
qmgr: s s operators+=root@*
```

- If root operator permission is set, number of ngpus available will be set by the remote session installer while installing agent.
- After installing the Remote Session components, you can remove the root user of the PBS
 MOMs from the operators list on the PBS server using the command:

```
qmgr: s s operators-=root@*
```

 If this access is not granted, then you will manually have to set the custom resource by issuing a qmgr set command for each execution host after installation of Remote Session. For example:

set node <node> resources available.ngpus = 4



Warning: Restricting it to a specific subdomain still allows anyone running Linux on the subdomain access to the PBS Server.

Prerequisite Resource Libraries for Interactive Application

The following libraries must be installed on the machine hosting the Access Web interactive proxy (these libraries do not need to be installed on the PBS Server or the PBS MoM) before attempting to install the Interactive Application component. Use the appropriate system tool (e.g. RPM, YUM, YAST etc.) to install them.

- libc.so.6()(64bit)
- libc.so.6(GLIBC_2.2.5)(64bit)
- libc.so.6(GLIBC_2.3)(64bit)
- libcrypt.so.1()(64bit)
- libdl.so.2()(64bit)
- libdl.so.2(GLIBC_2.2.5)(64bit)
- libGL.so.1()(64bit)
- libGLU.so.1()(64bit)
- libICE.so.6()(64bit)
- libm.so.6()(64bit)
- libm.so.6(GLIBC_2.2.5)(64bit)
- libpam.so.0()(64bit)

- libpthread.so.0()(64bit)
- libpthread.so.0(GLIBC_2.2.5)(64bit)
- libpthread.so.0(GLIBC_2.3.2)(64bit)
- libSM.so.6()(64bit)
- libX11.so.6()(64bit)
- libXaw.so.7()(64bit)
- libXcursor.so.1()(64bit)
- libXext.so.6()(64bit)
- libXmu.so.6()(64bit)
- libXt.so.6()(64bit)
- libXv.so.1()(64bit)
- libz.so.1()(64bit)



2.7 Roles in Access Web

Roles defined in Access Web.

Service User

During the installation of Access Web, you are asked to provide a username that will be the Service User. The Service User must be an existing user on the machine where Access Web is installed. This user will own Access Web services and the files in PA_HOME and PA_EXEC. The default user is "pbsworks" for installing Access Web.

The Service User is automatically designated as the portal administrator. The Service User has the ability to add other user's and assign them the role of portal administrator. The portal administrator is the only user who can add, edit, and delete service clusters and granting other user's access to applications (like Optistruct, Radios).



2.8 Deployment Options on Linux

Overview of deployment options for Linux platforms.

Access Web consists of a collection of components and their associated services, accessed and invoked via a common interface.

Information requested during installation of Access Web:

- · License server
- Staging directory
- Service user
- Installation location for the home (PA_HOME) and execution directories (PA_EXEC)
- HyperWorks location when Results Visualization Service features will be used at your site

Information requested during installation of Remote Session:

- Installation location for the home and execution directories
- Number of GPUs

2.8.1 Deployment Option 1

Install Access Web and PAS on a single machine and then install the Remote Session components on the HPC cluster.

Figure 1:Deployment Option 1



Deployment Option 1

Server - A



Access Web Server / PAS Server

- Access Web/PAS services installed
- HyperWorks must be installed to use RVS
- ShellScript App Def installed
- Remote Sessions = Yes
 - · Interactive Proxy (guacd) installed
 - · GlxSpheres App Def installed
 - Must Install required Resource Libraries

Only Updated When Remote Sessions are Implemented

Server - B



PBS Server

- Remote Sessions = Yes
 - iworkq queue added
 - Custom resources "ngpus" added

Server - C



PBS MoM

- Remote Sessions = Yes
 - · TurboVNC installed
 - VirutalGL installed
 - Set the number of "ngpus" available
 - · Grant users access to X server
- Prereqs
 - · Install graphics card/drivers
 - Install Desktop Manager if Gnome not installed by default as part of Linux distribution

Installation Steps

- Install Access Web and PAS on Server-A to:
 - Install ShellScript application definition
 - Register PAS automatically in Access Web
- Install Remote Session component on PBS Server to:
 - Configure PBS Pro for Remote Session
 - Add iworkq queue
 - Add custom resource 'ngpus'
- Install Remote Session component on PBS MoM to:
 - Install TubroVNC and VirtualGL
 - Set the number of 'ngpus' available
- Install Remote Session component on Server-A to:
 - Configure PAS for Remote Session
 - Install GlxSpheres application definition
 - Install Interactive Proxy (guacd)



Prerequisites for this Installation

- HyperWorks must be installed on Server-A to use RVS
- · PBS command must be installed on Server-A
- Install graphic cards/drivers on PBS MoM
- By default, the Remote Session component assumes that Gnome is being used as the Remote Session Desktop Manager. If Gnome is not installed on the PBS MoM as part of the Linux distribution, then install it.
- Grant users access to X server in PBS MoM
- Set flatuid to TRUE on the PBS Server

2.8.2 Deployment Option 2

Install Access Web, install PAS on the PBS Server and then install the Remote Session components on the HPC cluster.

Deployment Option 2

Server - A



Access Web Server

- Access Web services installed
- HyperWorks must be installed to use RVS
- Remote Sessions = Yes
 - · Interactive Proxy (guacd) installed
 - Must Install required Resource Libraries

Only Updated When Remote Sessions are Implemented

Server - B



PBS / PAS Server

- · PAS services installed
- · ShellScript App Def installed
- Remote Sessions = Yes
 - GlxSpheres App Def installed
 - · iworkq queue added
 - · Custom resources "ngpus" added

Server - C



PBS MoM

- Remote Sessions = Yes
 - TurboVNC installed
 - VirutalGL installed
 - Set the number of "ngpus" available
 - · Grant users access to X server
- Prereqs
 - · Install graphics card/drivers
 - Install Desktop Manager if Gnome not installed by default as part of Linux distribution

Figure 2: Deployment Option 2



Installation Steps

- · Install Access Web on Server-A
- Install PAS on PBS Professional machine (Server-B) to:
 - Install ShellScript application definition
- Install Remote Session Components on PBS Server to:
 - Configure PBS Professional and PAS for Remote Session
 - Install GlxSpheres application definition
 - Add iworkq queue
 - Add custom resource 'ngpus'
- Install Remote Session Components on PBS MoM to:
 - Install TubroVNC and VirtualGL
 - Set the number of 'ngpus' available
- Install Remote Session Components on Server-A:
 - Install Interactive Proxy (guacd)

Prerequisites for this Installation

- HyperWorks must be installed on Server-A to use RVS
- PBS command must be installed
- Install graphic cards/drivers on PBS MoM
- By default, the Remote Session component assumes that Gnome is being used as the Remote Session Desktop Manager. If Gnome is not installed on the PBS MoM as part of the Linux distribution, then install it.
- Grant users access to X server in PBS MoM



Upgrade Access Web

Instructions for upgrading from a previous version of Access Web.

This chapter covers the following:

- 3.1 Prepare for an Upgrade (p. 26)
- 3.2 Uninstall Remote Session (p. 27)
- 3.3 Install Access Web and the Remote Session Component (p. 30)
- 3.4 Apply Upgrade Patch Script (p. 36)
- 3.5 Run Upgrade Script (p. 37)
- 3.6 Modern Communication Setup on Linux (p. 38)

The upgrade of Access Web is not supported by the installer. You have to manually perform the steps to upgrade.

The upgrade of Access Web is not supported on Windows.

Only Access Web 2018.4 and 2019.1 versions are supported for upgrading.

The Access Web 2019.2 supports only PAS 2019.2. So, if you are upgrading Access Web, then you have to upgrade PAS.

Skip this chapter if your site is installing Access Web for the first time.

Upgrading Access Web must be performed in the following sequence:

- Prepare for an Upgrade
- Uninstall Remote Session
- Install Access Web and the Remote Session Component
- Apply Upgrade Patch Script
- Run the Upgrade Script
- Modern Communication Setup on Linux



3.1 Prepare for an Upgrade

Instructions to prepare for upgrading Access Web.

Before you begin

- Review System Requirement and Prerequisites of Access Web
- A binary or executable of Access Web 2019.2 needs to be downloaded or obtained using your usual Altair support channels.



Note: Do not uninstall previous version of Access Web or PAS.

Skip this chapter if your site is installing Access Web for the first time. Otherwise, complete these steps and then install Access Web and its components.

Create a back of the Access Web installation registry file and application configuration file. The backup of the configuration file can be used to downgrade back to the currently installed version of Access Web.

- 1. Login to the machine where previous version of Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Stop Access Web:

service pbsworks-pa stop

- **3.** Create a backup of /var/.com.zerog.registry.xml
- **4.** Remove /var/.com.zerog.registry.xml
- **5.** Create a backup of /etc/pbsworks-pa.conf as /etc/pbsworks-pa.conf.<CurrentlyInstalledVersion>



3.2 Uninstall Remote Session

Unconfigure PBS Professional and PBS Application Services and uninstall remote session components to disable the remote session capabilities of Access Web.

The uninstalling must be run multiple times across several machines and must be performed in the following sequence:

- 1. Unconfigure PBS Professional and PAS in PBS Professional headnode and in the machine where PBS Application Services is installed. This will
 - · delete the interactive queue
 - unconfigure GPUs as a custom resource
 - remove the application definitions Glxsphere which is installed automatically when the Remote Session component was installed on the PAS Server
- 2. Uninstall Remote Session Components on all PBS MoMs.
- **3.** Uninstall the interactive proxy.

3.2.1 Unconfigure PBS Professional and PBS Application Services

Unconfigure PBS Professional and PAS before uninstalling Remote Session Components.

You must stop Access Web before uninstalling. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.



CAUTION: It is advisable that you run the installer when critical jobs are not running.

Run the installer to unconfigure PBS Professional and PAS on the PBS Professional headnode and in the machine where PAS is installed.

This will:

- delete the interactive queue
- unconfigure GPUs as a custom resource
- remove the application definitions Glxphere which is installed automatically when the Remote Session component was installed on the PAS Server
- 1. Login to the machine where the PBS Professional Server and PAS is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to the folder where you have the Remote Session Agent installer.
- 3. Enter the command:

```
./AltairRemoteSessionAgent_<Version>_<Build ID>_<YYYYMMDD>_<Timestamp>.bin -i console
```

4. The installer will display the following message, enter 1 and press ENTER.



- 2- Modify an existing instance
- **5.** Read the introduction and press ENTER.
- **6.** Page through the license agreement by pressing ENTER until you are asked to accept its terms and conditions.
- **7.** Accept the license agreement by entering Y and pressing ENTER. Four Options are displayed.
- **8.** Enter 3 to unconfigure the PBS Professional and PAS servers and press ENTER.
- **9.** PBS Professional and PAS is restarted during the installation process, choose whether you want to proceed:
 - Choose No to exit and run the installer at a more suitable time.
 - Choose Yes to run the installer.

Perform Uninstalling Remote Session components.

3.2.2 Uninstall Remote Session Component from the PBS MoMs

Uninstall previous version of remote session component from PBS MoMs.

You must stop Access Web before uninstalling. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.



CAUTION: It is advisable that you run the installer when critical jobs are not running.

If it is a distributed deployment, then login to each of the PBS MoM and uninstall the Remote Session Component.



Note: This will uninstall the Remote Session component and Interactive Proxy only if you installed Access Web on the same machine as the PBS Professional Server.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to the /opt/altair/pbsworks/2019.2/dmagent/
 AltairRemoteSessionAgent Installer <Version> installation directory.
- **3.** Execute the uninstall script by entering the following command:

./Change\ AltairRemoteSessionAgent Installer <Version>\ Installation -i console

The command must contain spaces with escape characters.

4. Follow the instructions provided by the uninstaller.



3.2.3 Uninstall the Interactive Proxy from the Access Web Server

Uninstall the previous version of remote session component to remove interactive proxy from Access Web server.

You must stop Access Web before uninstalling. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.



CAUTION: It is advisable that you run the installer when critical jobs are not running.

If it is a distributed deployment, then login to the machine hosting Access Web and uninstall Remote Session Component to remove the proxy.



- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to the /opt/altair/pbsworks/2019.2/dmagent/ AltairRemoteSessionAgent Installer <Version> installation directory.
- **3.** Execute the uninstall script by entering the following command:
 - ./Change\ AltairRemoteSessionAgent Installer <Version>\ Installation -i console

The command must contain spaces with escape characters.

4. Follow the instructions provided by the uninstaller.



3.3 Install Access Web and the Remote Session Component

Instructions for installing Access Web, PBS Application Services, and Remote Session components, so that interactive and non-interactive jobs can be submitted.

3.3.1 Install Access Web

Install Access Web component, so that you can submit non-interactive jobs to the Workload Manager.

Before you begin:

- Review System Requirements of Access Web.
- Review Prerequisites of Access Web.
- Uninstall previous versions of Access Web.



Note: If you are upgrading from previous version, then do not uninstall previous version of Access Web or PBS Application Services (PAS).

Install Altair HyperWorks Desktop on the HPC cluster to extract plot and animation data.

Ensure you having the following information before you start your installation:

- License server details
- HyperWorks location

A binary or executable needs to be downloaded or obtained using your usual Altair support channels.

Installation must be done as root or as a user with sudo permissions.

The Access Web 2019.2 installer provides an option for installing Access Web, PAS, or both.

If you are installing both Access Web and PAS on the same machine, then you will only need to run through this installation process once.

If you are installing them on a separate machine then you will have to run this installation process once to install Access Web and a second time to install PAS.

- **1.** Login to the machine where Access Web is to be installed.
- 2. Enter the command:

```
./AltairAccessWeb <Version> <Build ID> <YYYYMMDD> <Timestamp>.bin -i console
```

- **3.** Read the introduction and press ENTER.
- **4.** Page through the license agreement by pressing ENTER until you are asked to accept its terms and conditions.
- **5.** Accept the license agreement by entering Y and pressing ENTER.
- **6.** Choose one of the following options:
 - Enter 1 and press ENTER to install Access Web Services.
 - Enter 2 and press ENTER to install PBS Application Services.



• Enter 3 and press ENTER to install Access Web Services and PBS Application Services. This is the default option.



Note: The following steps will change based on your choice.

If you enter 2 or 3, the following message is displayed. This message can be ignored. Press Enter and continue with the installation:

7. Enter the license server details and press ENTER.

The license server details should have the port and hostname in the format port@hostname. You can provide multiple license server details separated by a colon in Linux and semi-colon in Windows.

It is not mandatory to provide the license server at installation time. You will however be required to configure the license server information prior to logging into Access Web.

8. If you are installing PAS, enter a staging directory and press ENTER.

The staging directory is where user's job files will be staged prior to execution. This directory must exist prior to the installation of PAS.

The stage area can grow quite large depending on the size of the average job. It's not recommended the use / tmp or user's / home as the staging directory, as they will get periodically purge.

9. Enter the service user and press ENTER.

The default service user is 'pbsworks' and the Access Web service is registered under this user.

10. Enter the location where the Access Web binaries are to be installed.

You may choose to install in the default location.

- **11.** Enter the location where the Access Web configuration and logs files are to be installed. You may choose to install in the default location.
- **12.** If Access Web is being installed, enter the HyperWorks location for visualizing results. For example, /opt/hw2017.2/altair/. The Access Web 2019.2 supports HyperWorks 2017.2.0.16.



Note: You can also configure this path after the installation by editing PA_HOME/config/resultservice/config/site config.xml configuration file.



13. Review the installation summary and press ENTER.

The installation starts. It may take a few minutes for the installation to complete.

Note: If you are upgrading from previous version, then do not start Access Web.

14. Start Access Web manually by entering the following command:

service pbsworks-pa start



Note: Access Web starts a watcher process which will monitor the status of Access Services. The watcher process automatically brings up any services that goes down abruptly.



Note: It is mandatory to perform Modern Communication Setup on Linux to complete the installation.

- 15. Login to the machine hosting the PBS Server.
- **16.** As a PBS Operator or Manager enter the following command:

```
qmgr -c 'set server job history enable=True'
```

Perform Modern Communication Setup on Linux to enable the use of the modern infrastructure for faster running jobs on Linux.

If you want to run interactive jobs, you must now install the Interactive Application component of Access Web.

3.3.2 Install Remote Session Components

Install components necessary to enable the remote session capabilities of Access Web.

- Review the system requirements and prerequisites for installation.
- Run Remote Session precheck diagnosis script in PBS MoM to check the status of GPU nodes.

A separate installer is required to install the Remote Session components. Download or obtain the installer binary using your usual Altair support channels.

The installer will need to be run multiple times across several machines and must be performed in the following sequence:

- **1.** Install the Remote Session component on the PBS Professional headnode and in the machine where PBS Application Services is installed. This installation will:
 - add a custom resource to PBS Professional called "ngpus"
 - · creates an interactive queue called "iworkq"
 - add a new application definition "GlxSpheres" to PAS
 - restart PBS Professional and Access Web
- 2. Install the Remote Session component on all PBS MoMs on which you want to run interactive jobs.
- **3.** Install proxy software necessary for running interactive applications on the machine hosting Access Web.



After installing the Remote Session component, view the value of the <code>jobsub.monitor.host</code> variable in the file <code>PA_HOME/config/displaymanager/dmrest.properties</code> to confirm the configured hostname. If there is no access through hostname, then a slight delay may occur while opening a remote session for the first time.

Install the Remote Session Component on the PBS Professional Server and on PAS

Install binaries and configure PBS Professional and PAS to support interactive applications.

Before you begin:

Review the system requirements and prerequisites for installation.

Install the remote session component on the PBS Professional headnode and in the machine where PAS is installed.

Installation must be done as root or as a user with sudo permissions.

This installation will:

- add a custom resource to PBS Professional called "ngpus"
- add an interactive queue called "iworkq"
- · restart Access Web
- · restart PBS Professional
 - 1

CAUTION: It is advisable that you run the installer when critical jobs are not running.

- 1. Login to the machine where the PBS Professional Server and PAS is installed.
- 2. Enter the command:

```
./AltairRemoteSessionAgent_<Version>_<Build ID>_<YYYYMMDD>_<Timestamp>.bin -i console
```

- **3.** Read the introduction and press ENTER.
- **4.** Page through the license agreement by pressing ENTER until you are asked to accept its terms and conditions.
- **5.** Accept the license agreement by entering Y and pressing ENTER. Four options are displayed.
- **6.** Enter 1 to configure the PBS Professional and PAS servers and press ENTER.
- **7.** PBS Professional and PAS is restarted during the installation process, choose whether you want to proceed:
 - Choose ${\tt No}$ to exit and run the installer at a more suitable time.
 - Choose Yes to run the installer.
- **8.** Enter the number of GPUs that are available in the cluster and press ENTER.

If you have a cluster with 10 execution hosts and only two of those execution hosts have associated GPUs, then add up the number of GPUs for both execution hosts and enter this number.

9. Review the installation summary and press ENTER.

The installation starts. It may take a few minutes for the installation to complete.



10. Press ENTER to complete the installation process.

Verify that iworkg is created, a GPU resource is configured, and GlxSpheres is installed.

Install the Remote Session Component on the PBS MoMs

Install binaries and configure the PBS Mom to support interactive applications.

Before you begin:

- Review the system requirements and prerequisites for installation.
- Run Remote Session precheck diagnosis script in PBS MoM to check the status of GPU nodes.

Install necessary components on the PBS MoM to support interactive applications, including TurboVNC and Virtual GL. The installer also configures a new resource called "ngpus".



Note: This installation process must be repeated for all execution hosts where you want to run interactive jobs.

Installation must be done as root or as a user with sudo permissions.

- 1. Login to the machine where the PBS Professional MoM is installed.
- 2. Enter the command:

```
./AltairRemoteSessionAgent_<Version>_<Build ID>_<YYYYMMDD>_<Timestamp>.bin -i console
```

3. If you are installing the PBS MoM interactive component on a machine hosting both the PBS Professional Server and the MoM you will see the below message, enter 1 and press ENTER.

- **4.** Read the introduction and press ENTER.
- **5.** Page through the license agreement by pressing ENTER until you are asked to accept its terms and conditions.
- **6.** Accept the license agreement by entering Y and pressing ENTER. Four options are displayed.
- **7.** Enter 2 and press ENTER.
- **8.** Enter the location where the binaries are to be installed and press ENTER.

You may choose to install in the default location.

- **9.** Enter the location where the configuration and logs files are to be installed and press ENTER. You may choose to install in the default location.
- 10. Enter the number of GPUs available on the execution host and press ENTER.
- **11.** Review the installation summary and press ENTER.

The installation starts. It may take a few minutes for the installation to complete.

12. Press ENTER to complete the installation process.

The TurboVNC and Virtual GL is installed to support interactive applications by configuring X Server.



13. Restart the X Server.



Warning: Restarting the X Server might affect any running graphical applications. Please make sure that are no critical graphical applications running.

Verify that "ngpus" resource has been added to the execution host by executing the command:

```
pbsnodes -av
```

The new resource should be listed and it should be assigned the value entered for the available GPUs entered during installation.

```
resources available.ngpus = <NGPUS>
```

Install the Interactive Proxy on the Access Web Server

Install the Guacomole proxy server on the machine hosting Access Web to support interactive applications.

Before you begin:

Review the system requirements and prerequisites for installation.

Installation must be done as root or as a user with sudo permissions.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed.
- 2. Enter the command:

```
./AltairRemoteSessionAgent_<Version>_<Build ID>_<YYYYMMDD>_<Timestamp>.bin -i console
```

3. If you are installing the Interactive Proxy server on a machine hosting either the PBS Professional Server or the MoM you will see the below message, enter 1 and press ENTER.

- **4.** Read the introduction and press ENTER.
- **5.** Page through the license agreement by pressing ENTER until you are asked to accept its terms and conditions.
- **6.** Accept the license agreement by entering Y and pressing ENTER. Four options are displayed.
- 7. Enter 4 and press ENTER.
- 8. Enter the location where the binaries are to be installed and press ENTER.

You may choose to install in the default location.

9. Enter the location where the configuration and logs files are to be installed and press ENTER.

You may choose to install in the default location.

The installation starts. It may take a few minutes for the installation to complete.

10. Press ENTER to complete the installation process.

Verify that the Guacamole proxy daemon is installed and running by issuing the following command:

```
service guacd status
```



3.4 Apply Upgrade Patch Script

Instructions to apply the patch upgrading script.

Download or obtain the upgrade_2019 folder for upgrading using your usual Altair support channels.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Replace upgrade.sh file at PA EXEC/pa/scripts/ with upgrade 2019/pa/scripts/upgrade.sh.
- **3.** Replace upgrade.sh file at PA_EXEC/shared/scripts/ with upgrade_2019/shared/scripts/ upgrade.sh.
- **4.** Verify if the permission of copied upgrade scripts is same as that of the parent folder.



3.5 Run Upgrade Script

Instructions to run the upgrading script.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to PA EXEC/init/.
- **3.** Execute the pa-upgrade.sh script as follows:

```
pa-upgrade.sh <PreviousVersion PA HOME> <PreviousVersion_PA_EXEC>
```

where <PreviousVersion_PA_HOME> is the Access Web 2018.4 or 2019.1 home folder and <PreviousVersion_PA_EXEC> is the Access Web 2018.4 or 2019.1 execution folder.

After upgrading, Access Web 2019.2 will be up and the following message will be displayed:

"Access Web upgraded successfully"

- **4.** Enter the URL https://<hostname>:4443/pbsworks in the address bar of a supported browser. where <hostname> is the hostname of the machine where Access Web is installed. The Access Web login screen is displayed.
- **5.** Enter your username and password.
- 6. Click Log In.



Note: It is mandatory to perform Modern Communication Setup on Linux to complete the upgrade.

Perform Modern Communication Setup on Linux to enable the use of the modern infrastructure for faster running jobs on Linux.

To configure Access Web, refer to Configuring Access Web After Installation.



3.6 Modern Communication Setup on Linux

Enable the use of the modern infrastructure for faster running job operations on Linux.

Before you begin:

- The location of modern communication can be local to compute nodes and does not require a shared location
- A user having password-less SSH must be present on Server and Mom(s)

The following steps will distribute modern communication module to all the Execution Nodes.

- 1. Navigate to the directory PA EXEC/joboperation/scripts
- 2. Execute the script modern communication modules (distribute_modern_comm_modules.py):

```
python distribute_modern_comm_modules.py
```

The script will guide you in distributing modern communication module.

3. Enter the location to distribute.



Note: Location of modules must be accessible by all users.

4. Enter the user name who has password-less access across the nodes.



Note: User must present on all the PBS Server and PBS Mom machine(s) and they should be able to communicate without password.

The following message is displayed:

```
Do you want to override if modules already exist (Y/N). [Default: N]?
```

5. Enter y to override.

The script will display the inputs provided.

6. Enter Y to continue with the inputs provided.

The following information is displayed:

```
Transferring Client Modules to n2.lab.com...
Successfully transferred to 'n2.lab.com'
Transferring Client Modules to n1.lab.com...
Successfully transferred to 'n1.lab.com'
Updated PAS Configuration file successfully
```

7. Restart the Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa restart
```



Install Access Web and the Remote Session Component

4

Instructions for installing Access Web, PBS Application Services, and Remote Session components, so that interactive and non-interactive jobs can be submitted.

This chapter covers the following:

- 4.1 Install Access Web (p. 40)
- 4.2 Modern Communication Setup on Linux (p. 43)
- 4.3 Install Remote Session Components (p. 44)

4.1 Install Access Web

Install Access Web component, so that you can submit non-interactive jobs to the Workload Manager.

Before you begin:

- Review System Requirements of Access Web.
- · Review Prerequisites of Access Web.
- Uninstall previous versions of Access Web.



Note: If you are upgrading from previous version, then do not uninstall previous version of Access Web or PBS Application Services (PAS).

Install Altair HyperWorks Desktop on the HPC cluster to extract plot and animation data.

Ensure you having the following information before you start your installation:

- License server details
- HyperWorks location

A binary or executable needs to be downloaded or obtained using your usual Altair support channels.

Installation must be done as root or as a user with sudo permissions.

The Access Web 2019.2 installer provides an option for installing Access Web, PAS, or both.

If you are installing both Access Web and PAS on the same machine, then you will only need to run through this installation process once.

If you are installing them on a separate machine then you will have to run this installation process once to install Access Web and a second time to install PAS.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is to be installed.
- 2. Enter the command:

```
./AltairAccessWeb_<Version>_<Build ID>_<YYYYMMDD>_<Timestamp>.bin -i console
```

- **3.** Read the introduction and press ENTER.
- **4.** Page through the license agreement by pressing ENTER until you are asked to accept its terms and conditions.
- **5.** Accept the license agreement by entering Y and pressing ENTER.
- **6.** Choose one of the following options:
 - Enter 1 and press ENTER to install Access Web Services.
 - Enter 2 and press ENTER to install PBS Application Services.
 - Enter 3 and press ENTER to install Access Web Services and PBS Application Services. This is the default option.



Note: The following steps will change based on your choice.

If you enter 2 or 3, the following message is displayed. This message can be ignored. Press Enter and continue with the installation:



7. Enter the license server details and press ENTER.

The license server details should have the port and hostname in the format port@hostname. You can provide multiple license server details separated by a colon in Linux and semi-colon in Windows.

It is not mandatory to provide the license server at installation time. You will however be required to configure the license server information prior to logging into Access Web.

8. If you are installing PAS, enter a staging directory and press ENTER.

The staging directory is where user's job files will be staged prior to execution. This directory must exist prior to the installation of PAS.

The stage area can grow quite large depending on the size of the average job. It's not recommended the use / tmp or user's / home as the staging directory, as they will get periodically purge.

9. Enter the service user and press ENTER.

The default service user is 'pbsworks' and the Access Web service is registered under this user.

10. Enter the location where the Access Web binaries are to be installed.

You may choose to install in the default location.

11. Enter the location where the Access Web configuration and logs files are to be installed.

You may choose to install in the default location.

12. If Access Web is being installed, enter the HyperWorks location for visualizing results.

For example, /opt/hw2017.2/altair/. The Access Web 2019.2 supports HyperWorks 2017.2.0.16.



Note: You can also configure this path after the installation by editing PA_HOME/config/resultservice/config/site_config.xml configuration file.

13. Review the installation summary and press ENTER.

The installation starts. It may take a few minutes for the installation to complete.



Note: If you are upgrading from previous version, then do not start Access Web.

14. Start Access Web manually by entering the following command:

service pbsworks-pa start



- Note: Access Web starts a watcher process which will monitor the status of Access Services. The watcher process automatically brings up any services that goes down abruptly.
- Note: It is mandatory to perform Modern Communication Setup on Linux to complete the installation.
- **15.** Login to the machine hosting the PBS Server.
- **16.** As a PBS Operator or Manager enter the following command:

```
qmgr -c 'set server job_history_enable=True'
```

Perform Modern Communication Setup on Linux to enable the use of the modern infrastructure for faster running jobs on Linux.

If you want to run interactive jobs, you must now install the Interactive Application component of Access Web.



4.2 Modern Communication Setup on Linux

Enable the use of the modern infrastructure for faster running job operations on Linux.

Before you begin:

- The location of modern communication can be local to compute nodes and does not require a shared location
- A user having password-less SSH must be present on Server and Mom(s)

The following steps will distribute modern communication module to all the Execution Nodes.

- 1. Navigate to the directory PA EXEC/joboperation/scripts
- **2.** Execute the script modern communication modules (distribute_modern_comm_modules.py):

```
python distribute_modern_comm_modules.py
```

The script will guide you in distributing modern communication module.

3. Enter the location to distribute.



Note: Location of modules must be accessible by all users.

4. Enter the user name who has password-less access across the nodes.



Note: User must present on all the PBS Server and PBS Mom machine(s) and they should be able to communicate without password.

The following message is displayed:

```
Do you want to override if modules already exist (Y/N). [Default: N]?
```

5. Enter y to override.

The script will display the inputs provided.

6. Enter Y to continue with the inputs provided.

The following information is displayed:

```
Transferring Client Modules to n2.lab.com...
Successfully transferred to 'n2.lab.com'
Transferring Client Modules to n1.lab.com...
Successfully transferred to 'n1.lab.com'
Updated PAS Configuration file successfully
```

7. Restart the Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa restart
```



4.3 Install Remote Session Components

Install components necessary to enable the remote session capabilities of Access Web.

- Review the system requirements and prerequisites for installation.
- Run Remote Session precheck diagnosis script in PBS MoM to check the status of GPU nodes.

A separate installer is required to install the Remote Session components. Download or obtain the installer binary using your usual Altair support channels.

The installer will need to be run multiple times across several machines and must be performed in the following sequence:

- **1.** Install the Remote Session component on the PBS Professional headnode and in the machine where PBS Application Services is installed. This installation will:
 - add a custom resource to PBS Professional called "ngpus"
 - creates an interactive queue called "iworkq"
 - add a new application definition "GlxSpheres" to PAS
 - restart PBS Professional and Access Web
- 2. Install the Remote Session component on all PBS MoMs on which you want to run interactive jobs.
- **3.** Install proxy software necessary for running interactive applications on the machine hosting Access Web.

After installing the Remote Session component, view the value of the <code>jobsub.monitor.host</code> variable in the file <code>PA_HOME/config/displaymanager/dmrest.properties</code> to confirm the configured hostname. If there is no access through hostname, then a slight delay may occur while opening a remote session for the first time.

4.3.1 Install the Remote Session Component on the PBS Professional Server and on PAS

Install binaries and configure PBS Professional and PAS to support interactive applications.

Before you begin:

Review the system requirements and prerequisites for installation.

Install the remote session component on the PBS Professional headnode and in the machine where PAS is installed.

Installation must be done as root or as a user with sudo permissions.

This installation will:

- add a custom resource to PBS Professional called "ngpus"
- add an interactive queue called "iworkq"
- restart Access Web
- · restart PBS Professional





CAUTION: It is advisable that you run the installer when critical jobs are not running.

- 1. Login to the machine where the PBS Professional Server and PAS is installed.
- 2. Enter the command:

```
./AltairRemoteSessionAgent_<Version>_<Build ID>_<YYYYMMDD>_<Timestamp>.bin -i console
```

- **3.** Read the introduction and press ENTER.
- **4.** Page through the license agreement by pressing ENTER until you are asked to accept its terms and conditions.
- **5.** Accept the license agreement by entering \mathbf{Y} and pressing ENTER. Four options are displayed.
- **6.** Enter 1 to configure the PBS Professional and PAS servers and press ENTER.
- **7.** PBS Professional and PAS is restarted during the installation process, choose whether you want to proceed:
 - Choose No to exit and run the installer at a more suitable time.
 - Choose Yes to run the installer.
- **8.** Enter the number of GPUs that are available in the cluster and press ENTER. If you have a cluster with 10 execution hosts and only two of those execution hosts have associated GPUs, then add up the number of GPUs for both execution hosts and enter this number.
- **9.** Review the installation summary and press ENTER. The installation starts. It may take a few minutes for the installation to complete.
- **10.** Press ENTER to complete the installation process.

Verify that iworkg is created, a GPU resource is configured, and GlxSpheres is installed.

Verifying the Existence of the Interactive Queue

Verify that a PBS Professional interactive gueue has been created.

After running the interactive installer on the PBS Professional Server, a queue called "iworkq" should exist. All interactive jobs are submitted to this queue. The attribute <code>max_queued_res.ngpus</code> denotes the number of GPUs available in the cluster and should reflect the number entered during installation. Other attributes used internally by Access Web are <code>resouce_max.ngpus</code> and <code>resouce_min.ngpus</code>. These two attributes are always to set the value of "1".

Enter the command:

```
qmgr -c "p q iworkq"
```

Output similar to the following is displayed:

```
#
# Create queues and set their attributes.
#
# Create and define queue iworkq
#
create queue iworkq
set queue iworkq queue type = Execution
```



```
set queue iworkq Priority = 150
set queue iworkq max_queued_res.ngpus = [o:PBS_ALL=7]
set queue iworkq resources_max.ngpus = 1
set queue iworkq resources_min.ngpus = 1
set queue iworkq resources_default.arch = linux
set queue iworkq resources_default.place = free
set queue iworkq default_chunk.mem = 512mb
set queue iworkq default_chunk.ncpus = 2
set queue iworkq enabled = True
set queue iworkq started = True
```

Verifying the Existence of the Interactive Custom Resource

Verify that a new resources called ngpus has been added to PBS Professional.

After running the interactive installer on the PBS Professional headnode, a new custom resource called ngpus is added to PBS Professional. This resource is necessary to run interactive jobs. You can verify the existence of this custom resource by viewing the contents of the PBS Professional resource definition file and the scheduler's configuration file.

- 1. Navigate to the location PBS HOME/server priv
- 2. Enter the command:

```
grep -A3 "DM STATIC" resourcedef
```

The resource ngpus should be defined in this file.

```
# ******* BEGINNING OF DM STATIC RESOURCES SECTION.DO NOT EDIT BY HAND *****
ngpus type=long flag=nh
# ********* END OF DM STATIC RESOURCES SECTION.DO NOT EDIT BY HAND ********
```

- 3. Navigate to the location PBS HOME/sched priv
- **4.** Enter the command:

```
grep ngpus sched_config
```

The resource agpus should be displayed in the list of resources defined in this file.

```
resources: "ncpus, mem, arch, host, vnode, netwins, aoe, ngpus"
```

Verifying the Installation of the Interactive Application Definition

Verify that a new application definition called GlxSpheres is installed.

- 1. Login to the machine hosting the PAS Server as root or a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to the directory PA HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/repository/applications.
- 3. Verify that a new application definition has been placed in this location called GlxSpheres.

4.3.2 Install the Remote Session Component on the PBS MoMs

Install binaries and configure the PBS Mom to support interactive applications.

Before you begin:



- · Review the system requirements and prerequisites for installation.
- Run Remote Session precheck diagnosis script in PBS MoM to check the status of GPU nodes.

Install necessary components on the PBS MoM to support interactive applications, including TurboVNC and Virtual GL. The installer also configures a new resource called "ngpus".



Note: This installation process must be repeated for all execution hosts where you want to run interactive jobs.

Installation must be done as root or as a user with sudo permissions.

- 1. Login to the machine where the PBS Professional MoM is installed.
- 2. Enter the command:

```
./AltairRemoteSessionAgent_<Version>_<Build ID>_<YYYYMMDD>_<Timestamp>.bin -i console
```

3. If you are installing the PBS MoM interactive component on a machine hosting both the PBS Professional Server and the MoM you will see the below message, enter 1 and press ENTER.

- **4.** Read the introduction and press ENTER.
- **5.** Page through the license agreement by pressing ENTER until you are asked to accept its terms and conditions.
- **6.** Accept the license agreement by entering Y and pressing ENTER. Four options are displayed.
- **7.** Enter 2 and press ENTER.
- **8.** Enter the location where the binaries are to be installed and press ENTER.

You may choose to install in the default location.

- **9.** Enter the location where the configuration and logs files are to be installed and press ENTER. You may choose to install in the default location.
- **10.** Enter the number of GPUs available on the execution host and press ENTER.
- **11.** Review the installation summary and press ENTER.

The installation starts. It may take a few minutes for the installation to complete.

12. Press ENTER to complete the installation process.

The TurboVNC and Virtual GL is installed to support interactive applications by configuring X Server.

13. Restart the X Server.



Warning: Restarting the X Server might affect any running graphical applications. Please make sure that are no critical graphical applications running.

Verify that "ngpus" resource has been added to the execution host by executing the command:

pbsnodes -av



The new resource should be listed and it should be assigned the value entered for the available GPUs entered during installation.

resources available.ngpus = <NGPUS>

4.3.3 Install the Interactive Proxy on the Access Web Server

Install the Guacomole proxy server on the machine hosting Access Web to support interactive applications.

Before you begin:

Review the system requirements and prerequisites for installation.

Installation must be done as root or as a user with sudo permissions.

- **1.** Login to the machine where Access Web is installed.
- 2. Enter the command:

```
./AltairRemoteSessionAgent_<Version>_<Build ID>_<YYYYMMDD>_<Timestamp>.bin -i console
```

3. If you are installing the Interactive Proxy server on a machine hosting either the PBS Professional Server or the MoM you will see the below message, enter 1 and press ENTER.

- **4.** Read the introduction and press ENTER.
- **5.** Page through the license agreement by pressing ENTER until you are asked to accept its terms and conditions.
- **6.** Accept the license agreement by entering Y and pressing ENTER. Four options are displayed.
- 7. Enter 4 and press ENTER.
- **8.** Enter the location where the binaries are to be installed and press ENTER.

You may choose to install in the default location.

9. Enter the location where the configuration and logs files are to be installed and press ENTER.

You may choose to install in the default location.

The installation starts. It may take a few minutes for the installation to complete.

10. Press ENTER to complete the installation process.

Verify that the Guacamole proxy daemon is installed and running by issuing the following command:

service quacd status



Install Access Web on Windows

Load Access Web docker image in Windows Docker, install PAS in Windows, install Remote Session agent, application definitions, update docker environment list, start docker container and start PAS service.

This chapter covers the following:

- 5.1 Disable IPV6 in Windows for PBS Professional Windows Cluster (p. 51)
- 5.2 Disable User Access Control (UAC) in Windows (p. 52)
- 5.3 PAS Setup (p. 53)
- 5.4 Access Web and Docker Setup (p. 54)
- 5.5 Modern Communication Setup on Windows (p. 56)
- 5.6 Remote Session Windows Setup (p. 57)

Before you begin:

- Ensure that the PBS Professional cluster for Windows is installed and running.
- Docker is installed and running. Refer to Install Docker Desktop for Windows for more information.
- Disable IPV6 to make sure PBS commands are responding fast and docker containers are able to ping the host machine.
- Disable UserAccessControl (UAC)
- For the application to run smoothly, your windows docker requires 8 CPU cores and 16 GB Memory.

Download or obtain the following files using your usual Altair support channels:

- Access Web Docker Tar File
- PAS Installer
- Docker Environment List (env.list)
- Application Definitions repository
- Remote Session Application Defintion Zip File (windows remotesession appdef.zip)

The following will be the infrastructure after you install Access Web and PAS on Windows:

- PAS running along with PBS Pro cluster on Windows machine.
- · Access Web will be running in Docker.
 - Note: It is mandatory to perform Modern Communication Setup on Windows after you Install Access and Docker Setup.

You can copy from the docker container's file system to the local machine and from the local file system to the container.

• Use the following command to copy file from container to local machine:

docker cp <container>:<source path> <local destination path>

• Use the following command to copy file from local machine to container:

docker cp <local source path> <container>:<destination path>



5.1 Disable IPV6 in Windows for PBS Professional Windows Cluster

Disable IPV6 and set IPV4 as preferred protocol to make sure PBS commands are responding fast and docker containers are able to ping the host machine.

Before you begin:

Refer to Configuring IPV6 in Windows for Advanced Users for more information.

To disable IPV6 and set IPV4 as preferred protocol, the following steps has to be performed:

- · Disable IPV6 for adapter
- Edit Registry to prefer IPV4 over IPV6

Disable IPv6 for adapter

- 1. Go to Control Panel > Network and Internet > Network and Sharing Center
- 2. Select Change adapter settings
 - =

Note: The following steps has to be performed for all the adapters in the **Change adapter settings**

- 3. Right-click on an adapter and select Properties
- 4. Disable Internet Protocol Version 6 (TCP/IPv6) by removing the check-box.
- 5. Select Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv6) and click Properties.
- 6. Click Advanced in the Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv6) Properties dialog box.
- 7. Disable Automatic metric in the Advanced TCP/IP Settings dialog box.
- Enter positive integer value greater than 0 in the Interface metric.

If you are using Ethernet, then enter the value as 1 and for the rest enter some higher number based on your preference. The lower the number the higher will be the preference.

Edit Registry to Prefer IPv4 over IPv6

- Press Windows + R key to open the Run Dialog box.
- 10. Enter reaedit.
- 11. Navigate to HKEY LOCAL MACHINE\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Services\tcpip6\Parameters\.
- 12. Right-click New > DWORD (32 bit) Value
- 13. Enter the name as **DisabledComponents** and set its Data value to 20 (Hexadecimal).
- 14. Restart the machine.



5.2 Disable User Access Control (UAC) in Windows

Disable User Access Control for Access Web Windows setup to make sure user is not blocked while executing any executables.

- 1. Open Control Panel
- 2. Navigate to User Accounts and Family Safety\User Accounts
- 3. Click Change User Account Control Settings.
- 4. Make it to Never Notify.
- 5. Click Ok.
- 6. Press Windows + R key to open the Run Dialog box.
- 7. Enter regedit.
- **8.** Navigate to HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Policies \System\.
- **9.** Set the value of **EnableUA DWORD** to 0.



Note: Create the **EnableUA DWORD** key if it is not available.

10. Restart the machine.



5.3 PAS Setup

Installing PAS on Windows.

Download or obtain the PAS Windows Installer using your usual Altair support channels.

These instructions will install PAS in C:\Program Files\altair\pas\2019.2\. This directory will be denoted as PAS_INSTALL. You may install PAS in a non-default location. However, please note this while following the below instructions.

- Locate the PAS installer executable in Windows Explorer, right click and choose the Run as administrator option from the context menu.
- 2. Enter the installation location.
 - By default, the installation location is C:\Program Files\altair\pas\2019.2\.
- **3.** Enter the staging directory.
 - By default, the staging directory is C:\stage.
- 4. Review the Pre-installation Summary and click Install.

On completion, the installer will provide the details of the Installation Directory, Host and Port. By default, PAS will be running on port 5243 and https protocol.



Note: You can also restart PAS (**AltairPASService**) from Service Management Console.

Now, you can register this PAS in Access Web.



5.4 Access Web and Docker Setup

Load the Access Web Docker image into Docker and update the Docker environment list.

Download or obtain the Access Web build image file and Docker environment list (env.list) using your usual Altair support channels.

1. Load the Access Web Docker image into Docker using the following command:

```
docker load -i TARFILE
```

Where TARFILE is the name of the Access Web tar file.

2. Update the license path, hostname, HyperWorks installation location, host entries, time zone, and service user in the Docker environment list (env.list).

```
ALTAIR_LICENSE_PATH=License Server IP Address and Port
HOSTNAME=IP Address/Hostname of the Windows Machine where Remote Session Agent is
Installed.
HW_DESKTOP_LOCATION=Mount Path of HyperWorks Desktop
HOST_ENTRIES=Add Host entries of PBS Server and PBS MoM
TIME_ZONE=Time zone of the machine where PBS Server is running
SERVICE USER=Specify the user who will be the Portal Administrator
```

For example, the modified env.list will be as follows:

```
ALTAIR_LICENSE_PATH=6200@10.130.3.175

HOSTNAME=10.75.20.123

HW_DESKTOP_LOCATION=10.75.32.34:/apps/hwdesktop

HOST_ENTRIES="10.75.22.95 blrpc686, 192.168.33.23 23centos7"

TIME_ZONE=/usr/share/zoneinfo/Asia/Kolkata

SERVICE_USER=pbsadmin
```

3. Start the Access Web Docker container using the following command:

```
docker run -itd --env-file .\env.list --entrypoint /tmp/scripts/access_setup.sh ^
--name windows_access --privileged -p 4443:4443 -p 4222:4222 -p 4943:4943 ^
windows docker:latest bash
```

Login to the Access Web Docker container using the following command:

```
docker exec -it windows access bash
```

5. Stop Access Web using the following command:

```
service pbsworks-pa stop
```

6. Configure Active Directory communication for Authentication by providing LDAP configuration in the file PA HOME/config/ams/jaas-config/AA jaas.config with content::

```
LoginModule {
    com.sun.security.auth.module.LdapLoginModule REQUIRED
    userProvider="ldap://<IP address>:<ldap port>/CN=Users,DC=pbsworks,DC=com"
    userFilter="(&((userPrincipalName={USERNAME}@Domain Name))(objectClass=user))"
    authIdentity="{USERNAME}@Domain Name"
    authzIdentity="{USERNAME}@Domain Name"
    useSSL=false
    debug=true;
};
```

Update IP address, Port Number, and Domain Name details according to the domain server that's being used.

For example, the configured AA jaas.config will be as follows:

```
LoginModule {
com.sun.security.auth.module.LdapLoginModule REQUIRED
```



```
userProvider="ldap://172.16.80.241:389/CN=Users,DC=pbsworks,DC=com"
userFilter="(&((userPrincipalName=smith@pbsworks.com))(objectClass=user))"
authIdentity="{smith}@pbsworks.com"
authzIdentity="{smith}@pbsworks.com"
useSSL=false
debug=true;
};
```

- 7. Disable AIFImpersonation in resultservice by changing <AIFImpersonation enabled="true" / > to <AIFImpersonation enabled="false" /> in PA_HOME/config/resultservice/config/ site config.xml
- **8.** Start Access Web using the following command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```

- **9.** Make sure Service User which is going to be used for registering the PAS service is logged in once, after starting or restarting Access Web.
- **10.** Login to the Access Web portal and add the PAS server.



Note: It is mandatory to perform Modern Communication Setup on Windows after you Install Access and Docker Setup.

- PAS installed in Windows will be running on port 5243 and https protocol. Please register the Windows PAS server in Access Web.
- If PBS MOM is also active in same machine as PAS, then make sure you do not start remote session from the same user through which you started the docker and PAS service.



5.5 Modern Communication Setup on Windows

Enable the use of the modern infrastructure for faster running job operations on Windows.

The momclientmodules folder will be available in the PAS installation directory at PAS_INSTALL\PAS \exec\joboperation\binaries.

- **1.** Copy PAS_INSTALL\PAS\exec\joboperation\binaries\momclientmodules directory from the machine where PAS is installed to C:\ of the execution node.
- 2. Give Full control permissions to Everyone for the momclientmodules directory:
 - a) Right click on momclientmodules and select Properties.
 - b) Click Security tab.
 - c) Click Advanced.
 - d) Click Add and click on Select a Principal.
 - e) Type in Everyone and click Check Names
 - f) Click OK
 - g) Select Full Control on Permissions section.
 - h) Click OK.
- 3. Repeat the Step 1 and 2 for each PBS MoM.
- 4. Login to the machine where PAS is installed and perform the following steps
 - a) Edit PAS_INSTALL\PAS\home\config\pas\conf\server.conf file and update the distributed location:
 - MODERN COMMUNICATION SHARED LIBS=C:\momclientmodules
 - b) Restart service from the **AltairPASService** from Service Management Console.



5.6 Remote Session Windows Setup

Install the Remote Session component on Windows.

Download or obtain the Remote Session Windows Installer using your usual Altair support channels.

Install the Remote Session Windows installer on all PBS MoMs.

- 1. Locate the Remote Session installer executable in Windows Explorer, right click and choose the **Run as administrator** option from the context menu.
- 2. Enter the installation location.
 - By default, the installation location for binaries and configuration is C:\altair\pbsworks \2019.2\dmagent.
- 3. Review the Pre-installation Summary and click **Install**.
- **4.** Check if Remote Session service is running from Service Management Console by selecting **DMAgent Service**.



Note: You can also restart Remote Session service (**DMAgent Service**) from Service Management Console in PBS MoMs.



Post-Installation Configuration

Mandatory configuration steps that must be completed before Access Web can be started.

This chapter covers the following:

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- 6.8 Configure Results Visualization Service (p. 72)

Before you start the Access Web service, you must copy over default application definitions provided by Altair and a corresponding PAS site configuration file.

6.1 Copy Application Definitions and Site Configuration File

Copy default application definitions and a PAS site configuration file.

Default application definitions and a site configuration file are provided to get you up and running quickly. Obtain them through your usual Altair support channels.

- 1. Login to the machine where PAS is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- **2.** Copy any default application definitions required for your site to the location: PA_HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/repository/applications
- 3. Copy the default site-config.xml file to PA HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/repository
- 4. Edit the site-config.xml file.
- **5.** For each application, update the value of the XML element <Executable> to the location of the application's executable.

6. Remove time_stamp.txt from PA HOME/data/pas/



6.2 Configure the License Server

Configure the license server after Access Web installation in console mode.

During the installation Access Web, you are prompted to provide a license server in the format port@hostname. If this information is not provided at that time, then the license server must be configured post-installation.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Open the file app.properties located at PA HOME/config/license/
- **3.** Change the value of pbsworks.license.server to the port and hostname of the license server in the format port@hostname.

```
Licensed application name
pbsworks.license.application=PBSAccess

#server location for license server
pbsworks.license.server=6200@cntrlicsrv03
```

4. Restart Access Web for these changes to take effect by entering the following command:

service pbsworks-pa restart



6.3 Log into Access Web

Log into Access Web so that you can submit and monitor jobs.

Review the supported browsers before logging into Access Web.

Before you can submit a job, a service cluster must be added. Only the portal administrator can add service clusters.

The Service User is automatically designated as the portal administrator. The Service User has the ability to add other user's and assign them the role of portal administrator. The portal administrator is the only user who can add, edit, and delete service clusters.

A localhost cluster is added by default, if Access Web is installed with PBS Application Services (PAS).

- 1. Enter the URL https://<hostname>:4443/pbsworks in the address bar of a supported browser. where <hostname> is the IP address or hostname of the machine where Access Web is installed. The Access Web login screen is displayed.
- 2. Enter your username and password.
- 3. Click Log In.

If Access Web is not installed with PAS, then you must add a service cluster.



6.4 Add a Service Cluster

Establish a connection to an HPC cluster so that you may begin submitting jobs.

Before you can configure a cluster, you must know the hostname of the PAS Server installed on the PBS Professional headnode.

The Service User provided during installation of Access Web is automatically designated as the portal administrator. The portal administrator is the only user who can add, edit, and delete service clusters. The portal administrator can add other users and assign them the role of portal administrator.

A service cluster must be added before jobs can be submitted to the Workload Manager.



Note: A localhost cluster is added by default, if Access Web is installed with PBS Application Services (PAS).

- **1.** Choose one of the following options:
 - If no service clusters have been configured, click the **Configure one or more services** link.
 - Click = and then click Add.

The Add Service Cluster screen is displayed.

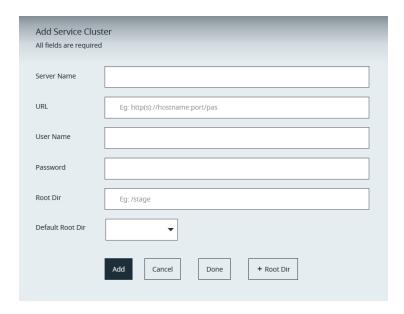


Figure 3: Add Service Cluster

- **2.** For **Server Name**, enter a short name describing the cluster.
- **3.** For **URL**, enter the URL for connecting to the Workload Manager.

The URL is in the format https://<hostname>:5243/pas where <hostname> is the hostname of the machine where the PAS Server is installed (typically the PBS Professional headnode).





Note: It is recommended to add a cluster using the hostname of the PAS Server rather than the IP address. This prevents connectivity issues from arising when an IP address is changed (DHCP, etc.).

4. For **User Name** and **Password**, enter your login credentials.

The user name and password must be available in PAS.

5. For **Root Dir**, enter the pathname where user job input and result files are stored.

Ex: /home, /users, /stage

6. Click if you want to add another **Root Dir** and enter the pathname.

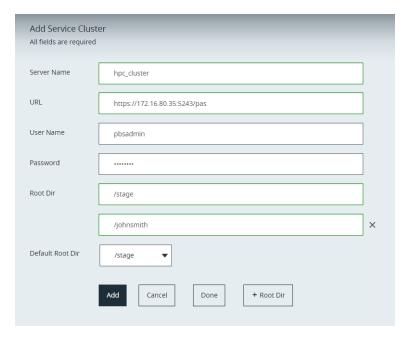


Figure 4: Multiple Root Directory Entry

7. Select the default root directory to be displayed from the **Default Root Dir** drop-down menu.



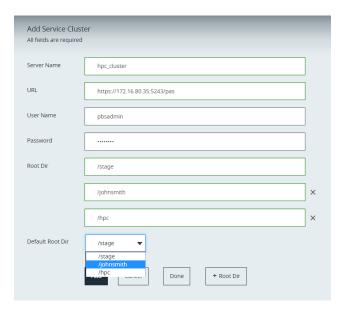


Figure 5: Default Root Directory

8. Click Add.

If the service cluster is added successfully, then a notification is displayed.



Note: A notification is displayed to all users logged into Access Web when a service cluster gets added, edited, deleted, if it goes down or if it is unreachable.

- 9. Repeat steps 2 through 8 to add additional service clusters.
- 10. Click Done.

A list of service clusters that have been added is displayed.

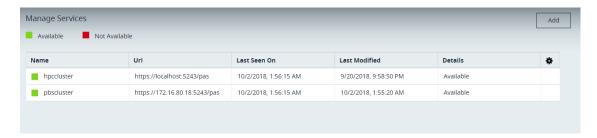


Figure 6: Service Clusters List

The green color next to the service cluster indicates that it is available to use. The red color indicates that the service cluster is not available.

The **Details** column provides the reason when a service cluster is not available. Mouse hover the **Details** column of a service cluster to view the error message.





Figure 7: Service Cluster Details



6.5 Onboard an Application Definition

Port an application definition from a legacy version of PBS Works so that it can be used by Access Web.

Access Web allows onboarding the legacy application definitions in a very easy way and it can be done at any time. Recommended techniques for onboarding legacy application definitions:

Test Legacy Application Definitions

Submit jobs to an HPC cluster and verify that Access Web can render and submit the job properly.

Upgrade Application Definitions to Use Access Web Features

Access Web allows you to enhance your application definition by making some modification for using the following features of Access Web:

Integrate Right Click Context Menu

Access Web provides you to use the right click context menu to submit a job to an application based on the file extension. This can be done by enhancing your application definition by making some modification in application definition. You can use this feature by defining:

PRIMARY_FILE and QUEUE Arguments in Application Definition

Application definitions must have a PRIMARY_FILE argument defined in the application definition input file that represents the primary input file for the solver. If a legacy application definition calls the primary input file something other than PRIMARY_FILE, then a mapping file must be updated to port the application definition. Additionally, if the legacy application definition contains an application argument that represents the queue to which the job is submitted, the name of the application argument must be QUEUE. If it is not, the mapping file must be updated.

Update a Solver's Application Definition to Link it to a Specific File Extension

Update a solver's application definition to link it to a specific file extension. Access Web links a job input file to a specific application or solver via the file's extension. For example, the solver Optistruct is a structural analysis solver and can process input files with a .fem extension. The association between the file extension and the solver is done through the application definition and must be set up so that Access Web can determine which solvers are available for a file extension.

Master File Analyzer

The Master File Analyzer identifies the list of include files from the input or master file that is required to submit a job.

This feature must be enabled in the application definition to dynamically identify the include files. The default application definitions with Master File Analyzer capabilities are provided to get you up and running quickly. Obtain them through your usual Altair support channels.

You can refer to *Diving Into Application Definitions* guide and the samples provided to convert or write application definitions to support Master File Analyzer.



6.5.1 Integrate Right Click Context Menu of Access Web

Enrich your legacy application definition to use the right click context menu integration feature of Access Web.

- 1. Edit the solver's application input file app-inp-application.xml
- **2.** Link the file extension to the solver by adding the following XML:

```
<ApplicationExtension>file extension</ApplicationExtension>
```

The below example links a file with the extension of .fem to the Optistruct solver.

```
<ApplicationId>Optistruct</ApplicationId>
<ApplicationName>Optistruct</ApplicationName>
<ApplicationExtension>.fem</ApplicationExtension>
```

- 3. Save the application input file.
- **4.** Update the site configuration file site-config.xml with the appropriate application information such as versions and policies:

```
<Applications>
    <Application id="Optistruct">
        <ApplicationVersions>
            <ApplicationVersion>
                <Option>11.0</Option>
                <Executable>/opt/hyperworks/11.0/altair/scripts/optistruct/
Executable>
            <ApplicationVersion>
            <ApplicationVersion>
                <Option>12.0</Option>
                <Executable>/opt/hyperworks/12.0/altair/scripts/optistruct/
Executable>
            <ApplicationVersion>
        </ApplicationVersions>
</Application>
</Applications>
```

- 5. Edit the file PA HOME/config/pa/appmapping/applicationmapping.json
- **6.** Add the following JSON between the bracket []

7. Change the value of serverName to the name of the server provided when adding the service cluster to Access Web.

```
"serverName": "server-1",
```

8. Change the value of version to the legacy version of PBS Works that you are porting from.

```
"version": "13.1",
```

9. Change the value of <code>applicationName</code> to the name of the application that you want to port.

Denoted by the XML element <code>ApplicationName</code> in the legacy application definition. The legacy XML looks like this:



<ApplicationName>Optistruct</ApplicationName>

The JSON should look like this:

```
"applicationName": "Optistruct"
```

10. Change the value of *primaryFile* to the name of the application argument that represents the application input file for the solver.

Denoted by the XML element <Name> in the legacy application definition. The legacy XML looks like this:

The JSON should look like this:

```
"primaryFile": "MASTER FILE"
```

11. Change the value of queue to the name of the application argument that represents the queue to which the job is submitted.

Denoted by the XML element <Name> in the legacy application definition. The legacy XML looks like this:

The JSON should look like this:

```
"queue": "BATCH QUEUE"
```

12. Add additional applications by repeating previous step 9-11 making sure that when you add the next application to the JSON mapping file you separate the applications using a comma.

- **13.** Save the file.
- **14.** Copy your legacy application definitions to the PAS repository.
- **15.** Restart PAS by issuing the command:



service pbsworks-pa restart

The following notification is displayed to any users that are logged into Access Web:

There is a change in configuration data. Application will reload.

Once Access Web reloads, the new application definition is available.

- **16.** Right-click on a job input file that has the file extension that was just added to the application definition.
- **17.** Verify that the correct solver and job profiles are being displayed in the context menu.

6.5.2 Master File Analyzer

The Master File Analyzer identifies the list of include files from the input or master file that is required to submit a job.

This feature must be enabled in the application definition to dynamically identify the include files. The default application definitions with Master File Analyzer capabilities are provided to get you up and running quickly. Obtain them through your usual Altair support channels.

You can refer to *Diving Into Application Definitions* guide and the samples provided to convert or write application definitions to support Master File Analyzer.



6.6 Enable PBS Job History

Enable the PBS Professional job history status.

PAS does not automatically set the PBS Professional job history enable attribute to true.

Therefore, to enable job history use the PBS Professional command:

qmgr -c 'set server job_history_enable=True'



6.7 Verify the Installation of PBS Application Services

Verify PAS installation and server status.

- 1. Open any of the supported browsers.
- 2. Enter URL (https://<HOSTNAME>:<PORT>/pas)

Where HOSTNAME is the hostname of the machine where PAS is installed and PORT is the port that PAS listens on.



Note: The default port is 5243.

The browser will display the PAS information.

Messages similar to the following are displayed:

PBSWorks Application Services

Version: 2019.2.0 Build: 20190624

REST Services

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6.8 Configure Results Visualization Service

This sections provides relevant information for the administrator in configuring the Results Visualization Service (RVS).

6.8.1 Configure HyperWorks Location

Configure the Altair HyperWorks Desktop location to enable the results visualization capabilities.

Follow these steps when the HyperWorks location was not specified while installing Access Web 2019.2.

- 1. Edit the file at PA HOME/config/resultservice/config/site config.xml.
- **2.** Change the value of the *location* to the location of HyperWorks.

3. Restart Access Web using the following command:

```
service pbsworks-pa restart
```

6.8.2 Configure HyperWorks Licenses

Install the Hyperworks Desktop features, HWHyperMath and HWHyperViewTrans in a LMX server.

These feature licenses must be available via a LMX version 14.0 or newer license server to enable the visualization of the supported result files. To configure, point RVS to the HyperWorksinstalled license server. Refer Point RVS to the HyperWorks License Server.

The HyperWorks Desktop installation should not be in /root or any user's home directory and in a location where all users have read and write permission.

Install "libXScrnSaver-1.2.2-6.1.el7.x86_64" package for HMathserv to run after installing the HyperWorks Desktop software.



Tip: Install HyperWorks Desktop by following the Linux installation instructions in the HyperWorks 2017 Installation Guide.

Point RVS to the HyperWorks License Server

Update the Altair license path to point to the HyperWorks license server.

Point RVS to the HyperWorks license server to keep the HyperWorks and Access Web licenses separate.

- 1. Open the file at PA EXEC/resultservice/scripts/setenv.sh.
- **2.** Update the Altair license path to point to the HyperWorks license server in this format port@hostname.



export ALTAIR LICENSE PATH=port@hostname

This will enable the RVS capabilities of Access Web.

Licensing System of HyperWorks Units

RVS uses the Altair patented licensing system of HyperWorks Units (HWU).

Animation requests checkout 6 HWUs and plot requests checkout 10 HWUs. Units are leveled for the same user but stacked for different users. Licenses are checked out only during the results extraction. As soon as the results are extracted, units are immediately returned to the licensing pool. The client side rendering of plot and animation results are covered by Altair Access licensing and does not require any extra units.

6.8.3 Configure Data Directory

Configure the RVS data directory for storing the RVS data such as result files, temporary files and cache data.

- 1. Open the file at PA HOME/config/resultservice/config/site config.xml
- **2.** Configure the folders to store your RVS data in the following line:

<HWE_RM_DATA_LOC><folder_name</pre>/HWE_RM_DATA_LOC



Note: By default, the RVS data is stored in the temp folder.

3. Restart Access Web using the command, service pbsworks-pa restart.

6.8.4 Kill HyperWorks HyperMath Process Ids

After upgrade or installation, kill any HyperWorks HyperMath Process ids of your previous version of Access Web.

Follow the given steps:

To check if there any of the HMath processes that are running, use the command:

```
ps -ef | grep hmathserv
```

The list of HMath process ids is displayed.

2. To kill a process id, specify the process id in the following command:

kill -9 cess id>



6.8.5 Allow Pop-up Windows

In the supported web browsers, allow the pop-up windows to view the auto-refresh loading messages for a running job.

Follow the steps given to enable pop-up windows in Google Chrome.

- **1.** Open the supported browser, Google Chrome.
- 2. Click | located in the top-right corner of the web page.
- 3. Choose Settings. Click Advanced and choose Site Settings.
- **4.** Click **Pop-ups and redirects** and change the permissions as follows: Slide the option to **Allowed**. This will allow pop-up windows for all the sites you access.
- 5. Click Add under Allow section.
- **6.** On the **Add a site** window, add the Site address. This will allow pop-up windows for the sites you add.



Downgrade Access Web

Instructions for downgrading Access Web 2019.2 to a previous version.

Perform these steps to downgrade Access Web and PAS (single and different machine setup) 2019.2 to 2019.1 or 2018.4.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- **2.** Stop Access Web 2019.2 using the following command:

```
service pbsworks-pa stop
```

- 3. Create a backup of /etc/pbsworks-pa.conf as /etc/pbsworks-pa.conf.2019.2
- **4.** Rename /etc/pbsworks-pa.conf.CurrentlyInstalledVersion to /etc/pbsworks-pa.conf
- **5.** Copy PreviousVersion_PA_EXEC/init/pbsworks-pa script to /etc/init.d/ You are successfully downgraded to Access Web 2018.3 or 2018.4.
- **6.** Start Access Web using the following command:

```
/etc/init.d/pbsworks-pa start
```

- **7.** Enter the URL https://<hostname>:4443/pbsworks in the address bar of a supported browser. where <hostname> is the IP address or hostname of the machine where Access Web is installed. The Access Web login screen is displayed.
- 8. Enter your username and password.
- 9. Click Log In.

Uninstall Access Web and Remote Session Component

8

Instructions for uninstalling previous version of Access Web and Remote Session component.

This chapter covers the following:

- 8.1 Uninstall Access Web (p. 77)
- 8.2 Uninstall Remote Session (p. 78)

8.1 Uninstall Access Web

Remove a previous version of Access Web.

You must stop Access Web before uninstalling. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.



Note: Uninstalling Access Web will not remove PA HOME.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to the installation directory.

The default installation directory is /opt/altair/pbsworks/2019.2/access/ Altair Access installation/

3. Execute the uninstall script by entering the following command:

```
./Change_Altair_Access_Installation -i console
```

The command must contain spaces with escape characters.

4. Follow the instructions provided by the uninstaller.



8.2 Uninstall Remote Session

Unconfigure PBS Professional and PBS Application Services and uninstall remote session components to disable the remote session capabilities of Access Web.

The uninstalling must be run multiple times across several machines and must be performed in the following sequence:

- 1. Unconfigure PBS Professional and PAS in PBS Professional headnode and in the machine where PBS Application Services is installed. This will
 - delete the interactive queue
 - unconfigure GPUs as a custom resource
 - remove the application definitions Glxsphere which is installed automatically when the Remote Session component was installed on the PAS Server
- 2. Uninstall Remote Session Components on all PBS MoMs.
- **3.** Uninstall the interactive proxy.

8.2.1 Unconfigure PBS Professional and PBS Application Services

Unconfigure PBS Professional and PAS before uninstalling Remote Session Components.

You must stop Access Web before uninstalling. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.



CAUTION: It is advisable that you run the installer when critical jobs are not running.

Run the installer to unconfigure PBS Professional and PAS on the PBS Professional headnode and in the machine where PAS is installed.

This will:

- delete the interactive queue
- unconfigure GPUs as a custom resource
- remove the application definitions Glxphere which is installed automatically when the Remote Session component was installed on the PAS Server
- 1. Login to the machine where the PBS Professional Server and PAS is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to the folder where you have the Remote Session Agent installer.
- 3. Enter the command:

```
./AltairRemoteSessionAgent_<Version>_<Build ID>_<YYYYMMDD>_<Timestamp>.bin -i console
```

4. The installer will display the following message, enter 1 and press ENTER.



- 2- Modify an existing instance
- **5.** Read the introduction and press ENTER.
- **6.** Page through the license agreement by pressing ENTER until you are asked to accept its terms and conditions.
- **7.** Accept the license agreement by entering Y and pressing ENTER. Four Options are displayed.
- **8.** Enter 3 to unconfigure the PBS Professional and PAS servers and press ENTER.
- **9.** PBS Professional and PAS is restarted during the installation process, choose whether you want to proceed:
 - Choose No to exit and run the installer at a more suitable time.
 - Choose Yes to run the installer.

Perform Uninstalling Remote Session components.

8.2.2 Uninstall Remote Session Component from the PBS MoMs

Uninstall previous version of remote session component from PBS MoMs.

You must stop Access Web before uninstalling. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.



CAUTION: It is advisable that you run the installer when critical jobs are not running.

If it is a distributed deployment, then login to each of the PBS MoM and uninstall the Remote Session Component.



Note: This will uninstall the Remote Session component and Interactive Proxy only if you installed Access Web on the same machine as the PBS Professional Server.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to the /opt/altair/pbsworks/2019.2/dmagent/
 AltairRemoteSessionAgent Installer <Version> installation directory.
- **3.** Execute the uninstall script by entering the following command:

./Change\ AltairRemoteSessionAgent Installer <Version>\ Installation -i console

The command must contain spaces with escape characters.

4. Follow the instructions provided by the uninstaller.



8.2.3 Uninstall the Interactive Proxy from the Access Web Server

Uninstall the previous version of remote session component to remove interactive proxy from Access Web server.

You must stop Access Web before uninstalling. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.



CAUTION: It is advisable that you run the installer when critical jobs are not running.

If it is a distributed deployment, then login to the machine hosting Access Web and uninstall Remote Session Component to remove the proxy.



- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to the /opt/altair/pbsworks/2019.2/dmagent/ AltairRemoteSessionAgent Installer <Version> installation directory.
- **3.** Execute the uninstall script by entering the following command:

./Change\ AltairRemoteSessionAgent_Installer_<Version>\ Installation -i console

The command must contain spaces with escape characters.

4. Follow the instructions provided by the uninstaller.



Access Web Service Commands

Commands for starting, stopping, restarting and checking the status of Access Web.

This chapter covers the following:

- 9.1 Start Access Web (p. 82)
- 9.2 Stop Access Web (p. 83)
- 9.3 Restart Access Web (p. 84)
- 9.4 Determine the Status of all Access Web Services (p. 85)

The commands should be executed by the root or as a user with sudo permissions as defined in /etc/pbsworks-pa.conf.

9.1 Start Access Web

Start all Access Web services.

Starting Access Web must be done as root or as a user with sudo permissions.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed.
- **2.** Enter the following command to start Access Web:

service pbsworks-pa start



9.2 Stop Access Web

Stop all Access Web services.

Stopping Access Web must be done as root or as a user with sudo permissions.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed.
- **2.** Enter the following command to stop Access Web:

service pbsworks-pa stop



9.3 Restart Access Web

Restart all Access Web services.

Restarting Access Web must be done as root or as a user with sudo permissions.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed.
- **2.** Enter the following command to restart Access Web:

service pbsworks-pa restart



9.4 Determine the Status of all Access Web Services

Determine whether a Access Web service is up or down.

- **1.** Login to the machine where Access Web is installed.
- 2. Enter the following command to display the status of each Access Web service:

```
service pbsworks-pa status
```

Messages similar to the following are displayed:

```
PBSWORKS EXEC =>/opt/altair/pbsworks/2019.2/access/exec
PBSWORKS_HOME =>/var/spool/pbsworks/2019.2/access/home
PAS REPO: => /var/spool/pbsworks/2019.2/access/home//data/pas/
api gateway service is Running (13328)
                                        [OK]
database service is Running (Database)
message broker_service is Running (Messaging service)
                                                         [OK]
ams service is Running (13811)
                                [OK]
pa service is Running (13887)
executor service is Running (13964)
                                         [OK]
displaymanager service is Running (14042)
                                                 [OK]
resultmanager service is Running (14121)
                                                 [OK]
pas message broker service is Running (Nats Service!)
                                                         [OK]
resultservice service is Running (14405)
pas service is Running (14654) [OK]
```



Manage Service Clusters

Add, edit, and delete service clusters.

This chapter covers the following:

- 10.1 Add a Service Cluster (p. 87)
- 10.2 Edit a Service Cluster (p. 91)
- 10.3 Delete a Service Cluster (p. 93)

Only the portal administrator can add, edit, and remove service clusters. The Manage Services page will not be displayed for regular users.

10.1 Add a Service Cluster

Establish a connection to an HPC cluster so that you may begin submitting jobs.

Before you can configure a cluster, you must know the hostname of the PAS Server installed on the PBS Professional headnode.

The Service User provided during installation of Access Web is automatically designated as the portal administrator. The portal administrator is the only user who can add, edit, and delete service clusters. The portal administrator can add other users and assign them the role of portal administrator.

A service cluster must be added before jobs can be submitted to the Workload Manager.



Note: A localhost cluster is added by default, if Access Web is installed with PBS Application Services (PAS).

- **1.** Choose one of the following options:
 - If no service clusters have been configured, click the **Configure one or more services** link.
 - Click = and then click Add.

The Add Service Cluster screen is displayed.

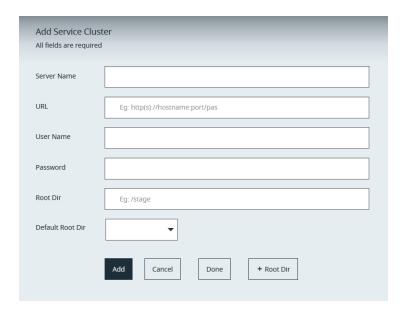


Figure 8: Add Service Cluster

- **2.** For **Server Name**, enter a short name describing the cluster.
- **3.** For **URL**, enter the URL for connecting to the Workload Manager.

The URL is in the format https://<hostname>:5243/pas where <hostname> is the hostname of the machine where the PAS Server is installed (typically the PBS Professional headnode).





Note: It is recommended to add a cluster using the hostname of the PAS Server rather than the IP address. This prevents connectivity issues from arising when an IP address is changed (DHCP, etc.).

4. For **User Name** and **Password**, enter your login credentials.

The user name and password must be available in PAS.

5. For **Root Dir**, enter the pathname where user job input and result files are stored.

Ex: /home, /users, /stage

6. Click if you want to add another **Root Dir** and enter the pathname.

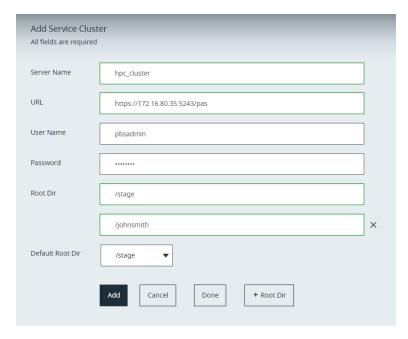


Figure 9: Multiple Root Directory Entry

7. Select the default root directory to be displayed from the **Default Root Dir** drop-down menu.



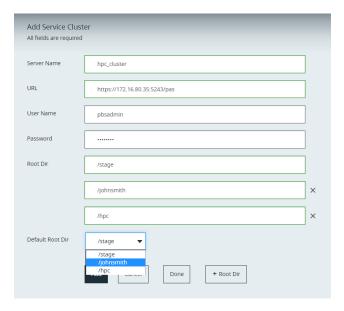


Figure 10: Default Root Directory

8. Click Add.

If the service cluster is added successfully, then a notification is displayed.



Note: A notification is displayed to all users logged into Access Web when a service cluster gets added, edited, deleted, if it goes down or if it is unreachable.

- 9. Repeat steps 2 through 8 to add additional service clusters.
- 10. Click Done.

A list of service clusters that have been added is displayed.

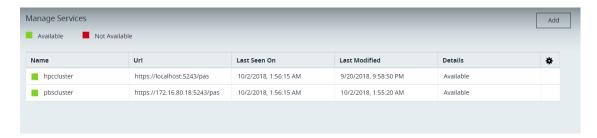


Figure 11: Service Clusters List

The green color next to the service cluster indicates that it is available to use. The red color indicates that the service cluster is not available.

The **Details** column provides the reason when a service cluster is not available. Mouse hover the **Details** column of a service cluster to view the error message.





Figure 12: Service Cluster Details



10.2 Edit a Service Cluster

Update a service cluster password or root directory so that you can continue to submit your jobs.

Note: Only the portal administrator can edit a service cluster.

1. Click ≡.

A list of service clusters that have been previously added is displayed.

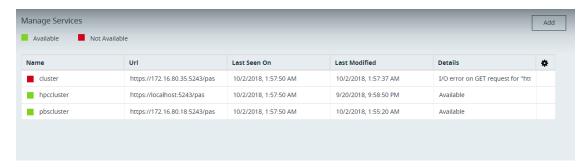


Figure 13: Manage Services

- 2. Right-click the cluster that you want to edit.
- 3. Click **Edit** from the context menu.

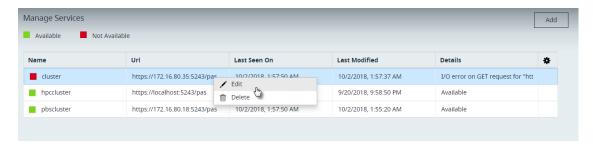


Figure 14: Cluster Edit Option

The Edit Service Cluster screen is displayed.



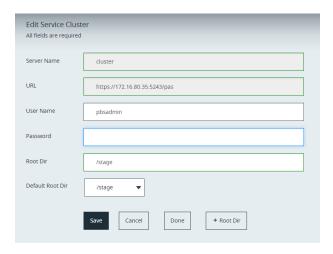


Figure 15: Edit Service Cluster

- **4.** Update the service cluster information.
- 5. Click Save.
 - **Note:** A notification is displayed to all users logged into Access Web when a service cluster gets added, edited, deleted, if it goes down or if it is unreachable.
- 6. Click Done.



10.3 Delete a Service Cluster

Remove a service cluster when you no longer want to submit and manage jobs on that cluster.

Note: Only the portal administrator can delete a service cluster.

1. Click ≡.

A list of service clusters that have been previously added is displayed.

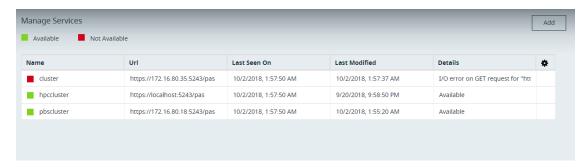


Figure 16: Manage Services

- 2. Right-click the cluster that you want to remove.
- 3. Click **Delete** from the context menu.

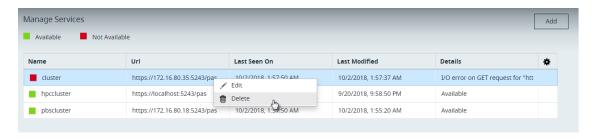


Figure 17: Server Cluster Delete

4. Click Yes.

The files and jobs from this cluster will no longer be accessible.



Note: A notification is displayed to all users logged into Access Web when a service cluster gets added, edited, deleted, if it goes down or if it is unreachable.

5. Click Done.



Advanced Configurations

Advanced configurations for Access Web and its services.

This chapter covers the following:

- 11.1 Configure the Access Web Component (p. 95)
- 11.2 Configure PBS Application Services (p. 123)
- 11.3 Configure the Remote Session Component (p. 129)
- 11.4 Configure Results Visualization Service (p. 132)

11.1 Configure the Access Web Component

Configurations required for Access Web component.

11.1.1 Change Port Numbers

Change the default port numbers used by Access Web.

You must stop Access Web before changing the port number. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

The Access Web installer has auto-port detection logic in place and ports will be picked up by each service within the specified range. Refer to ports used by Access Web for more information.

To allocate specific port to each of the service, then follow the steps mentioned in below topics:

Change the Gateway Port Number

Change the port that the Gateway service listens on.

You must stop Access Web before changing the port number. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

For information on default port and port range, refer to Ports Used by Access Web.

The gateway port number has to be updated in the files:

- nginx.conf
- rm servers.xml
- dmrest.properties
- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA HOME/config/api gateway/nginx.conf
- **3.** Update the value of listen of server:

```
server {
    listen          4443;
    server_name localhost;
    add header X-Frame-Options "SAMEORIGIN";
```

- 4. Edit the file PA HOME/config/resultmanager/rm servers.xml
- **5.** Update the value in <PAServerURL>.

```
<PAServerURL>https://localhost:4443</PAServerURL>
```

- 6. Edit the file PA HOME/config/displaymanager/dmrest.properties
- **7.** Update value of pbsaccess.api_gateway.service.host. pbsaccess.api gateway.service.host=https://localhost:4443/
- **8.** Start Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```



Change the Web Server Port Number

Change the port that the Access Web server listens on.

You must stop Access Web before changing the port number. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

For information on default port and port range, refer to Ports Used by Access Web.

The web server port number has to be updated in the following files:

- server.xml
- nginx.conf
- dmrest.properties
- dmrest.properties.template
- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA HOME/config/pa/tomcat/conf/server.xml
- **3.** Search for the Connector port and update with the new port number.

- 4. Edit the file PA HOME/config/api gateway/nginx.conf
- **5.** Update the port number of server localhost.

```
env STORAGE_SERVICE_PORT=4543;

upstream pbsaccess {
    server localhost:4543;
}
```

- 6. Edit the file PA HOME/config/displaymanager/dmrest.properties.
- **7.** Update the port number of pbsaccess.storage.service.host.

```
pbsaccess.storage.service.host=https://localhost:4543/storage
```

- 8. Edit the file PA HOME/config/displaymanager/dmrest.properties.template.
- **9.** Update the port number of *pbsaccess.storage.service.host.* pbsaccess.storage.service.host=https://localhost:4543/storage
- 10. Start Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```

Change the Postgres Port Number

Change the port that Postgres listen on.

You must stop Access Web before changing the port number. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.



For information on default port and port range, refer to Ports Used by Access Web.

Changing the Postgres port requires the removal and recreation of the Postgres database. The script that performs this work also removes all log files located at PA_HOME/logs. Additionally, this script allows the Service User who owns the Postgres database and the files in PA_HOME and PA_EXEC to be changed. If you do not want to change the Service User, then provide the username of the current Service User when executing the script. The current Service User can be determined by viewing the contents of /etc/pbsworks-pa.conf.

The Postgres database port number has to be updated in the files configure.sh and app.properties

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA EXEC/database/scripts/configure.sh.
- **3.** Update the port number of PG PORT.

```
PG PORT=4643;
```

- 4. Edit the file Navigate to PA HOME/config/shared/app.properties.
- **5.** Update the port number of *spring.datasource.url*. spring.datasource.url=jdbc:postgresql://localhost:4643/pbsworks
- **6.** Navigate to PA EXEC/init/
- **7.** Run the command:

```
./reconfigure-pa.sh
```

Change the Message Broker Port Number

Change the port that the message broker (ActiveMQ) listens on.

You must stop Access Web before changing the port number. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

For information on default port and port range, refer to Ports Used by Access Web.

The Message Broker port number has to be updated in the files:

- message-app.properties
- env
- activemq.xml.
- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA HOME/config/shared/message-app.properties.
- **3.** Update the port number of pbsworks.messaging.broker.url. pbsworks.messaging.broker.url=tcp://localhost:4743
- 4. Edit the file PA EXEC/shared/thirdparty/apache/activemq/bin/env.
- **5.** Update the port number of ACTIVEMQ QUEUEMANAGERURL.

```
ACTIVEMQ QUEUEMANAGERURL="--amqurl tcp://localhost:4743"
```

- 6. Edit the file PA EXEC/shared/thirdparty/apache/activemq/conf/activemq.xml.
- **7.** Update the port number of *uri*.

```
<transportConnector name="openwire"
uri="tcp://127.0.0.1:4743?
maximumConnections=1000&wireFormat.maxFrameSize=104857600>
```



8. Start Access Web by entering the command:

service pbsworks-pa start

Change the Remote Session Proxy Port Number

Change the port that the Remote Session Proxy (GUACD) listens on.

You must stop Access Web before changing the port number. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

For information on default port and port range, refer to Ports Used by Access Web.

The Interactive Proxy port number has to be updated in the following files:

- guacd.conf
- quacamole.properties
- guacamole.properties.template
- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file /etc/guacamole/guacd.conf.
- **3.** Update the port number of bind port.

```
bind port = 5443
```

- **4.** Edit the file PA_HOME/config/displaymanager/guacamole.properties.
- **5.** Update the port number of guacd-port.

```
guacd-port: 5443
```

- **6.** Edit the file PA HOME/config/displaymanager/guacamole.properties.template.
- **7.** Update the port number of guacd-port.

```
guacd-port: 5443
```

8. Start Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```

9. Restart the Interactive Proxy by entering the command:

```
/etc/init.d/guacd start
```

Change the Remote Session Web Server Port Number

Change the port that the Remote Session Web Server listens on.

You must stop Access Web before changing the port number. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

For information on default port and port range, refer to Ports Used by Access Web.

The Interactive Application web server port number has to be updated in the following files:

- server.xml
- nginx.conf
- guacamole.properties
- guacamole.properties.template



- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA HOME/config/displaymanager/tomcat/conf/server.xml.
- 3. Search for the Connector port and update the new port number.

- 4. Edit the file PA HOME/config/api gateway/nginx.conf.
- **5.** Update the port number of server localhost.

```
upstream displaymanager {
   server localhost:4843;
}
```

- 6. Edit the file PA HOME/config/displaymanager/guacamole.properties.
- **7.** Update the port number in dm-host.

```
dm-host: https://localhost:4843/displaymanager
```

- **8.** Edit the file PA_HOME/config/displaymanager/guacamole.properties.template.
- **9.** Update the port number in *dm-host*.

```
dm-host: https://localhost:4843/displaymanager
```

10. Start Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```

Change the Remote Session Job Update Port Number

Change the port that the Remote Session Job Update listens on.

You must stop Access Web before changing the port number. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

For information on default port and port range, refer to Ports Used by Access Web.

The Remote Session Job Update port number has to be updated in the files dmrest.properties and dmrest.properties.template.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA HOME/config/displaymanager/dmrest.properties.
- **3.** Update the port number of jobsub.monitor.port.

```
jobsub.monitor.port=4943
```

- 4. Edit the file PA HOME/config/displaymanager/dmrest.properties.template
- **5.** Update the port number of jobsub.monitor.port.

```
jobsub.monitor.port=4943
```

6. Start Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```



Change the Result Manager Services Port Number

Change the port that the Result Manager Services listens on.

You must stop Access Web before changing the port number. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

For information on default port and port range, refer to Ports Used by Access Web.

The Result Manager Services port number has to be updated in the files server.xml and nginx.conf.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA HOME/config/resultmanager/tomcat/conf/server.xml.
- **3.** Search for the Connector port and update the new port number.

```
Connector port="5043" maxThreads="200" address="127.0.0.1" scheme="https"
    compression="on" compressionMinSize="2048" noCompressionUserAgents="gozilla,
    traviata"
        compressableMimeType="text/html,text/xml,text/javascript,text/
css,application/javascript,text/plain,application/json"
        useSendfile="false" secure="true" SSLEnabled="true" clientAuth="false"
    sslProtocols="TLSv1, TLSv1.1, TLSv1.2"
        keystoreFile="${PBSWORKS_HOME}/config/shared/access.keystore"
    keystorePass="k86BCuq3mLrCqUGZVj3n9DupJ2ePqv" keyAlias="pbsworks"
        ciphers="TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA,SSL_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA"/>
```

- **4.** Edit the file Navigate to PA HOME/config/api_gateway/nginx.conf.
- **5.** Update the port number of server localhost.

```
upstream resultmanager {
    server localhost:5043;
}
```

6. Start Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```

Change the Result Core Services Port Number

Change the port that the Result Core Services listens on.

You must stop Access Web before changing the port number. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

For information on default port and port range, refer to Ports Used by Access Web.

The Result Core Services port number has to be updated in the files server.xml, rm.servers.xml and resultmanager.conf.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA HOME/config/resultservice/tomcat/conf/server.xml.
- 3. Search for the Connector port and update the new port number.



```
keystoreFile="${PBSWORKS_HOME}/config/shared/access.keystore"
keystorePass="k86BCuq3mLrCqUGZVj3n9DupJ2ePqv" keyAlias="pbsworks"
ciphers="TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA,SSL_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA"/>
```

- **4.** Edit the file PA_HOME/config/resultmanager/rm.servers.xml.
- **5.** Update the port number in RVSServerURL.

```
<RVSServerURL>https://localhost:5143</RVSServerURL>
```

- 6. Edit the file PA HOME/config/api gateway/default.d/resultmanager.conf
- **7.** Update the port number in proxy pass:

```
proxy pass https://localhost:5143/resultservice;
```

8. Start Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```

Change the PBS Application Services Port Number

Change the port that the PAS listens on.

You must stop Access Web before changing the port number. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

For information on default port and port range, refer to Ports Used by Access Web.

The PAS port number has to be updated in the files server.xml and nginx.conf.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA HOME/config/pas/tomcat/conf/server.xml.
- 3. Search for the Connector port and update the new port number.

- **4.** Edit the file PA HOME/config/api gateway/nginx.conf.
- **5.** Update the port number of env PAS SERVICE PORT.

```
env PAS SERVICE PORT=5243;
```

6. Start Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```



Change the PAS Messaging Port Number

Change the port that the PAS messaging service listens on.

You must stop Access Web before changing the port number. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

For information on default port and port range, refer to Ports Used by Access Web.

The PAS messaging service port number has to be updated in the files nats-server.conf, server.conf and application.properties.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA HOME/config/shared/nats-server.conf.
- **3.** Update the port number of port.

```
port: 4222
```

- **4.** Edit the file PA HOME/config/pas/conf/server.conf.
- **5.** Update the port number of MQ PORT.

```
#message broker port
MQ PORT=4222
```

- 6. Edit the file PA HOME/config/joboperation/application.properties.
- **7.** Update the port number of mq.port.

```
mq.port=4222
```

8. Start Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```

Change the Job Profile Services Port Number

Change the port that the Job Profile Services listens on.

You must stop Access Web before changing the port number. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

For information on default port and port range, refer to Ports Used by Access Web.

The job profile services port number has to be updated in the files server.xml and nginx.conf.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA HOME/config/jobprofiles/tomcat/conf/server.xml.
- **3.** Search for the Connector port and update the new port number.

```
Connector port="5343" maxThreads="200" scheme="https"
    compression="on" compressionMinSize="2048" noCompressionUserAgents="gozilla,
    traviata"
    compressableMimeType="text/html,text/xml,text/javascript,text/
css,application/javascript,text/plain,application/json"
    useSendfile="false" secure="true" SSLEnabled="true" clientAuth="false"
    sslProtocols="TLSv1, TLSv1.1, TLSv1.2"
    keystoreFile="${PBSWORKS_HOME}/config/shared/access.keystore"
    keystorePass="k86BCuq3mLrCqUGZVj3n9DupJ2ePqv" keyAlias="pbsworks"
    ciphers="TLS_RSA_WITH_AES_128_CBC_SHA,SSL_RSA_WITH_RC4_128_SHA"/>
```

- **4.** Edit the file PA HOME/config/api gateway/nginx.conf.
- **5.** Update the port number of server localhost.



```
upstream jobprofiles {
          server localhost:5343;
}
```

6. Start Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```

Change the AMS Port Number

Change the port that the Access Management Services listens on.

You must stop Access Web before changing the port number. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

For information on default port and port range, refer to Ports Used by Access Web.

The AMS port number has to be updated in the files:

- server.xml
- app.properties
- nginx.conf
- ServiceRegistry.json.
- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA HOME/config/ams/tomcat/conf/server.xml.
- 3. Search for the Connector port and update the new port number.

- **4.** Edit the file PA HOME/config/shared/app.properties.
- **5.** Update the port number of pbsworks.ams.url.

```
pbsworks.ams.url = https://localhost:5543/AAService
```

- **6.** Edit the file PA HOME/config/api gateway/nginx.conf.
- **7.** Update the port number of server localhost.

- **8.** Edit the file PA_HOME/config/shared/token_handler_config/token_injector/ ServiceRegistry.json.
- **9.** Update the port number in *service*.

```
{"service":[{"name":"ams","host":"localhost","port":"5543",
   "service name":"AAService","scheme":"https"}]}
```

10. Start Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```



Change the Mobile Notification Service Port Number

Change the port that the mobile notification service listens on.

You must stop Access Web before changing the port number. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

For information on default port and port range, refer to Ports Used by Access Web.

The mobile notification service port number has to be updated in the files server.xml and nginx.conf.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA_HOME/config/mobile_notification_service/tomcat/conf/server.xml.
- 3. Search for the Connector port and update the new port number.

- 4. Edit the file PA HOME/config/api gateway/nginx.conf.
- **5.** Update the port number of server localhost.

6. Start Access Web by entering the command:

service pbsworks-pa start

11.1.2 Change Memory used by the Services

Change the default memory value used by the services in Access Web.

You must stop Access Web before changing the port number. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

To change the default memory value used by the service, follow the steps mentioned in below topics:

Change the Gateway Service Memory Value

Change the memory value of gateway service.

You must stop Access Web before changing the Java heap size. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.



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Note: You can add the following line in the configuration file if the memory value is not found:

```
jvm_options "-Xmx512m";
```

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA HOME/config/api_gateway/nginx.conf.
- **3.** Update the value of jvm_options:

```
jvm options "-Xmx512m";
```

4. Start Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```

Change the Access Web Server Service Memory Value

Change the memory value of Access Web server service.

You must stop Access Web before changing the Java heap size. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.



Note: You can add the following line in the configuration file if the memory value is not found:

```
JAVA OPTS="-Xmx512M"
```

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA EXEC/pa/scripts/setenv.sh.
- **3.** Update the value of JAVA OPTS:

```
JAVA OPTS="-Xmx512M"
```

4. Start Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```

Change the Message Broker (ActiveMQ) Service Memory Value

Change the memory value of message broker (ActiveMQ) service.

You must stop Access Web before changing the Java heap size. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.



Note: You can add the following line in the configuration file if the memory value is not found:

```
ACTIVEMQ OPTS MEMORY="-Xms64M -Xmx512M"
```

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA EXEC/shared/thirdparty/apache/activemq/bin/env.
- **3.** Update the value of ACTIVEMQ OPTS MEMORY:

```
ACTIVEMQ OPTS MEMORY="-Xms64M -Xmx512M"
```



4. Start Access Web by entering the command:

service pbsworks-pa start

Change the Remote Session Webserver Service Memory Value

Change the memory value of remote session webserver service.

You must stop Access Web before changing the Java heap size. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

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Note: You can add the following line in the configuration file if the memory value is not found:

JAVA_OPTS="\$JAVA_OPTS -Xmx512M"

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA EXEC/displaymanager/scripts/setenv.sh.
- **3.** Update the value of JAVA OPTS:

JAVA OPTS="\$JAVA OPTS -Xmx512M"

4. Start Access Web by entering the command:

service pbsworks-pa start

Change the Result Manager Services Memory Value

Change the memory value of result manager services.

You must stop Access Web before changing the Java heap size. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

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Note: You can add the following line in the configuration file if the memory value is not found:

JAVA_OPTS="\$JAVA_OPTS -Xmx512M"

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA EXEC/resultmanager/scripts/setenv.sh.
- **3.** Update the value of JAVA OPTS:

JAVA OPTS="\$JAVA OPTS -Xmx512M"

4. Start Access Web by entering the command:

service pbsworks-pa start

Change the Result Core Services Memory Value

Change the memory value of result core services.

You must stop Access Web before changing the Java heap size. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.



Note: You can add the following line in the configuration file if the memory value is not found:

```
JAVA OPTS="$JAVA OPTS -Xmx512M"
```

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA EXEC/resultservice/scripts/setenv.sh.
- **3.** Update the value of JAVA OPTS:

```
JAVA OPTS="$JAVA OPTS -Xmx512M"
```

4. Start Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```

Change the Job Profile Services Memory Value

Change the memory value of job profile services.

You must stop Access Web before changing the Java heap size. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

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Note: You can add the following line in the configuration file if the memory value is not found:

```
JAVA_OPTS="$JAVA_OPTS -Xmx512M"
```

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA EXEC/jobprofiles/scripts/setenv.sh.
- **3.** Update the value of JAVA OPTS:

```
JAVA OPTS="$JAVA OPTS -Xmx512M"
```

4. Start Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```

Change the AMS Services Memory Value

Change the memory value of AMS services.

You must stop Access Web before changing the Java heap size. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.



Note: You can add the following line in the configuration file if the memory value is not found:

```
JAVA OPTS="$JAVA OPTS -Xmx512M"
```

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA EXEC/ams/scripts/setenv.sh
- **3.** Update the value of JAVA OPTS:

```
JAVA OPTS="$JAVA OPTS -Xmx512M"
```



4. Start Access Web by entering the command:

service pbsworks-pa start

Change the Mobile Notification Services Memory Value

Change the memory value of mobile notification services.

You must stop Access Web before changing the Java heap size. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

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Note: You can add the following line in the configuration file if the memory value is not found:

JAVA_OPTS="\$JAVA_OPTS -Xmx512M"

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA EXEC/mobile notification service/scripts/setenv.sh.
- **3.** Update the value of JAVA OPTS:

JAVA OPTS="\$JAVA OPTS -Xmx512M"

4. Start Access Web by entering the command:

service pbsworks-pa start

Change the Executor Services Memory Value

Change the memory value of executor services.

You must stop Access Web before changing the Java heap size. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

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Note: You can add the following line in the configuration file if the memory value is not found:

JAVA OPTS="\$JAVA OPTS -Xmx512M"

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA_EXEC/executor/scripts/setenv.sh.
- **3.** Add the following line:

JAVA OPTS="\$JAVA OPTS -Xmx512M"

4. Start Access Web by entering the command:

service pbsworks-pa start

11.1.3 Set the Double-Click Delay Time

Change the delay time required between two consecutive clicks for a double-click.

The default delay time between two consecutive clicks is set to 500ms (500 millisecond)

1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.



- 2. Navigate to PA_HOME/config/pa/
- **3.** Edit the file configuration.json.
- **4.** Change the value of the <code>doubleClickDelay</code>.

11.1.4 Change the Database Password

Change the database password to encrypted text.

If the Postgres database password is changed (via passwd, yppasswd, etc.), then Access Web will need to be updated with the new password.

The Postgres database password is stored in the app.properties file. The location of the file for a typical installation of Access Web is: PA HOME/config/shared/

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to PA EXEC/shared/thirdparty/postgresql/bin/
- **3.** Execute the following command:

```
./psql -p <DB PORT> -d pbsworks -U <DB USER>)
```

DB PORT is database port, and DB USER is database username.

For example,

```
./psql -p 4643 -d pbsworks -U pbsworks
```

- **4.** Enter the existing password. The default password is postgres.
- **5.** Enter \password in Postgres prompt.
- **6.** Enter the new password.
- 7. Navigate to PA EXEC/init/
- **8.** Execute the following command:

```
./pa-encrypt.sh
```

9. Enter the new password given in step 6.

This command will output the password in its encrypted format.

- **10.** Navigate to PA HOME/config/shared/
- **11.** Edit the app.properties file and update the value of *spring.datasource.password* to the encrypted format of the new password.
- **12.** Restart Access Web by entering the command:

```
service pbsworks-pa restart
```

11.1.5 Configure Default File Viewer

Configure default file viewer to open the file based on the file extension.

By default, the file extension .out, .Log, .stat, .rad, .fem will open in the default text viewer by double-clicking the files. If you double-click or open a file with unknown file extension, then an application list dialog box is displayed to choose the desired application to view the file.

1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.



- 2. Navigate to PA_HOME/config/pa/
- 3. Open the nativeviewer.json file.
- **4.** Add the file extensions under ApplicationFileExtension value.

The file extensions mentioned in ApplicationFileExtension value will open with the default file viewer.

11.1.6 Configure Default Columns in Job List View

Configure the job properties columns that are displayed in the job list view.

By default, the job properties columns displayed in the job list view after clicking on the Jobs tab are Job ID, Job Name, Job State, Creation Time and User Name. You can add or remove the <code>defaultGridColumns</code> property value in the <code>jobpropertiesmap.json</code> file.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to PA HOME/config/pa/
- **3.** Open the jobpropertiesmap. json file.
- 4. Update the defaultGridColumns value.

```
"defaultGridColumns": ["jobId", "jobName", "jobState", "creationTime", "userName"]
```

The updated job properties value will be displayed in the job list view in Jobs tab.

11.1.7 Change the Maximum File Upload Size

Change the default file upload size based on site's requirements.

You must stop Access Web before changing the maximum file upload size. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

The default maximum file upload size is 4Gb. There is no limitation of file upload size. The user will not be able to upload a file size bigger than the value set in the maximum file size.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to PA HOME/config/api gateway/



- 3. Open the nginx.conf file.
- **4.** Update the client max body size value in MB.

```
#set max file upload size to 4GB
    client max body size 4096m;
```

5. Start Access Web using the following command:

service pbsworks-pa start

11.1.8 Change the File Opening behavior of a Remote Session Application

Change the file opening behavior of a remote session application from cross mounted file system to non-shared file system.

The default application definition provided with Access Web is configured such that the selected file is not copied to the execution node. The remote session will open the file in execution node with the assumption that the file name and file path is available in execution node. This option is the cross mounted file system where the file system is available on the execution node and head node.

In the case of non-shared file system, there is no shared file system between the execution node and head node. The Access Web will copy the file to execution node job directory and remote application will open with the copied file from job directory.

If your site does not have a cross-mounted file system that is accessible to both the PBS MoMs and the PBS Server, then you have two options for job submission:

- Update the Application Definition Input file and change the default value of Run from job directory to true.
- Uncheck the **Run from job directory** field from Job Submission Form while submitting.



Note: The **Run from job directory** field is displayed only if you select **All Fields** option in Job Submission form. The behavior will be changed for that session only.

When submitting an interactive job via Access Web, the Run from job directory field must be unchecked. You will need to do this every time you submit a job.

11.1.9 Configure Notifications for a Job State Change

Configure email notifications for a job state change.

Users of Access Web can configure email notifications when a job's state changes, including who will receive the email notification, and when the email will be sent. Currently, Access Web supports sending email notifications for the following job state changes:

- · job is aborted
- job begins execution
- job finishes execution



However, the email will not be sent unless the application associated with the job has been configured accordingly. This is done through the application definition.

Each Access Web user must set their email preferences through the Access Web application.

- **1.** Click 2.
- 2. Select Preferences.

Access Web Preferences is displayed.

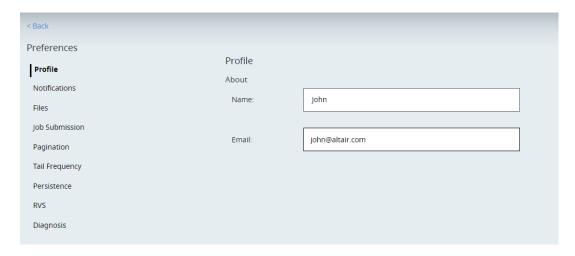


Figure 18: Preferences

- **3.** Double-click the **Email** field to enter additional email ID and press Enter. You can enter multiple email IDs separated by semi-colon (;).
- **4.** Click **Job Submission** in the left menu. The Job Submission panel is displayed.

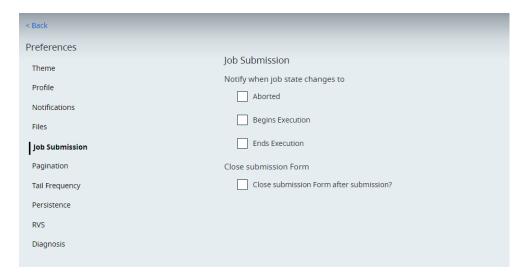
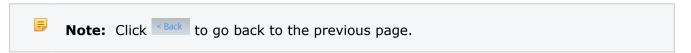


Figure 19: Job Submission





- **5.** Check any or all of the options in the **Notify when job state changes to** list to indicate when the email will be sent.
- **6.** The application definition must be modified to support the email notification. This is accomplished by modifying the application definition submittime script, presubmit.py, with the following lines of code:

```
import re
''' Mail Options '''

if userInputs['MAIL_USERS'.replace(';',',')]:
    job.attr_mail_list = userInputs['MAIL_USERS']

if userInputs['MAIL_POINTS']:
    mail_points = userInputs['MAIL_POINTS']

    if re.match(r"[abe]", mail_points):
        job.attr_mail_options = mail_points
```

This code captures the mail preferences entered through Access Web, and sets the job's mail options, so that PBS Professional knows to send an email when a particular job state is reached.

11.1.10 Disable to View all Jobs

Restrict users to only be able to view their own jobs.

By default, users can view all jobs.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to PA HOME/config/pa/
- **3.** Edit the configuration.json file.
- **4.** Change the value of restrictOthersJobs to true.

11.1.11 Add a Generic Action for a PAS server

Perform a generic action on a job.

Generic actions are simple python scripts that run on a PAS server irrespective of the job or application.

A JSON file is used to define generic actions. You have to specify the PAS server name and the generic actions that has to be performed on that server. For a typical installation of Access Web, the generic action JSON file is <code>genericactions.json</code> and it is located at <code>PA_HOME/config/pa/</code>



Note: Refer to https://jsonlint.com/ to validate the JSON file and refer to https://jsonformatter.org/ to format the code.



Define a Generic Action

Define a generic action JSON file.

Here is an example of a generic action for a cluster denoted by "hpccluster":

```
{
  "hpccluster": [{
     "Name": "qstat",
     "DisplayName": "Qstat of Job",
     "Description": "Qstat of Job",
     "ScriptLocation": "/stage/GenericActions/qstat.py",
     "Arguments": {
        "jobid": {
            "type": "string",
            "DisplayName": "Job ID"
        },
        "required": ["jobid"]
      }
}
```

The following JSON elements provide a way of identifying and describing the generic action:

Name

An internal name of the generic action.

DisplayName

Name of the generic action that will be displayed to the user.

Description

Description of the generic action.

ScriptLocation

Location of the execution script.

Arguments

Defines arguments (input fields) that a user will enter prior to executing the generic action. The following elements define an argument:

type

Defines the type of the argument

DisplayName

Name of the argument that will be displayed

required

Indicates a required field

Define a Generic Action Execution Script

Define a generic action execution script file.

A job can be selected from the Job Monitoring page of Access Web, and an action can be executed. This generic action allows a command and command options to be entered. Access Web will then run the command.



Example of Generic Action for a Single Cluster

Below is an example of a generic action for the server "hpccluster", stored in a JSON file called genericactions.json.

```
"hpccluster": [{
  "Name": "qstat",
  "DisplayName": "Qstat of Job",
  "Description": "Qstat of Job",
  "ScriptLocation": "/stage/GenericActions/qstat.py",
  "Arguments": {
   "jobid": {
    "type": "string",
    "DisplayName": "Job ID"
   "required": ["jobid"]
 },
  "Name": "Tracejob",
  "DisplayName": "Tracejob of Job",
  "Description": "Tracejob of Job",
  "ScriptLocation": "/stage/GenericActions/tracejob.py",
  "Arguments": {
   "jobid": {
    "type": "string",
    "DisplayName": "Job ID"
   "required": ["jobid"]
 },
  "Name": "Distributed Tracejob",
  "DisplayName": "Distributed Tracejob of Job",
  "Description": "Distributed Tracejob of Job",
  "ScriptLocation": "/stage/GenericActions/dtj.py",
  "Arguments": {
   "jobid": {
    "type": "string",
    "DisplayName": "Job ID"
   "required": ["jobid"]
  "Name": "Node Status",
  "DisplayName": "Node status of cluster",
  "Description": "Node status of cluster",
  "ScriptLocation": "/stage/GenericActions/nodestatus.py",
  "Arguments": {
   "jobid":
    "type": "string",
    "DisplayName": "Job ID"
   "required": [ ]
 }
]
```



Example of Generic Action for a Multiple Cluster

Below is an example of a generic action for the server "hpccluster-1" and "hpccluster-2", stored in a JSON file called genericactions.json.

```
"hpccluster-1": [{
  "Name": "qstat",
  "DisplayName": "Qstat of Job",
  "Description": "Qstat of Job",
  "ScriptLocation": "/stage/GenericActions/qstat.py",
  "Arguments": {
   "jobid": {
    "type": "string",
    "DisplayName": "Job ID"
   "required": ["jobid"]
 },
  "Name": "Tracejob",
  "DisplayName": "Tracejob of Job",
  "Description": "Tracejob of Job",
  "ScriptLocation": "/stage/GenericActions/tracejob.py",
  "Arguments": {
   "jobid": {
    "type": "string",
    "DisplayName": "Job ID"
   "required": ["jobid"]
 },
  "Name": "Distributed Tracejob",
  "DisplayName": "Distributed Tracejob of Job",
  "Description": "Distributed Tracejob of Job",
  "ScriptLocation": "/stage/GenericActions/dtj.py",
  "Arguments": {
   "jobid": {
    "type": "string",
    "DisplayName": "Job ID"
   "required": ["jobid"]
  "Name": "Node Status",
  "DisplayName": "Node status of cluster",
  "Description": "Node status of cluster",
  "ScriptLocation": "/stage/GenericActions/nodestatus.py",
  "Arguments": {
   "jobid":
    "type": "string",
    "DisplayName": "Job ID"
   "required": [ ]
]
"hpccluster-2": [{
  "Name": "Queue Hold",
```



```
"DisplayName": "Queue hold a job",
  "Description": "Queue hold a job",
  "ScriptLocation": "/stage/GenericActions/qhold.py",
  "Arguments": {
   "jobid": {
    "type": "string",
    "DisplayName": "Job ID"
   "required": ["jobid"]
 },
  "Name": "Queue Release",
  "DisplayName": "Queue release a job",
  "Description": "Queue release a job",
  "ScriptLocation": "/stage/GenericActions/qrls.py",
  "Arguments": {
   "jobid": {
    "type": "string",
    "DisplayName": "Job ID"
   "required": ["jobid"]
 },
  "Name": "Suspend a job ",
  "DisplayName": "Suspend a job",
  "Description": "Suspend a job",
  "ScriptLocation": "/stage/GenericActions/gsig.py",
  "Arguments": {
   "jobid": {
    "type": "string",
    "DisplayName": "Job ID"
   "required": ["jobid"]
 },
 "Name": "Delete jobs ",
  "DisplayName": "Delete job(s)",
  "Description": "Delete job(s)",
  "ScriptLocation": "/stage/GenericActions/qdel.py",
  "Arguments": {
   "jobid": {
    "type": "string",
   "DisplayName": "Job ID"
   "required": ["jobid"]
]
```

Execution Script

The generic action script is a python script that is responsible for executing the generic action, using the information entered by the user (defined by the generic action JSON file). You can directly edit this script, taking full advantage of Python to add further inspection and complexity to the execution of the generic action. In this example, the python script will create a subprocess to execute the command entered by the user.

import subprocess, sys, os



```
def execcmd(cmd):
            try:
                        p = subprocess.Popen(cmd, shell=True, stdout=subprocess.PIPE,
stderr=subprocess.STDOUT)
                        data = ""
                        for line in p.stdout.readlines():
                                     data = data + line
            except:
                        errTtype = sys.exc_type
                                     errName = errTtype.__name__
                        except AttributeError:
                                    errName = errType
                        data = "Error: " + str(errName) + " --- " + str(sys.exc value)
            return data
cmd = "/opt/pbs/bin/qstat -fx " + sys.argv[2]
print (cmd)
print execcmd(cmd)
sys.stdout.flush()
```

11.1.12 Map a File Extensions to an Icon

Map icons to a file extension in the Access Web application.

Access Web displays customized file types and icons when viewing remote files.

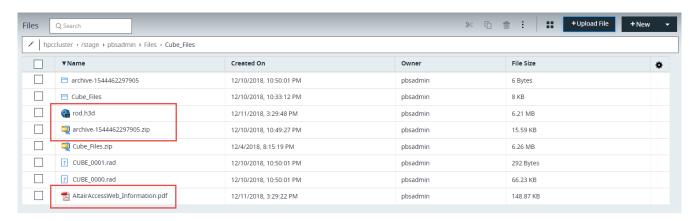


Figure 20: File Icon Mapping

The file icons are mapped to a file extension in the JSON file, fileextensions.json and the location of this file is at PA_HOME/config/pa/

The file icon image file must be placed at the location PA HOME/config/pa/fileicons/

Below is an example of a file extension and icon that has been mapped in fileextensions.json located at PA HOME/config/pa/:



The XML attributes of the file extension mapping file is as follows:

name

The file extension.

displayText

Access Web will display this as the files type.

icon

Icon image file located at PA HOME/config/pa/fileicons/

11.1.13 Set Maximum Page Size for Files

Set the maximum file size (in bytes) for displaying a file in a single page.

The default is 5000 bytes.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to PA HOME/config/pa/
- **3.** Open the configuration.json file and change the value of the filechunksize.

```
"filechunksize": 5000
```

11.1.14 Install and Configure SSL Certificate

Install and configure SSL certificate on the server to secure communication.

If you do not have a valid domain certificate for your site, you need to create a Certificate Signing Request (CSR) and order your certificate.

- 1. You should have received a your_domain_name.pem file from Certificate Authority which contains both your primary certificate and the intermediate certificate. If you have that .pem file, you can skip to Step 4.
- 2. Download the intermediate (Intermediate.crt) and your primary certificate (your_domain_name.crt) files.
- **3.** Copy these files, along with the .key file you generated when creating the CSR, to the directory on the server where the certificate and key files are kept.



4. Concatenate the primary certificate file (your_domain_name.crt) and the intermediate certificate file (Intermediate.crt) into a single .pem file by running the following command:

```
cat your_domain_name.crt Intermediate.crt >> bundle.crt
```

- 5. Navigate to PA HOME/config/api_gateway/
- **6.** Open the nginx.conf file and update the following line:

```
server
{
    ssl on;
    ssl_certificate /etc/ssl/your_domain_name.pem; (or bundle.crt)
    ssl_certificate_key /etc/ssl/your_domain_name.key;
}
```

- ssl_certificate should be your primary certificate combined with the intermediate certificate (your domain name.crt).
- ssl certificate key should be the .key file generated when you created the CSR.
- 7. Restart Access Web by entering the following command:

```
service pbsworks-pa restart
```

11.1.15 Enable Mobile Notification Service

Enable mobile notification service in Access Web so that the job status notification is displayed in Access Mobile.

You must stop Access Web before enabling mobile notification service. For more information about stopping Access Web, see Access Web Service Commands.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to PA HOME/config/shared/
- **3.** Open the deployment.ini file.
- **4.** Add the following line under pa deploy options section:

```
option=("mobile notification service")
```

5. Start Access Web using the following command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```

11.1.16 Customize Login Page

Customize Access Web login page with custom branding information.

Customize the Access Web login page with your company's logo, as well as a custom message that is displayed below the login prompt.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Add the branding logo at PA HOME/config/pa/branding/
- 3. Edit PA HOME/config/pa/configuration.json
- **4.** Update the path of the branding logo in *appLogo*.

For example:



"appLogo": "/config/pa/branding/company-logo.png"

5. Update the description of the branding information in appDescription For example:

"appDescription": "ALTAIR PBSWORKS HPC PORTAL"

6. Refresh your Access Web browser to reflect the login screen with branding logo and description. For example, Access Web with branding logo and description will be displayed as follows:



Figure 21: Access Web Login Page with Branding Logo and Description

11.1.17 Switch to Use the Locally Installed Webhelp

Configure Access Web to point to the locally installed webhelp when there is no internet connectivity and the internet version of the webhelp is not reachable.

Download or obtain the Access Web help using your Altair support channels.

Access Web will now fetch and display the latest version of the User Guide (WebHelp) from Altair Connect. As a fall back, the application can also be configured to use a local copy of the help.

Perform these steps to configure and view the local copy of the help.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- **2.** Copy the Access Web help zip file to PA_HOME/data/pa/
- 3. Unzip the Access Web help zip file.
- **4.** Edit the PA_HOME/config/pa/configuration.json file.
- **5.** Update the *helpurl* path to the local webhelp folder path.



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Note: By default, the helpurl path mentioned is the Altair Connect path.

6. Change the Altair Connect default path to the local webhelp folder path as follows:

"helpurl": "/data/pa/webhelp/index.htm"

7. Refresh the Access Web browser.



11.2 Configure PBS Application Services

Information about configuration files, verification of your PAS installation, post-installation configuration and tasks.

11.2.1 PAS Configuration Files

Configuration files that are installed with PAS.

Application Definitions

Application definitions are a feature of PAS and are used to submit jobs using the power and flexibility of PAS. Application definitions are stored in the PAS application directory. The default location of this directory is:

PA HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/repository/applications/

Site Configuration File

A default site configuration file, site-config.xml, is installed in the PAS configuration directory. The location of this file for a typical installation of PAS is: PA_HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/repository/

This file is a central repository for site specific information that can be used across all application definitions. The default site configuration file installed with PAS is basically a template. Initially, you may use the default site configuration file as is, but as you become accustomed to working with application definitions, you may choose to modify the site configuration file per your site's needs. A tutorial and several recipes are available within *Diving Into Application Definitions* showing several ways that the site configuration file can be used with an application definition. For an overview of the site configuration file see Sitewide Settings on page 57.

Server Configuration File

A server configuration file, <code>server.conf</code>, is also installed in the PAS configuration directory. This file contains all configurable parameters available with PAS. The location of this file for a typical installation of PAS is: PA HOME/config/pas/conf

11.2.2 Configure System Zip Utility

Configure PAS to use the system compression utility.

By default, PAS uses zip 3.0 utility to compress the file.



Configure System Zip Utility to Compress by Updating Python Script

Enable the system zip utility to compress the files by updating the Python Script.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- **2.** Edit the PA EXEC/pas/scripts/FileCompress.py file.
- **3.** Before zipcmd = [zip_full_path_normalized] + ['-rq'] + [compressionSpeed] line, add the following: zip full path normalized = '/usr/bin/zip'

The /usr/bin/zip is the path where the system zip utility is located.



Note: If you do not specify the system zip utility path, then PAS zip utility will be used to compress the files.

Configure System Zip Utility to Compress without Updating Python Script

Enable the system zip utility to compress the files without updating the python script.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to PA EXEC/pas/bin/Linux-x86 64.
- 3. Rename the existing zip utility to zip backup.
- **4.** Create a soft link to link to the system installed zip utility:

```
ln -s /usr/bin/zip zip
```

The /usr/bin/zip mentioned, is the path where the system zip utility is located.



Note: Restore the permission of the changed zip utility.

11.2.3 Configure System Unzip Utility

Configure PAS to use the system uncompression utility.

By default, PAS uses unzip 6.0 utility to uncompress the file.

Configure System Unzip Utility to Uncompress by Updating Python Script

Enable the system unzip utility to uncompress the files by updating the Python Script.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the PA EXEC/pas/scripts/FileUncompress.py file.



3. Before files_list_cmd = [unzip_full_path_normalized] + ['-lqq'] + [archive] line, add the following: unzip_full_path_normalized = '/usr/bin/unzip'

The /usr/bin/unzip is the path where the system unzip utility is located.



Note: If you do not specify the system unzip utility path, then PAS unzip utility will be used to uncompress the files.

Configure System Unzip Utility to Uncompress without Updating Python Script

Enable the system unzip utility to uncompress the files without updating the python script.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to PA EXEC/pas/bin/Linux-x86 64
- 3. Rename the existing unzip utility to unzip backup.
- **4.** Create a soft link to link to the system installed unzip utility:

ln -s /usr/bin/unzip unzip

The /usr/bin/unzip mentioned, is the path where the system unzip utility is located.



Note: Restore the permission of the changed unzip utility.

11.2.4 Configurable Parameters

Parameters that can be modified to configure the behavior of PAS.

PAS stores its configuration data in a file called PA HOME/config/pas/conf/server.conf.

All parameters are stored in key=value pairs. Spaces and tabs are preserved (as spaces) and providing quotes around values is optional. As spaces are preserved, do not use key = value (notice the space surrounding the =) unless spaces are intentional. Empty lines beginning with a comment symbol (i.e., #) are ignored.

Standard Configuration Parameters

A description of the standard parameters for configuration of the PAS Server.

LOGGING_CONFIG_FILE_RELATIVE

The PAS logging configuration file (Log4J) which is used to configure logging levels. Since the PAS uses Log4J as its logging and tracing API, you can access additional information on Log4J via the Apache Log4J website at http://logging.apache.org/log4j

Default value is server-log.xml.



ADMIN_USER

The PAS administration account (for example, pbsadmin) that has complete control over the PAS Server. This account is required for any remote PAS administration tasks.

On Linux, the administration account can be a non-privileged user account that has been granted manager status for PBS Professional, and can be changed after installation.

Default value is pbsadmin.

LOGIN MODULE NAME

The PAS authentication module. PAS uses the Java Authentication and Authorization Service (JAAS) as its authentication abstraction layer.

Default value is UnixLogin.

STAGE ROOT

The PAS file staging location.

Default value is /stage.

This directory must exist prior to the installation of PAS. The staging directory is where the necessary files are transferred after job submission (via a client for example, PBS Portals or Access Web), but prior to the portal submitting the job to PAS for transfer to PBS Professional for execution. When PBS Professional selects the job for execution, the files are stagedin to the execution host from the staging directory. Upon job completion, any files the job wants to retain are staged-out by PBS Professional to the staging directory, and the client retrieves them from there when it is ready to do so. Customer written portals may choose to do the same, but are not required to do so.

The value of STAGE_ROOT can be set to point to the user's home directory by using the variable \$USER HOME (for example: \$USER HOME/stage) after installation.

FILE_TRANSFER_PROTOCOL

The PAS file transfer mechanism. Default value is http.

FILE EXPIRATION TIME

The PAS stage area file expiration time. That is, the age in days after which data is removed from the staging directory (as defined by the STAGE_ROOT parameter) and its subdirectories with the exception of the profiles directory. Files in the profiles directory are never removed by PAS. The default value is 14.

ZIP_COMPRESSION_SPEED

Compression speed value for the zip compression utility. The value of -0 is the fastest with no compression (Store), the value of -9 is the slowest with maximum compression. Default value is -1.

MAX LIST FILES COUNT

The number of files to be returned by the FileList API. Allows sites to impose limits on how many files are returned to improve the response time of Access Web remote file operations.

Default value is 1000.

BUFFER SIZE

Maximum buffer size for file operations in bytes. Default value is 65536.



JSCH_REQUEST_TIMEOUT

The JSCH request timeout value. The default value is 30000.

MAX_EXECUTION_TIME

Maximum process execution time in minutes. The default value is 5 minutes.

MODERN_COMMUNICATION_ENABLED

A modern communication infrastructure for faster running job operations. Enabling this will use modern communication layer for faster running job operations. Default value is True.

For more information about modern communication, refer to Modern Communication Setup.

MODERN_COMMUNICATION_SHARED_LIBS

Location of python modules needed for modern communication for Job operations. This directory should be present on all MOMs.

For more information about modern communication, refer to Modern Communication Setup.

MQ_PROTOCOL

Message broker protocol used for modern communication. The default message broker protocol used is PAS.

MQ HOSTNAME

Message broker server hostname used for modern communication.

MQ PORT

Message borker port number used for modern communication. The default port number is 4222. For more information about modern communication port, refer to Change the PAS Messaging Port Number.

Advanced Configuration Parameters

Optional parameters available for advanced configurations of the PAS Server.

PYTHON_PATH

The PAS Python binary. PAS requires that each PBS execution host provide a standard Python binary. The full path to your systems Python binary can be changed here.

Default path is \$PBS EXEC/bin/pbs python.

The PBS Professional daemon pbs_mom will look for a binary called pbs_python in PBS_EXEC/bin. If using custom actions or any other operations that involve the pbs_mom accessing this pbs_python (aka python binary) there may be problems if the python libraries are not located in the standard locations relative to PBS_EXEC/bin/pbs_python. If Python is installed elsewhere a link to (Linux)the actual python binary must exist as PBS EXEC/bin/pbs python.

PBS_DATA_REFRESH_TIME

Time interval in minutes to fetch PBS related data like qmgr, queues etc. Default value is 15.

SSH_LOGGER_ENABLE

SSH Log enabling. Default value is False.



STAGE_ROOT_TEMP_DIR

Temporary folder for zip/download API.

Default stage root temporary directory path is / tmp. The default path can be changed to $STAGE\ ROOT/tmp$.

JSON_SCHEMA_VALIDATION

JSON Schema Validation. Default value is False.

11.2.5 Configure PBS Resources

Configure PBS resources in PAS.

You can install PAS on a separate machine from the PBS Professional Server as a failover server. The PBS Professional <code>flatuid</code> attribute must be set to True. This attribute specifies whether, for each user, the username at the submission host must be the same as the one at the Server host. The username at the Server host must always be the same as the username at the execution host. When <code>flatuid</code> is set to <code>True</code>, the Server assumes that <code>UserA@host1</code> is the same as <code>UserA@host2</code>. Therefore, if <code>flatuid</code> is <code>True</code>, <code>UserA@host2</code> can operate on <code>UserA@host1</code>'s job. Follow these steps to set <code>flatuid</code> to <code>True</code>. These steps must be performed either by root or a PBS manager.

- 1. Login to the PBS Server.
- 2. At the command line, enter the command:

```
qmgr -c "print server"
```

3. If the attribute *flatuid* is equal to False or is not set (you do not see it in the output from the print server command), then set the value to True by issuing the command:

```
qmgr -c "set server flatuid=true"
```

11.2.6 Configure JVM Performance

Configure the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) heap size of PAS.

Currently, the default JVM heap size is 1024 MB. If OutOfMemory errors or warnings are reported in the PAS log file, this value should be increased. It can be increased in multiples of 256 MB.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the script PA EXEC/pas/scripts/setenv.sh.
- **3.** Modify the JVM argument -Xmx1024m:

```
JAVA_OPTS="$JAVA_OPTS -Xmx1024m -XX:PermSize=128m -XX:MaxPermSize=128m"
```

4. Restart Access Web by entering the following command:

```
service pbsworks-pa restart
```



11.3 Configure the Remote Session Component

Configurations when you install remote session component.

11.3.1 Change the Session Timeout for Interactive Applications

Change the remote session timeout when it is getting closed or killed because of inactivity over the client connection.

The default remote session timeout is 30 minutes. The session is killed if the user does not access the remote session within this time.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Edit the file PA HOME/config/displaymanager/dmrest.properties
- **3.** Update the value of jobaction.expiry time in seconds.

```
#session expiry time(seconds)
    jobaction.expiry time=1800
```

11.3.2 Update the Remote Session Service when there is a Job Submission Host Change

Update the remote session service when the hostname or IP address of the job submission host changes.

Interactive jobs connect to the remote session service to provide job status updates. When the hostname or IP address of the machine where Access Web is installed changes, the remote session service must be updated with the new value.



Note: This hostname or IP address must be accessible from all execution hosts.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to PA HOME/config/displaymanager/
- 3. Edit the file dmrest.properties
- **4.** Update the value of <code>jobsub.monitor.host</code> to the new hostname or IP address.

```
#Enables handling asynchronous job updates.
    jobsub.monitor.host=dm-05
    jobsub.monitor.port=4909
```



11.3.3 Configure GPU Limits when the Number of GPUs Change

Reconfigure the remote session component when GPUs are added or removed from a cluster.

The installer configures all the node and cluster limits for GPUs. Follow the below procedure in situations where these limits might change (e.g. a node going down or being removed, adding new graphical nodes post-installation, etc.)

Modify the Cluster GPU Limit

Modify the available number of GPUs in a cluster when graphical nodes or devices are added or removed.

A queue (iworkq) is created when the remote session installer is run on the PBS Server. This queue exclusively handles interactive job requests. An attribute is set on the queue which limits the number of GPUs that can be allocated to jobs queued in or running from this queue. Modify the value of this attribute to accommodate any changes in the limit due to the addition or removal of graphical nodes or devices.

- 1. Login to the machine hosting the PBS Server as root or a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Enter the command:

```
qmgr -c "p q iworkq"
```

Output similar to the below is displayed.

```
# Create queues and set their attributes.
#
# Create and define queue iworkq
#
create queue iworkq
set queue iworkq queue_type = Execution
set queue iworkq Priority = 150
set queue iworkq max_queued_res.ngpus = [o:PBS_ALL=5*]
set queue iworkq resources_max.ngpus = 1
set queue iworkq resources_min.ngpus = 1
set queue iworkq enabled = True
set queue iworkq started = True
```

The value of <code>max_queued_res.ngpus</code> is the available GPU limit for the cluster. This is the cumulative number of all the GPUs available in the cluster managed by the PBS server.

3. Change the value of max queued resingus using the command:

```
qmgr -c "set queue iworkq max_queued_res.ngpus= [o:PBS_ALL=<GPUS>]"
```

where *<GPUS>* is the new number of GPUs available in the cluster.



Modify the Node GPU Limit

Modify the available number of GPUs for any execution hosts when graphical nodes or devices are added or removed.

When the remote session installer is run on the PBS MoM, an attribute is set on each graphical node which defines the number of available GPUs for the node. Modify the value of this attribute to accommodate any changes in the limit due to the addition or removal of GPUs.



Note: This must be done for any execution hosts that have had graphical nodes or devices added or removed.

- 1. Login to the machine hosting the PBS Server as root or a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Enter the command:

```
pbsnodes -a
```

Output similar to the below is displayed.

```
interactive-05
    Mom = interactive-05.cad.company.com
    Port = 15002
    pbs version = PBSPro 13.1.3.170747
    ntype = PBS
    state = free
    pcpus = 32
    resources available.arch = linux
    resources available.host = interactive-05
    resources available.mem = 131727204kb
    resources available.ncpus = 32
    resources_available.ngpus = 3
    resources available.vnode = interactive-05
    resources_assigned.accelerator_memory = 0kb
    resources_assigned.mem = 0kb
    resources_assigned.naccelerators = 0
    resources_assigned.ncpus = 0
    resources_assigned.netwins = 0
    resources_assigned.ngpus = 0
    resources assigned.vmem = 0kb
    resv enable = True
    sharing = default shared
```

The value of <code>resources_available.ngpus</code> is the available GPU limit for the node, this is the cumulative number of all the graphical devices available for a particular node.

3. Change the value of resources available.ngpus using the command:

```
qmgr -c "set node <VNODENAME> resources_available.ngpus=<NGPUS>"
```

where *<VNODENAME>* is the name of the node and *<NGPUS>* is the new number of GPUs available on this execution host.



11.4 Configure Results Visualization Service

This sections provides relevant information for the administrator in configuring the Results Visualization Service (RVS).

11.4.1 Activate Solver Files Readers

You can activate the result data files such as Abaqus, CFX, Fluent, and STAR-CCM+ that are not supported by default.

Solver log file readers are already present in the standard installation of HyperWorks, but they are not activated by default. Enable them by activating a HyperWorks plotting preference file.

Activate the Abaqus Reader

Activate the Abaqus reader so that Abaqus data files can be read by HyperWorks.

- 1. Edit the file at HW EXEC/hw/prefinc/preferences common plot.mvw
- **2.** Locate the following line of code:

```
*RegisterExternalColumnReader({external_readers_dir + "/hgtextcolumn.exe"})
```

3. Add the following line of code directly before the code referenced in the previous step to activate the Abaqus reader:

```
*RegisterExternalReader({external readers dir + "/hgabaqus.exe"}, "", ascii)
```

The code looks like this when you are done.

```
*RegisterExternalReader({external_readers_dir + "/hgabaqus.exe"}, "", "", ascii)
*RegisterExternalColumnReader({external readers dir + "/hgtextcolumn.exe"})
```

Activate the CFX Reader

Activate the CFX reader so that CFX data files can be processed by HyperWorks.

- 1. Edit the file at HW EXEC/hw/prefinc/preferences_common_plot.mvw
- 2. Locate the following line of code:

```
*RegisterExternalColumnReader({external readers dir + "/hgtextcolumn.exe"})
```

3. Add the following line of code directly before the code referenced in the previous step to activate the CFX reader:

```
*RegisterExternalReader({external readers dir + "/hgCFX.exe"}, "", "", ascii)
```

The code looks like this when you are done.

```
*RegisterExternalReader({external_readers_dir + "/hgCFX.exe"}, "", "", ascii)
*RegisterExternalColumnReader({external readers dir + "/hgtextcolumn.exe"})
```



Activate the Fluent Reader

Activate the Fluent reader so that Fluent data files can be processed by HyperWorks.

- 1. Edit the file at HW EXEC/hw/prefinc/preferences common plot.mvw
- 2. Locate the following line of code:

```
*RegisterExternalColumnReader({external readers dir + "/hgtextcolumn.exe"})
```

3. Add the following line of code directly before the code referenced in the previous step to activate the Fluent reader:

```
*RegisterExternalReader({external readers dir + "/hgfluent.exe"}, "", ascii)
```

The code looks like this when you are done.

```
*RegisterExternalReader({external_readers_dir + "/hgfluent.exe"}, "", "", ascii)
*RegisterExternalColumnReader({external_readers_dir + "/hgtextcolumn.exe"})
```

Activate the STAR-CCM+ Reader

Activate the STAR-CCM reader so that STAR-CCM data files can be processed by HyperWorks.

- 1. Edit the file at HW EXEC/hw/prefinc/preferences common plot.mvw
- 2. Locate the following line of code:

```
*RegisterExternalColumnReader({external readers dir + "/hgtextcolumn.exe"})
```

3. Add the following line of code directly before the code referenced in the previous step to activate the STAR-CCM reader:

```
*RegisterExternalReader({external readers dir + "/hgStarCCM.exe"}, "", "", ascii)
```

The code looks like this when you are done.

```
*RegisterExternalReader({external_readers_dir + "/hgStarCCM.exe"}, "", "", ascii)
*RegisterExternalColumnReader({external readers dir + "/hgtextcolumn.exe"})
```

4. Copy the hgstarccm executable from the user download area to HW_EXEC/io/abf_readers/bin/linux64

11.4.2 Supported Result File Types

The supported result file types supported by Access Web for visualizing Plot and Animation.

Table 2: Supported Result File Types for Plotting

Results File Format	Plot Data	Animation Data	Default TOC Type
Radioss Bulk			
*.op2	Yes	Yes	Animation
*.h3d	Yes	Yes	Animation
*.res	Yes	NA	Plot



Results File Format	Plot Data	Animation Data	Default TOC Type	
*.pch	Yes	NA	Plot	
*.gz	Yes	Yes	Animation	
Radioss Block	Radioss Block			
*A00#	Yes	Yes	Animation	
*.T##	Yes	NA	Plot	
*.gz	Yes	Yes	Animation	
Optistruct			,	
*.op2	Yes	Yes	Animation	
*.h3d	Yes	Yes	Animation	
*.res	Yes	NA	Plot	
*.pch	Yes	NA	Plot	
*.hgdata	Yes	NA	Plot	
MotionSolve			,	
*.mrf	Yes	NA	Plot	
*.plt	Yes	NA	Plot	
*.h3d	Yes	Yes	Animation	
*.maf	Yes	NA	Plot	
Abaqus				
*.odb	Yes	Yes	Animation	
*.dat	Yes	NA	Plot	
*.out	Yes	NA	Plot	
ADAMS				
*.req	Yes	NA	Plot	
*.res	Yes	NA	Plot	
*.nam	Yes	NA	Plot	



Results File Format	Plot Data	Animation Data	Default TOC Type	
*.rsp	Yes	NA	Plot	
*.shl	Yes	NA	Plot	
*.sta	Yes	NA	Plot	
Ansys	Ansys			
*.rst	Yes	Yes	Animation	
*.rth	Yes	Yes	Animation	
*.rth	Yes	Yes	Animation	
CFX				
*.out	Yes	NA	Plot	
Fluent				
*.out	Yes	NA	Plot	
output.*	Yes	NA	Plot	
*.trn	Yes	NA	Plot	
.txt	Yes	NA	Plot	
Ls-Dyna				
d3plot	Yes	Yes	Animation	
*dynain	Yes	Yes	Animation	
*.fz	Yes	Yes	Animation	
Intfor	Yes	Yes	Animation	
Ptf	Yes	Yes	Animation	
ABSTAT	Yes	NA	Plot	
BINOUT	Yes	Yes	Animation	
BNDOUT	Yes	Yes	Animation	
DBFSI	Yes	NA	Plot	
DEFORC	Yes	NA	Plot	



Results File Format	Plot Data	Animation Data	Default TOC Type		
*.dyn	Yes	NA	Plot		
ELOUT	Yes	NA	Plot		
GLSTAT	Yes	NA	Plot		
GECOUT	Yes	NA	Plot		
JNTFORC	Yes	NA	Plot		
MATSUM	Yes	NA	Plot		
NCFORC	Yes	NA	Plot		
NODFOR	Yes	NA	Plot		
NODOUT	Yes	NA	Plot		
RBDOUT	Yes	NA	Plot		
RCFORC	Yes	NA	Plot		
RWFOC	Yes	NA	Plot		
SBTOUT	Yes	NA	Plot		
SECFORC	Yes	NA	Plot		
SLEOUT	Yes	NA	Plot		
SPHOUT	Yes	NA	Plot		
SWFORC	Yes	NA	Plot		
NanoFluidX	NanoFluidX				
nFX	Yes	No	NA		
UltraFluidX					
uFX	Yes	No	NA		
HyperXtrude					
*.h3d	Yes	Yes	Animation		
*.out	Yes	NA	Plot		
FEMZIP					



Results File Format	Plot Data	Animation Data	Default TOC Type
*.fz	Yes	Yes	Animation
d3plot	Yes	Yes	Animation
HW ASCII			
*.hwascii	Yes	Yes	Animation
MADYMO			
*.fai	Yes	NA	Plot
*.kn3	Yes	Yes	Animation
Marc			
*.t16	Yes	Yes	Animation
Nastran			
*.op2	Yes	Yes	Animation
*.pch	Yes	NA	Plot
NIKE3D			
*n3plot	Yes	Yes	Animation
Pamcrash			
*.DSY	Yes	Yes	Animation
*.erfh5	Yes	Yes	Animation
*.THP	Yes	NA	Plot
*.fz	Yes	Yes	Animation
*.h3d	Yes	Yes	Animation
Permas			
*A##	Yes	Yes	Animation
Other Ascii formats			
*.xgr	Yes	NA	Plot
*.dat	Yes	NA	Plot



Results File Format	Plot Data	Animation Data	Default TOC Type
*.col	Yes	NA	Plot
*.csv	Yes	NA	Plot
*.rvp	Yes	NA	Plot



Note: The default TOC type (plot or animation) will be identified depending on the file type registration and the parameter <code>isDefault</code> in the <code>plugin def.xml</code> file.

11.4.3 RVS Cache Data

Enable data caching for RVS. The fetched result file data is stored as a RVS cache data in the configured RVS server.

Set RVS Data Cleanup

To improve the performance of visualizing the result files you can configure the RVS data cleanup for the RVS cache data.

To configure the RVS data files refer to Configure Data Directory.

Scheduling data cleanup avoids overlaing the database and server's disk space. You can configure the RVS data cleanup criteria settings in <code>site_config.xml</code> file. The recurring cleanup can be configured in these formats: Daily, Weekly or Monthly.



Note: By default, the RVS data cleanup is set for Weekly Sun 1:00 AM.

If you wish to setup the cleanup criteria on a daily basis, you need to specify the time as DAILY 21:45 which represents everyday at 9:45 PM.

If you wish to setup the cleanup criteria weekly, you need to specify the days and the time. Here are a few examples:

WEEKLY SUN 14:30 represents every Sunday in a week at 2:30 PM.

WEEKLY MON-FRI 1:00 represents the range of days in a week. Every Monday to Friday at 1 AM.

WEEKLY MON, WED 3:00 represents the days Monday and Wednesday in a week at 3 AM.

If you wish to setup the cleanup criteria monthly, you would need to specify the days and time. Here are a few examples:

MONTHLY 15 15:30 represents the every 15th day in a month at 3:30 PM.

MONTHLY 10-20 1:30 represents every 10th day to 20th day in a month at 1:30 AM.

MONTHLY 1, 11, 21 8:00 represents every 1st day, 11th day and 21st day in a month at 8 AM.



Schedule RVS Data Cleanup

You can configure the recurring RVS data cleanup criteria settings in site config.xml file.

Follow the steps given here:

- 1. Open the file at PA HOME/config/resultservice/config/site config.xml
- **2.** Set the value of cleanup time *<CleanupTime>* indicate when the cleanup should occur. The below example will set the cleanup daily at 1AM.

```
<CleanupTime>DAILY 01:00</CleanupTime>
```

- 3. Enter the cleanup time in 24 hours format.
- 4. Choose one of the cleanup criteria to cleanup the untouched RVS data.
 - Specify the value of cleanup criteria <noofDays>. The RVS data that is not accessed for the specified number of days is considered for the cleanup.

```
<Criterion id="LAST_ACCESSED_TIME_BASED" noOfDays="30"
class="com.altair.hwe.publish.resultsmanager.defaultimpl.LastAccessed
TimeBasedCriterion"/>
```

• Specify the value of cleanup criteria <noofDays>. The RVS data that is not modified for the specified number of days is considered for the cleanup.

```
<Criterion id="LAST_MODIFIED_TIME_BASED" noOfDays="100"
class="com.altair.hwe.publish.resultsmanager.defaultimpl.LastModified
TimeBasedCriterion"/>
</CleanupCriteria>
```

5. Replace the criterion id with the framework element value to configure the RVS data cleanup. <Criterion id="FRAMEWORK CACHE CLEANUP CRITERIA">

The following snippet is set with Daily cleanup time and the chosen cleanup criteria is, the last modified time to clean the RVS data.

6. Save the file and restart Access Web using the command, service pbsworks-pa restart.



11.4.4 Configure RVS Parameters

Main parameters related to RVS in Access Web.

Parameters for Result Service

The default value of the result service parameters are stored and listed in the following file site config.xml. This file is located at PA HOME/config/resultservice/config/site config.xml.

Parameter in site_config.xml

TOC Size

The maximum TOC size-limit in bytes.

Default value is 2097152 (In bytes).

Configure the maximum TOC size using the parameter <SizeLimit toc="2097152">.

AIF Impersonation

The result file computation and license check out are processed for the access user.

Default value is set to true.

If the value is changed to False, then the RVS result file computation and license check out are processed using the concern administrator's credentials.

Configure the RVS impersonation using <AIFImpersonation enabled ="true">

Cache enabled

Enable or disable data caching for the RVS data extraction requests. For the repeated RVS file request, the data is fetched from the cache. This will speed up the RVS performance.

Default value is set to true. For a repeated RVS request, . This will speed up the

If the value is changed to false, for every RVS query, the result file data is fetched from the database. Overall, this setting slows down the RVS performance.

Configure the RVS data caching using <Cache enabled="true">.

Session defaultTimeout

The maximum amount of time the server should wait for a response from another application before disconnecting.

Default value is 6000 milliseconds.

Configure the session default timeout using <Session defaultTimeout="6000">.

Operation defaultTimeout

Is the maximum amount of time the server should wait before closing an old connection and creating a new connection.

Default value is 6000 milliseconds.

Configure the operation default timeout using Operation defaultTimeout="6000"

Parameter in resultmanager.conf

The parameter is located at PA HOME/config/api gateway/default.d/resultmanager.conf

Browser Timeout

The amount of time for the browser should wait to respond to any RVS requests. If the server doesn't respond beyond this timeout value then a browser timeout message appears.





Note: The timeout value doesn't interrupt any of the RVS background operations.

Default value is 600 seconds.

Configure the browser timeout for RVS requests in the line cproxy_read_timeout 600sec> and enter the timeout value in seconds.

Parameters for Hypermath

The default value of the parameters are stored and listed in the following file <code>plugin_def.xml</code>. This file is located at PA HOME/config/resultservice/plugins/hypermath application/plugin def.xml

Parameters in plugin_def.xml

Socket timeout for HMath

It is the maximum amount of time that the HMath server should wait to setup a connection with RVS.

Default value is 6000 milliseconds.

Configure the socket timeout for HMath in the line <application id="HYPERMATH_APPLICATION"> and enter the <socketTimeout="6000"> value.

Connection timeout for HMath

It is the maximum amount of time that the HMath server should wait to respond for the data query from RVS.

Default value is 6000 milliseconds.

Configure the connection timeout for HMath in the line <application id="HYPERMATH APPLICATION"> and enter the <connectionTimeout="6000"> value.

Request timeout for PBS datasource

It is the maximum amount of time that the RVS server will wait for a request from PAS.

Default value is 6000 milliseconds.

Configure the request timeout for PAS in the line <DataSourceHandler</pre>

id="PBS DATA SOURCE HANDLER"> and enter the <requestTimeout="6000"> value.

Connection timeout for PBS datasource

It is the maximum amount of time that the PAS server should wait to respond for the data query from RVS.

Default value is 6000 milliseconds.

Configure the connection timeout for PAS in the line <DataSourceHandler

id="PBS_DATA_SOURCE_HANDLER"> and enter the <connectionTimeout="6000"> value.



Modern Communication Setup

Enable modern infrastructure to improve the performance of running job operations on Windows and Linux.

This chapter covers the following:

- 12.1 Modern Communication Setup on Windows (p. 143)
- 12.2 Modern Communication Setup on Linux (p. 144)
- 12.3 Enable Modern Communication (p. 145)
- 12.4 Disable Modern Communication (p. 146)

Improvements have been made in the performance of running job operations by implementing a modern infrastructure. For 2019.2, this technology is enabled by default. For example, the performance of the below types of running jobs operations will be faster, reliable, strong and significantly improve the performance:

- Executing a custom action
- Generating h3d file custom action
- Starting a remote session
- File listing in Running directory

12.1 Modern Communication Setup on Windows

Enable the use of the modern infrastructure for faster running job operations on Windows.

The momclientmodules folder will be available in the PAS installation directory at PAS_INSTALL\PAS \exec\joboperation\binaries.

- **1.** Copy PAS_INSTALL\PAS\exec\joboperation\binaries\momclientmodules directory from the machine where PAS is installed to C:\ of the execution node.
- 2. Give Full control permissions to Everyone for the momclientmodules directory:
 - a) Right click on momclientmodules and select Properties.
 - b) Click Security tab.
 - c) Click Advanced.
 - d) Click Add and click on Select a Principal.
 - e) Type in Everyone and click Check Names
 - f) Click OK
 - g) Select Full Control on Permissions section.
 - h) Click OK.
- 3. Repeat the Step 1 and 2 for each PBS MoM.
- 4. Login to the machine where PAS is installed and perform the following steps
 - a) Edit PAS_INSTALL\PAS\home\config\pas\conf\server.conf file and update the distributed location:
 - MODERN COMMUNICATION SHARED LIBS=C:\momclientmodules
 - b) Restart service from the **AltairPASService** from Service Management Console.



12.2 Modern Communication Setup on Linux

Enable the use of the modern infrastructure for faster running job operations on Linux.

Before you begin:

- The location of modern communication can be local to compute nodes and does not require a shared location
- A user having password-less SSH must be present on Server and Mom(s)

The following steps will distribute modern communication module to all the Execution Nodes.

- 1. Navigate to the directory PA EXEC/joboperation/scripts
- 2. Execute the script modern communication modules (distribute_modern_comm_modules.py):

```
python distribute_modern_comm_modules.py
```

The script will guide you in distributing modern communication module.

- 3. Enter the location to distribute.
 - **Note:** Location of modules must be accessible by all users.
- **4.** Enter the user name who has password-less access across the nodes.
 - =

Note: User must present on all the PBS Server and PBS Mom machine(s) and they should be able to communicate without password.

The following message is displayed:

Do you want to override if modules already exist (Y/N). [Default: N]?

5. Enter y to override.

The script will display the inputs provided.

6. Enter Y to continue with the inputs provided.

The following information is displayed:

```
Transferring Client Modules to n2.lab.com...
Successfully transferred to 'n2.lab.com'
Transferring Client Modules to n1.lab.com...
Successfully transferred to 'n1.lab.com'
Updated PAS Configuration file successfully
```

7. Restart the Access Web by entering the command:

service pbsworks-pa restart



12.3 Enable Modern Communication

Enable modern communication for faster running job operations.

If you have not setup the modern communication on Linux earlier, then perform Modern Communication Setup on Linux before enabling Modern Communication.

Perform Modern Communication Setup on Linux before enabling Modern Communication.

By default, the modern communication is enabled when you install Access Web.

- 1. Login to Access Web application.
- **2.** Delete all the registered server from Access Web.
- **3.** Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- **4.** Stop Access Web by entering the following command:

```
service pbsworks-pa stop
```

5. Edit PA_HOME/config/pas/conf/server.conf file and update the value: MODERN COMMUNICATION ENABLED=true

- **6.** Copy PA_HOME/config/api_gateway/template_joboperation.conf to PA_HOME/config/api gateway/template.conf
- **7.** Start Access Web by entering the following command:

```
service pbsworks-pa start
```

8. Login to Access Web application and register the servers.



12.4 Disable Modern Communication

Disable modern communication for faster running job operations.

By default, the modern communication is enabled when you install Access Web. If Modern communication is disabled, then the performance of job operations will not be faster.

- 1. Login to Access Web application.
- 2. Delete all the registered server from Access Web.
- 3. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- **4.** Stop Access Web by entering the following command:

```
service pbsworks-pa stop
```

5. Edit PA_HOME/config/pas/conf/server.conf file and update the value:

MODERN COMMUNICATION ENABLED=false

- **6.** Copy PA_HOME/config/api_gateway/template_pyspawn.conf to PA_HOME/config/api_gateway/template.conf
- **7.** Start Access Web by entering the following command:

service pbsworks-pa start

8. Login to Access Web application and register the servers.



Application Definitions

PAS requires a predefined set of instructions, called application definitions, to describe your application parameters to users, store their responses, and prepare those responses for job execution via PBS Professional.

This chapter covers the following:

- 13.1 Application Definition Components (p. 148)
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- 13.3 Map Icons to an Application (p. 151)
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- 13.5 Administration of Application Definitions (p. 153)
- 13.6 Sitewide Settings (p. 155)
- 13.7 Interactive Application Definitions (p. 158)

An application definition provides a flexible set of instructions that can be manipulated to allow for precise control over all aspects of application-specific parameters and job execution. These application definitions are stored in a central repository and will make PBS Professional aware of each of them upon server startup. The location of the application directory for a typical installation of PAS is:PA_HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/repository/applications.

13.1 Application Definition Components

Overview of application definition components.

An application definition is comprised of a set of Python scripts and two XML files which could include references to site wide configuration settings. A separate application definition with application-specific details is required for each application that will be integrated into PAS. Application definitions are compliant with the Open Grid Forum High Performance Computing Basic Profile (HPCBP), Business Process Execution Language (BPEL), and Job Submission Description Language (JSDL) standards.

Application definitions are stored in the PAS application directory. The default location of this directory is: PA HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/repository/applications/.

Diving Into Application Definitions explains what an application definition is and how to use an application definition. If you are installing PAS for the first time and are not familiar with application definitions, then Diving Into Application Definitions is a good place to start. A set of tutorials is provided starting with how to create the simplest of application definitions and progressing to more advanced topics. Recipes are also available demonstrating advanced techniques. For more comprehensive information about application definitions and their associated files see Diving Into Application Definitions.

13.1.1 Application Input File

The application input file is where administrators can define the allowed arguments for a given application. This file is also used by graphical, web-based and even command-line tools to display these arguments to users for job submission.

The mandatory naming convention for the application input file is app-inp-applicationname.xml where applicationname is whatever name you choose to give your application.

13.1.2 Application Converter File (HPCBP Converter)

The application converter file is where administrators take the values received by the user via the input file and communicates this information to the PAS and PBS Professional. This file allows the PAS administrator to configure the job submission environment.

The mandatory naming convention for the application converter file is app-conv-applicationname.xml where applicationname is whatever name you decide to give to your application.

13.1.3 Application Runtime Scripts

The application runtime scripts are what really get executed on the execution hosts. The runtime script, start.py, is what will be executed as the "job script". This script file is responsible for executing



the application associated with your application definition, using the information entered by the user (defined by the application input file) and converted (via the application converter file). Additional scripts can also be included that support and enhance the runtime script. Administrators can directly edit these runtime script(s), taking full advantage of Python to add further inspection and complexity to job submission and finally execution of the application itself. This adds tremendous flexibility as nearly infinite possibilities for job control exist at this phase of job description.

For information about how to use runtime scripts see the tutorials *Enhancing your Application with Runtime Scripts, Executing Actions on a Running Job* and the *Recipes* section in *Diving Into Application Definitions*.

13.1.4 Site Configuration File

A default site configuration file, site-config.xml, is installed in the PAS configuration directory.

The site configuration file, <code>site-config.xml</code>, is meant to make application definitions more portable by consolidating data that may change from cluster to cluster in a central location. It is where administrators can define things like policies, version, and path information for all the available applications, billing account information, etc. The data in this file is used by the application input and converter files.

The location of this file for a typical installation of PAS is: PA_HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/repository/

For information on how to reference the site configuration file in an application definition see the tutorial *Maintaining Multiple Versions of an Application*, recipes *How to Configure & Use Sitewide Billing Accounts*, *How to Configure & Use Sitewide Policies*, and *How to Configure & Use Application Policies* section in *Diving Into Application Definitions*.



13.2 Sample Application Definition ShellScript

PAS provides a sample application definition, ShellScript, which is located in the application definition directory.

ShellScript is an example of how an administrator could create an application definition enabling users to use custom job scripts akin to the more common PBS Professional job script. ShellScript allows these job scripts to be written in any language by using its runtime script, start.py, to parse the first line (shebang line) to determine the correct interpreter to execute your job script against. ShellScript's versatility allows the following:

- extra arguments to be passed to the job script
- · specification of advanced multi-node placement options
- · the inclusion of additional files

This application definition in conjunction with the *Diving Into Application Definitions* documentation will assist administrators to create and deploy application definitions.



13.3 Map Icons to an Application

Map an icon to an application so that the icon gets displayed in the context menu and in the application list.

The application input file is where administrators can map an icon for a given application. The icon mapped in this file is displayed in the context menu and in the application list.



Note: Only Administrators can map an icon to the application.

- 1. Login to the machine where Access Web is installed as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- **2.** Navigate to PA_HOME/data/pas /targets/localhost/repository/applications/APPNAME. where APPNAME is the application folder. For example, let's assume that we are adding icon to the ShellScript application definition.
- 3. Create an avatar directory.
- 4. Navigate to the avatar directory.
- **5.** Place the application icon.
 - Place one image of size 16x16 for the context menu and the other image of size 64x64 for the list menu.
- **6.** Navigate to PA_HOME/data/pas /targets/localhost/repository/applications/ShellScript.
- 7. Edit the application input file and add the <applicationIconSmall> xml element to display the icon in context menu and <applicationIconMedium> xml element to display the icon in the application list.

```
<ApplicationId>ShellScript</ApplicationId>
<ApplicationName>ShellScript</ApplicationName>
<ApplicationExtension>.fem</ApplicationExtension>
<ApplicationIconSmall>ShellScriptIconSmall.jpg</ApplicationIconSmall>
<ApplicationIconMedium>ShellScriptIconMedium.jpg</ApplicationIconMedium>
```

- **8.** Repeat steps 2 through 7 for all applications.
- **9.** Restart Access Web by entering the following command:

service pbsworks-pa restart



13.4 Define a Category in Application Definition

Define a category in the application definition input file so that the application listed can be filtered based on the category.

The XML element, <TAGS> defines the category under which an application is listed within the Access Web UI.

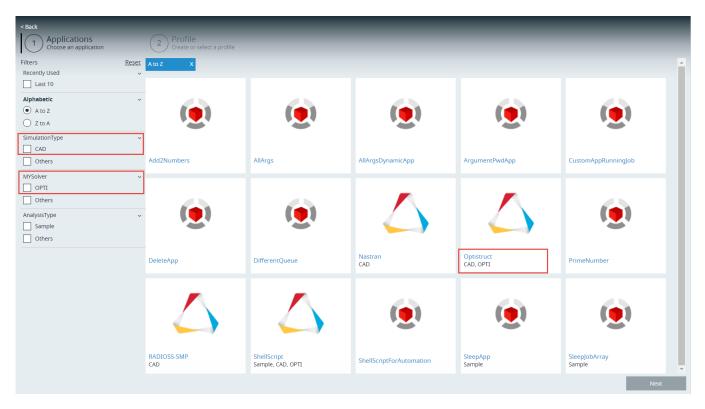


Figure 22: Application Definition Category

Applications can be filtered in the UI by selecting a category.

For example, add a category to the Optistruct application using the XML element <TAGS>:

This tag indicates that the Optistruct application will be listed under the SimulationType and MySolver categories. The CAD and OPTI will be the subcategory of SimulationType and MySolver respectively. The category tags can be defined in other application definition input files so that the categories can be used to filter the application list.



13.5 Administration of Application Definitions

PAS has a central location for storing application definitions - PA_HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/repository/applications. All application definition components are stored in this directory.

13.5.1 Add a New Application Definition

Adding an application definition to the applications directory, followed by a restart of Access Web, will expose your application definition to the user.

Follow these steps to add an application definition:

- 1. Login to the machine hosting the PAS Server as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- **2.** Navigate to the applications directory located at PA_HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/repository/applications.
- **3.** Create a directory called appname. where appname is the name of the application.
- **4.** Place the application definition input file (app-inp-appname.xml) and the application definition converter file (app-conv-appname.xml) in the application directory.
- **5.** Navigate to the appname directory.
- **6.** Create a subdirectory called runtime and navigate to that subdirectory.
- **7.** Place any runtime scripts into the runtime directory.
- **8.** Restart the Access Web by entering the following command:

service pbsworks-pa restart

13.5.2 Application Definition Validation

When the Access Web starts, it performs a validation of the existing application definitions. If application definitions fail to meet key criteria, they will be moved to an invalid application directory. This directory will be created if it does not exist. The location of this directory is: PA_HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/repository/private/generated/invalid applications

In addition, PAS will restore the site configuration file from the last valid backup - site-config.backup.

Error messages will be displayed in the PAS log file indicating why the application definition was invalid. Invalid application definitions can be retrieved from the <code>invalid_applications</code> directory and modified to meet the criteria necessary to be considered valid. An invalid application definition will not prevent the PAS Server from starting up.



13.5.3 Maintenance of Existing Application Definition

Existing application definitions can be modified or removed. To make PAS aware of the modification or the removal of an application definition, restart the Access Web.

Update an Application Definition

You can easily modify an existing application definition using your favorite XML editor.

- 1. Login to the machine hosting the PAS Server as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- **2.** Navigate to the applications directory located at PA_HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/respository/applications.
- 3. Edit and make any modifications necessary to the application definition files.
- **4.** Restart the Access Web by entering the following command:

service pbsworks-pa restart

Remove an Application Definition

Removing an application definition from PAS is also very simple.

Simply remove the application definition directory from the applications folder. You have to restart Access Web to remove your application definition from PAS. Follow these steps to remove an application definition:

- 1. Login to the machine hosting the PAS Server as root or as a user with sudo permissions.
- **2.** Navigate to the applications directory located at: PA_HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/respository/applications.
- **3.** Remove the application directory and all of its content including the runtime subdirectory and associated files.
- **4.** Restart the Access Web by entering the following command:

service pbsworks-pa restart



13.6 Sitewide Settings

PAS provides a central repository for site specific information such as executable paths, policies, and billing account information. This information is stored in a site configuration file, <code>site-config.xml</code>. By putting some site specific application information in the, <code>site-config.xml</code> application definitions can be made more portable and reusable among different PBS Professional complexes. For example, putting binaries locations and version availability information here, makes the rest of the application definition reusable on a different cluster just by modifying that cluster's <code>site-config.xml</code>. The location of this file is <code>PA HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/repository</code>.

13.6.1 Site Configuration File Content

This file can hold virtually any sort of information, since the information stored in the file can be referenced by any application definition XML file. Altair has included certain data in the site configuration file for the integration and support of other products from the PBS Professional family. The example below shows a sample of the site configuration file with the sections currently used by the PBS Professional product suite:

- Applications This section holds application specific information.
- Application versions For each application, you can insert site supported versions and for each version its binary pathname.
- Job projects (billing accounts) This section is for integrating PAS with other products from Altair. Here you can list a set of strings to be used as "accounting" information to be attached to jobs.
- Policies Site policies are values that can be used in a site's application definition XML files and/or
 as values available in job runtime environment (policies are included as environment variables for
 the jobs).
- Application policies This section is for setting policies that are specific to an application.

13.6.2 Initial Site Configuration File after Installation of PAS

After installation of PAS the site configuration file will contain references to ShellScript, an application definition that is provided out-of-the-box. Placeholders for billing accounts and policies are provided, but will need to be updated according to your site specifications.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<SiteConfiguration xmlns="http://schemas.altair.com/pbs/2007/01/site-config"
    xmlns:site-config="http://schemas.altair.com/pbs/2007/01/site-config"
    xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
    xsi:schemaLocation="http://schemas.altair.com/pbs/2007/01/site-config ../schemas/
site-config.xsd">
    <Applications>
        <Application id="ShellScript">
        <ApplicationVersions/>
```



```
</Application>
</Applications>
<JobProjects id="BILLING_ACCOUNT"/>
<Policies/>
</SiteConfiguration>
```

13.6.3 Sample of a Site Configuration File

Here is an example of a site configuration file with modifications for site supported application versions, application policies, billing accounts, and sitewide policies:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<SiteConfiguration xmlns="http://schemas.altair.com/pbs/2007/01/site-config"</pre>
  xmlns:site-config="http://schemas.altair.com/pbs/2007/01/site-config"
  xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
  xsi:schemaLocation="http://schemas.altair.com/pbs/2007/01/site-config ../schemas/
site-config.xsd">
  <Applications>
    <Application id="ShellScript">
      <ApplicationVersions/>
     <Policies>
        <Policy>
          <Option>MAX CPUS</Option>
          <Value>4</Value>
        </Policy>
      </Policies>
    </Application>
    <Application id="Optistruct">
      <ApplicationVersions>
        <ApplicationVersion>
          <Option>8.0</Option>
          <Executable>/opt/hyperworks/11.0/altair/scripts/optistruct</Executable>
        </ApplicationVersion>
        <ApplicationVersion>
          <Option>9.0</Option>
          <Executable>/sw/optistruct9/optistruct</Executable>
        </ApplicationVersion>
      </ApplicationVersions>
    </Application>
  </Applications>
  <JobProjects id="BILLING ACCOUNT">
     <Option>Company1</Option>
     <Option>Company2</Option>
 </JobProjects>
 <Policies>
    <Policy>
      <Option>MAX CPUS</Option>
      <Value>4</Value>
    </Policy>
  </Policies>
</SiteConfiguration>
```



13.6.4 Use Site Configuration Information in an Application Definition

For information on how to reference the site configuration file in an application definition see the tutorial *Maintaining Multiple Versions of an Application*, recipes *How to Configure & Use Sitewide Billing Accounts*, *How to Configure & Use Sitewide Policies*, and *How to Configure & Use Application Policies* in *Diving Into Application Definitions*.

13.6.5 Site Configuration File Backup

Upon server start-up, PAS will validate the content of the site configuration file and the content of application definitions. If the content of both the site configuration file and application definitions is valid, the site configuration file will be backed up to a file called <code>site-config.backup</code>. If the content of either the site configuration file or any application definition is invalid, the site configuration file will be backed up to a file called <code>site-config.YYYYMMDDMMSS</code> where <code>YYYYMMDDMMSS</code> is the file creation timestamp. The site configuration file will be restored from the last valid backup, <code>site-config.backup</code>.

Up to five (5) backups will be maintained. All backup files will be maintained in the same directory as the site configuration file.

13.6.6 Site Configuration File Validation

Upon server startup, PAS validates the site configuration file. It is validated against its XML schema. An XML schema defines the legal building blocks of a particular XML document. An XML schema:

- defines elements that can appear in a document
- defines attributes that can appear in a document
- · defines which elements are child elements
- defines the order of child elements
- · defines the number of child elements
- · defines whether an element is empty or can include text
- defines data types for elements and attributes
- defines default and fixed values for elements and attributes

The validation process also determines if the content of the site configuration file is well-formed (valid). The content is well-formed if the following criteria is met:

- It must have a root element.
- XML elements must have a closing tag.
- XML tags are case sensitive.
- XML elements must be properly nested.
- XML attribute values must be quoted.



13.7 Interactive Application Definitions

Interactive application definition mandatory and special arguments.

An interactive application runs a 3D and graphics-intensive application on a graphical node.

13.7.1 Mandatory Interactive Application Definitions Changes

XML tags that are required for an interactive application definition.

For an application to be identified as interactive, the corresponding application definition must contain the <Interactive> element and its value must be set to true in the application input file.

```
<Interactive>true</Interactive>
```

Additionally, a boolean argument is necessary to run an interactive application which controls how many GPUs are requested at job submission.

The <Value> element controls the request for GPUs. For 2D applications set it to false and a request for GPUs will not be made for the application. For 3D applications, <Value> option has to be set to true.

13.7.2 Special Interactive Application Arguments

Arguments that can be added to an interactive application definition.

The following interactive application specific arguments can be added to an application definition to pass arguments and environment variables to the application, define a job working directory, create a backup of job input files, and change the viewing mode from Applet to HTML5.

Arguments

A special string argument having the name DM_APP_ARGS can be added to an application definition so that arguments can be passed to the application. Multiple arguments can be passed to the application by separating them by $' \ '$.



Environment

A special string argument having the name DM_APP_ENVS can be added to an application definition so that environment variables can be passed to the application. Multiple variables can be passed to the application by separating them by $' \ n'$.

WorkDirectory

A special string argument having the name DM_APP_WDIR can be added to an application definition so a job working directory is created when the job is submitted.



Note: The arguments mentioned above are disabled by default. Enable them by setting the <InputRequired> field to true.

Copy Back Files

A special boolean argument having the name <code>COPY_BACK_FILES</code> can be added to an application definition so that job input files are copied to the stageout directory.



Note: The <code>COPY_BACK_FILES</code> arguments is disabled by default. Enable this field by setting the <code><FeatureEnabled></code> option to true. When <code><FeatureEnabled></code> is set to true, the person who is submitting the job can choose whether to stageout job input files.

Client View Mode

A special enumerated list argument having the name <code>DM_CLIENT_VIEW_MODE</code> can be added to an application definition so that the person submitting the job can choose the type of mode to view the job results.



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Note: By default, the HTML5 view mode is enabled.

Mandatory/Optional Application Converter File Changes

In the app-conv-AppName application definition file, the following section determines which jobs are displayed in Access Web.

```
<jsdl-hpcp:Environment name="DM JOB">True</jsdl-hpcp:Environment>
```

If this is set to False, apart from the interactive application jobs, all the other jobs belonging to the user will be displayed. Ensure that this is set to True.

13.7.3 Add a New Interactive Application

Create a new interactive application definition by copying a default interactive application definition and making application specific changes.

Any time a new application is added to your HPC, a corresponding application definition needs to be written. Writing a specific interactive application definition is a bit more complex than writing simple application definitions. We recommend the following procedure of copying and modifying the GLXSpheres application definition which is available after installing the Remote Session components of Access Web.

- 1. Navigate to PA HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/repository/applications/
- **2.** Copy the GlxSpheres application definition directory and rename it to the name of the new application.

If the new application is HyperView, then execute the following command:

```
cp -rp GlxSpheres HyperView
```

3. Rename the GlxSpheres application definition files to the name of the new application.

```
mv app-actions-GlxSpheres.xml app-actions-HyperView.xml
mv app-conv-GlxSpheres.xml app-conv-HyperView.xml
mv app-inp-GlxSpheres.xml app-inp-HyperView.xml
```

- **4.** Edit the application input file.
 - a) Change the value of the <applicationId> element to the name of the new application.
 <applicationId>HyperView</applicationId>
 - b) Change the value of the <ApplicationName> element to the new application name.
 <ApplicationName>HyperView</ApplicationName>



c) Locate the application argument <ArgumentChoice> called VERSION.

d) Change the attribute @pointer of the <xi:include> element to point to the path of the new application:

- **5.** Edit the application action file.
 - a) Change the value of the <applicationId> element to the name of the new application.

```
<ApplicationId>HyperView</ApplicationId>
```

b) Change the value of the <applicationName> element to the new application name.

```
<ApplicationName>HyperView</ApplicationName>
```

- **6.** Edit the application converter file.
 - a) Change the value of the <applicationId> element to the name of the new application.

```
<ApplicationId>HyperView</ApplicationId>
```

b) Change the value of the <applicationName> element to the new application name.

```
<ApplicationName>HyperView</ApplicationName>
```

c) Set the site specific required environment for the application.

You can set the ALTAIR_LICENSE_PATH, NCPUS, ngpus, MEMORY etc according to the requirements for the application.

```
<jsdl-hpcp:Environment name="ALTAIR_LICENSE_PATH">6200@licsrv</
jsdlhpcp:Environment>
```

- **7.** Navigate to the directory PA HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/repository/
- **8.** Edit the site-config.xml file.
 - a) Add a new <Application> element that points to the new application executable.

Tip: You can also define multiple executable versions for the application.



9. Restart the Access Web for these changes to take effect by entering the following command:

service pbsworks-pa restart

The new application will be available in Access Web after restart.



Establish Access Controls

Create roles and add users to these roles to grant and restrict access to the various features of Access Web.

This chapter covers the following:

- 14.1 Managing Roles (p. 164)
- 14.2 Managing Users (p. 167)

Access Web roles and privileges are defined by clicking \square > **Access Management** located in the upper right-hand of the web page once you have logged into Access Web. This option is only displayed for the portal administrator.



Note: The first person to login to Access Web after installation is considered the portal administrator. The portal administrator is the only user who can add or delete service clusters and controls the user management.

14.1 Managing Roles

Add a role, change a role's privileges or delete a role.

14.1.1 Default Roles and Resources

Overview of the default Access Web roles.

Access Web Roles

By default, the only role available in Access Web is Manager. This role cannot be deleted and their assigned privileges cannot be changed, however additional users can be added to these roles to provide manager access.

Manager

A Manager has the highest level of access privilege. Managers can add, edit, or remove clusters, can view and act upon jobs and files, and can grant and restrict access to the various features of Access Web. By default, the Service User entered during the installation of Access Web is assigned to the Manager role and cannot be removed from this role.

Privileges

By default, the following privilege levels are available:

Portal Admin

This privilege allows full access to manage clusters and access management.

Application User

This privilege restricts application access for jobs, sessions and to the resources.

Resources

By default, the following resource levels are available:

Applications

This privilege allows access to the applications and its respective profiles available in Access Web. It limits the users to access applications for job submission, create job profiles, use the application for remote session and perform custom action.

14.1.2 Add a New Role

Create a custom role for your site.

Review the default roles and privileges before adding a new role.

- 1. Click | > Access Management.
- 2. Click **Roles** from the menu located on the left-hand side of the web page.
- 3. Click Add Roles.



A role is created with a default role name and application user privileges.

- 4. Click / located to the right of the name of the role.
 - a) For Role Name, enter a name that describes the role.
 - b) Click Ok.
- **5.** Choose **Portal Admin** privilege if you want to provide full permission.

By default, only **Application User** privilege is provided to the new Role.

6. Click + at the top next to the **Assigned Resources**.

The Available Resources menu is displayed.

7. Choose the resources to give to this role by clicking the check-box located to the right of the resources.

Resources are not mutually exclusive, so you may assign more than one.

- 8. Click **Ok** in the **Available Resources** menu.
- 9. Click Save.

The new role is displayed in the Roles list.

14.1.3 Change the Resources of a Role

Add or remove access resources for a role.

Review the default roles and privileges before adding a new role.

- 1. Click 2 > Access Management.
- 2. Click **Roles** from the menu located on the left-hand side of the web page.
- 3. Click the name of the role.

The **Assigned Resources** menu is displayed.

4. Click **+** at the top next to the **Assigned Resources**.

The **Available Resources** menu is displayed.

- **5.** Enable the checkbox next to the Resource to assign the resource to the role.
- 6. Click Ok in the Available Resources menu.
- 7. Click Save.

14.1.4 Change the Name of a Role

Rename a role.

- 1. Click 2 > Access Management.
- 2. Click **Roles** from the menu located on the left-hand side of the web page.
- 3. Click the name of the role.
- Click / located to the right of the name of the role.



- a) For Role Name, enter a name that describes the role.
- b) Click Ok.
- 5. Click Save.

14.1.5 Delete a Role

Delete a role that is no longer needed.

- **1.** Click **□** > **Access Management**.
- 2. Click **Roles** from the menu located on the left-hand side of the web page.
- **3.** Select a role by enabling the checkbox next to the role's name.
 - **Tip:** Select multiple roles so that they can be deleted in a single click.
- 4. Click
- 5. Click Ok.



14.2 Managing Users

Add a user, assign or remove a role from a user, or delete a user.

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Note: User is auto populated on first time login to the access.

14.2.1 Add a User

Add a user so that the user can access the features of Access Web.

- 1. Click 2 > Access Management.
- 2. Click **Users** from the menu located on the left-hand side of the web page.
- 3. Click Add User.
 - a) For First Name, enter the first name of the user.
 - b) For Last Name, enter the last name of the user.
 - c) For User Name, enter the user's NIS/SSH username.
 - d) Click Save.

14.2.2 Assign a Role to a User

Assign a role to the user to establish user resources.

- 1. Click | > Access Management.
- 2. Click **Users** from the menu located on the left-hand side of the web page.
- **3.** Select a user by enabling the checkbox next to the user's name.
 - 1 Tip: Select multiple users when you want to assign the same roles to multiple users.
- 4. Click Assign Roles.

The **Available Roles** menu is displayed.

- 5. Enable the checkbox next to the Role Name to assign the role to the user.
 - Tip: More than one role can be assigned to the user.
- 6. Click OK.

14.2.3 Remove a Role from a User

Remove a role from a user to limit access to certain features.



- 1. Click 2 > Access Management.
- 2. Click **Users** from the menu located on the left-hand side of the web page.
- **3.** Click the name of the user. The roles assigned to the user is displayed.
- **4.** Click to delete the role.
- 5. Save.

14.2.4 Change the User Name

Change the first or last name of a user.

- **1.** Click > Access Management.
- 2. Click **Users** from the menu located on the left-hand side of the web page.
- **3.** Click the name of the user. The roles assigned to the user is displayed.
- **4.** Change the first or last name of the user.
- 5. Click Save.

14.2.5 Delete a User

Delete a user when the user no longer needs access to Access Web.

- **1.** Click > Access Management.
- 2. Click **Users** from the menu located on the left-hand side of the web page.
- **3.** Select a user by enabling the checkbox next to the user's name.
 - **Tip:** Select multiple users so that they can be deleted in a single click.
- 4. Click 🖶.
- 5. Click Ok.



Troubleshoot Access Web

Troubleshoot Access Web, PAS, Results Visualization Service, and Remote Session.

This chapter covers the following:

- 15.1 Use the Diagnosis Script to Troubleshoot Issues (p. 170)
- 15.2 Troubleshoot PBS Application Services (p. 171)
- 15.3 Troubleshoot Remote Session Components (p. 179)
- 15.4 Troubleshoot Results Visualization Service (p. 200)
- 15.5 Logging (p. 209)

The following section provides the troubleshooting information and steps for Access Web and its services.

15.1 Use the Diagnosis Script to Troubleshoot Issues

Use the diagnosis script to gather log files and system data to help troubleshoot issues with Access Web.

The diagnosis script must be run as root or as a user with sudo permissions using the sudo command.

The diagnosis script will create a zip file that can be shared with Altair support team for troubleshooting issues.



Note: If PAS is installed on a separate machine, run the diagnosis script on the PAS server as well.

- 1. Login to the machine where you have installed Access Web.
- 2. Navigate to PA_EXEC/init/
- 3. Run the following command:

./pa-diagnosis.py

A zip file is created in /tmp called pbsworks-pa-diagnosis_DATETIMESTAMP.zip where DATETIMESTAMP is the file creation timestamp in the format YYYYMMDD-HHMMSS.



15.2 Troubleshoot PBS Application Services

Troubleshooting information and steps for PAS.

15.2.1 PAS Status Page

Use the PAS status page to get information about PAS such as JVM data, memory and disk usage data, and PBS information.

A status page is available through the following URL to monitor the status of PAS:

https://HOSTNAME:5243/pas/pasStatus

Where HOSTNAME is the hostname of the machine where the PAS Server is installed.

PAS Status at time: 6:23:29 PM

JVM Platform OS Name (system property os.name)	Linux - OK
JVM Platform OS Version (system property os.version)	3.10.0-693.el7.x86_64 - OK
JVM Platform Architecture (system property os.arch)	amd64 - OK
JVM Data Model (system property sun.arch.data.model)	64 - OK
Java Version	1.8.0_92 - OK
Python	OK
Dependent shared objects	OK
Available heap memory in MB	186 MB - OK
Memory used by AIF server in MB	101 MB - OK
PAS_EXEC directory disk space.	OK
PAS_HOME directory disk space.	OK
PBS status	PBS server is Running - OK
PBS Version	18.2 - OK
PBS execution speed	OK

Figure 23: PAS Status Page

Green indicates that the system is functioning properly. Red indicates an issue that should be investigated.

For the PBS execution speed, PAS retrieves the PBS version by executing $get_{PBS_version.py}$ located in PA_EXEC/pas/scripts. If the response takes more than 5 seconds, the execution speed is considered slow and will be displayed in red.



15.2.2 PAS Log File Contains OutofMemory Errors

Condition

There are OutOfMemoryErrors in the PAS Server log.

Cause

Usually, this error is thrown when the Java Virtual Machine cannot allocate an object because it is out of memory.

Remedy

Adjust the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) heap size of PAS.

Out of memory errors can indicate a underlying problem, therefore it is recommended to report these errors to the Altair support team.

See Also

Configure JVM Performance

15.2.3 PBS Professional Features are Not Working after Upgrade

Condition

I have upgraded PBS Professional to the newest version and now the new features are not working.

Cause

Whenever PAS starts, it saves PBS configuration information in memory. After PBS Professional is upgraded, the new configuration information is not available to PAS.

Remedy

After installing a new version of PBS Professional, you must restart PAS.

- **1.** Login to the PAS Server.
- 2. Restart PAS.

15.2.4 Troubleshoot PAS Job Submission Issues

Information about troubleshooting PAS job submission issues.



Change the Logging Level to Troubleshoot Job Submission Issues

Change the PAS logging level to get fine-grained information that is more useful to debug a job submission issue.



Note: To gather debugging information for other functional areas of PAS, see Logging Behavior.

To troubleshoot errors during job submission and job monitoring, relevant information must be collected:

- user input provided for the job submission
- submission environment
- status (success or failure) of all the dependencies
- steps which happen during the job submission
- job submission attributes generated by the PAS Server for the workload manager (PBS)

Follow these steps to gather relevant data:

- 1. Check the PAS server log PA HOME/logs/pas/pas-server.log for errors.
- 2. Check the Tomcat log file PA HOME/logs/pas/catalina.out for network or security errors.
- **3.** Check the system logs.



Note: For advanced debugging, contact the Altair support team.

If you cannot determine the cause of the issue after checking the PAS Server log files, the Tomcat log files and the system logs, change the PAS logging level to get fine-grained information that is more useful to debug a job submission issue.

- **4.** Navigate to PA HOME/config/pas/conf/.
- **5.** Add the following lines to the server-log.xml file to get detailed logging information about user inputs and to see how long it takes to execute a submission request:

6. Add the following lines to the server-log.xml file to get detailed logging information about the process of creating PBS job attributes from user inputs as well as information about the application definition:

PAS supports multiple adapters to communicate with the workload manager.

7. If the SSH adapter is enabled for the communication with the PBS cluster, add the following XML to the server-log.xml file to troubleshoot job submission:

8. Edit the PAS job script PA EXEC/pas/scripts/job.py.



9. Enable debug logging by setting DEBUG to true.

DEBUG=TRUE

This provides information about the job process arguments and the job environment at the moment of job execution. This information is available in the job output file.

10. Restart Access Web by entering the following command:

service pbsworks-pa restart

- 11. Resubmit the job.
- **12.** Check the log files described in steps 1 through 3.
- **13.** Check the job output file for information about the job process arguments and the job environment.

If this troubleshooting steps do not provide enough information to debug the issue, then submit a job script directly to PBS.

Troubleshoot Job Submission Issues by Submitting a Job Directly to PBS

Debug job submission issues by submitting the job script directly to PBS.

Submit a job directly to PBS to determine if the problem is a PBS issue or a PAS issue.

- 1. Edit the file PA HOME/config/pas/conf/server.conf.
- **2.** Enable debug mode for the PAS Server by setting <code>DEBUG</code> to true.

DEBUG=TRUE

3. Restart Access Web by entering the command:

service pbsworks-pa restart

The PAS Server will save the job script to a file in PA HOME/data/pas/system/temp

4. Use the job script file to submit a job directly to PBS Professional. If the job runs successfully with no errors, then the problem is originating from PAS.

Job Fails With "Bad UID for job execution" Error

Condition

Our site has installed PAS on a separate machine from the one hosting the PBS Professional Server. When a user submits a job, the job fails with a "Bad UID for job execution" exception.

Cause

This error is displayed when jobs are submitted by root. If the failed job was not submitted by root, then the PBS Professional flatuid may be set to False.

Remedy

The PBS Professional flatuid attribute must be set to True. This attribute specifies whether, for each user, the username at the submission host must be the same as the one at the Server host. The username at the Server host must always be the same as the username at the execution host. When



flatuid is set to True, the Server assumes that UserA@host1 is the same as UserA@host2. Therefore,
if flatuid is True, UserA@host2 can operate on UserA@host1's job.

- **1.** Login to the PBS Server as root or a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. At the command line, enter the command:

qmgr

3. Enter the command:

print server

4. If the attribute *flatuid* is equal to False or is not set (you do not see it in the output from the print server command), then set the value to True by issuing the command:

set server flatuid = True

15.2.5 Troubleshoot Issues During the Installation of PAS

Error messages, explanation, and a resolution for the error that may occur during the installation of PAS.

Stage Directory is Blank

Condition

During the installation of PAS, I get a Staging Directory is blank warning message.

Cause

Staging Directory path is not provided during installation.

Remedy

The staging directory is where the necessary files are transferred after job submission, but prior to the portal submitting the job to PAS for transfer to PBS Professional for execution. This staging directory must exist for the installation to complete successfully. Please enter a pathname to an existing directory which will be designated as the PAS staging directory.

PAS Service was unable to start

Condition

During the installation of PAS, I get a PAS Service was unable to start error message.

Cause

This may be due to port required by PAS is unavailable or busy.

Remedy

An error occurred while starting PAS. Review the PAS log file for errors and contact system support.



PAS Log File Contains OutofMemory Errors

Condition

There are OutOfMemoryErrors in the PAS Server log.

Cause

Usually, this error is thrown when the Java Virtual Machine cannot allocate an object because it is out of memory.

Remedy

Adjust the Java Virtual Machine (JVM) heap size of PAS.

Out of memory errors can indicate a underlying problem, therefore it is recommended to report these errors to the Altair support team.

See Also

Configure JVM Performance

Job Fails With "Bad UID for job execution" Error

Condition

Our site has installed PAS on a separate machine from the one hosting the PBS Professional Server. When a user submits a job, the job fails with a "Bad UID for job execution" exception.

Cause

This error is displayed when jobs are submitted by root. If the failed job was not submitted by root, then the PBS Professional flatuid may be set to False.

Remedy

The PBS Professional flatuid attribute must be set to True. This attribute specifies whether, for each user, the username at the submission host must be the same as the one at the Server host. The username at the Server host must always be the same as the username at the execution host. When flatuid is set to True, the Server assumes that UserA@host1 is the same as UserA@host2. Therefore, if flatuid is True, UserA@host2 can operate on UserA@host1's job.

- **1.** Login to the PBS Server as root or a user with sudo permissions.
- **2.** At the command line, enter the command:

qmgr

3. Enter the command:

print server

4. If the attribute *flatuid* is equal to False or is not set (you do not see it in the output from the print server command), then set the value to True by issuing the command:

```
set server flatuid = True
```



Job Fails With Unknown Resource Error ??????

Condition

Our site has installed PAS on a separate machine from the one hosting the PBS Professional Server. When a user submits a job, the job fails with a <code>Unknown resource Resource List.xxxxxx</code> exception.

Cause

The resource needed for running the job is not configured in PBS Professional.

Remedy

Resources required by PAS have not been defined to PBS Professional. Add the required PAS resources to the PBS Professional resource definition file.

- 1. Login to the PBS Server as root or a user with sudo permissions.
- **2.** Edit the PBS resource definition file PBS_HOME/server_priv/resourcedef.
- **3.** Add these resource definitions to the resourcedef file:

```
# *** BEGINNING OF AIF STATIC RESOURCES SECTION.DO NOT EDIT BY HAND ***
pas billing accounts type=string array
pas policies type=string_array
pas applications type=string array
pas applications enabled type=string array flag=h
pas platform type=string array flag=h
pas candidate hosts type=string_array
pas operating system type=string array flag=h
pas cpu arch type=string array flag=h
aif billing accounts type=string array
aif policies type=string array
aif applications type=string array
aif applications enabled type=string array flag=h
aif platform type=string array flag=h
aif candidate hosts type=string array
aif operating system type=string array flag=h
aif cpu arch type=string array flag=h
# *********END OF AIF STATIC RESOURCES SECTION **********
# *** BEGINNING OF DM STATIC RESOURCES SECTION.DO NOT EDIT BY HAND ***
ngpus type=long flag=nh
# ****** END OF DM STAT
```

- **4.** Save the file.
- **5.** Restart the PBS Professional server.
- **6.** At the command line, enter the command:

qmgr

7. Enter the command:

```
print server
```

8. If the attribute *flatuid* is equal to False or is not set (you do not see it in the output from the print server command), then set the value to True by issuing the command:

```
set server flatuid = True
```



PBS Professional Features are Not Working after Upgrade

Condition

I have upgraded PBS Professional to the newest version and now the new features are not working.

Cause

Whenever PAS starts, it saves PBS configuration information in memory. After PBS Professional is upgraded, the new configuration information is not available to PAS.

Remedy

After installing a new version of PBS Professional, you must restart PAS.

- **1.** Login to the PAS Server.
- 2. Restart PAS.



15.3 Troubleshoot Remote Session Components

Troubleshoot problems related to Remote Session and interactive applications.

15.3.1 Remote Session Precheck Diagnosis Script

A script that captures Remote Session information to help troubleshoot issues in PBS MoM.

Name

remotesession-precheck.py

Description

Capture information about GPU Nodes and X Server in PBS MoM before installing Remote Session. This information will be useful to troubleshooting issues.

Running the Script

This command must be executed as root.

This diagnosis script must be run on all the PBS MoM.

Python 2.4 or later is required to run the script.

Script Location

Download or obtain the Remote Session precheck diagnosis script zip file using your usual Altair support channels.

The Remote Session precheck diagnosis script zip file script will have to be copied to all the PBS MoM to troubleshoot those machines.

Unzip the diagnosis script file and run the remotesession-precheck.py script.

Output on the Machine Hosting the PBS MoM

After running the diagnosis script on the machine hosting the PBS MoM, messages similar to the below are displayed. Information that is of interest in this output:

Script Location

Provides the path of the script location.

Script Location: /tmp/remotesession-utilityscript-master/remotesession precheck

Log Location

Location of the log file is provided for troubleshooting. A separate directory is created each time when the script is run and the logs are stored in that directory.

Log Location: /tmp/remotesession-utilityscript-master/remotesession_precheck/scratch/scratch 20190628140246

GPU Harware

Print the configurered GPU hardware if available.



```
GPU Hardware:
- output: 01:00.0 VGA compatible controller: NVIDIA Corporation GK106GL
[Quadro K4000] (rev a1)
05:00.0 VGA compatible controller: NVIDIA Corporation GF106GL [Quadro 2000] (rev a1)
```

X Server Status

Provides the status of X Server.

```
X Server status: Running
```

Libraries Installed

Lists the libraries installed for VirtualGL and TurboVNC to run. If any of the libraries are missing, then that has to be installed.

```
- Dependency Library Check:
  - VirtualGL:
                         linux-vdso.so.1 (0x00007ffec4fa5000)
        libGL.so.1 \Rightarrow /usr/lib64/libGL.so.1 (0x00007f110dd3d000)
        libX11.so.6 => /usr/lib64/libX11.so.6 (0x00007f110d9fe000)
        libGLU.so.1 => /usr/lib64/libGLU.so.1 (0x00007f110d790000)
        libm.so.6 \Rightarrow /lib64/libm.so.6 (0x00007f110d493000)
        libc.so.6 \Rightarrow /lib64/libc.so.6 (0x00007f110d0ef000)
        libdl.so.2 => /lib64/libdl.so.2 (0x00007f110ceeb000)
        libGLX.so.0 \Rightarrow /usr/lib64/libGLX.so.0 (0x00007f110ccbb000)
        libGLdispatch.so.0 => /usr/lib64/libGLdispatch.so.0 (0x00007f110c9ec000)
        libxcb.so.1 \Rightarrow /usr/lib64/libxcb.so.1 (0x00007f110c7cc000)
        libstdc++.so.6 => /usr/lib64/libstdc++.so.6 (0x00007f110c443000)
        libgcc s.so.1 => /lib64/libgcc s.so.1 (0x00007f110c22b000)
        /1ib64\overline{/}1d-1inux-x86-64.so.2 (0\overline{x}0000555797423000)
        libXext.so.6 => /usr/lib64/libXext.so.6 (0x00007f110c019000)
        libXau.so.6 => /usr/lib64/libXau.so.6 (0x00007f110be15000)
  - TurboVNC:
                         linux-vdso.so.1 (0x00007ffe90db5000)
       - output:
        libm.so.6 \Rightarrow /lib64/libm.so.6 (0x00007fdee0ab9000)
        libpthread.so.0 => /lib64/libpthread.so.0 (0x00007fdee089b000)
        libpam.so.0 => /lib64/libpam.so.0 (0x00007fdee068c000)
        libc.so.6 \Rightarrow /lib64/libc.so.6 (0x00007fdee02e9000)
        /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2 (0x0000556334b3c000)
        libaudit.so.1 => /usr/lib64/libaudit.so.1 (0x00007fdee00c5000)
        libdl.so.2 => /lib64/libdl.so.2 (0x00007fdedfec1000)
```

Hardware Accelerator

Status about OpenGL installation and rendering information are provided.



```
      0x136 24 dc
      0
      24 0 r y
      .
      8 8 8 0 . 4 24 8 16 16 16 16 0 0 None PXW

      0x137 24 tc
      0
      32 0 r y
      .
      8 8 8 8 . 4 24 8 16 16 16 16 16 0 0 None PXW

      0x138 24 dc
      0
      32 0 r y
      .
      8 8 8 8 . 4 24 8 16 16 16 16 16 0 0 None PXW

      0x139 24 tc
      0
      24 0 r . . . 8 8 8 8 0 . 4 24 8 16 16 16 16 16 0 0 None PXW

      0x13a 24 dc
      0
      24 0 r . . . 8 8 8 8 0 . 4 24 8 16 16 16 16 16 0 0 None PXW

      0x13b 24 tc
      0
      32 0 r . . . 8 8 8 8 . 4 24 8 16 16 16 16 16 0 0 None PXW
```

Desktop Manager Environment

Status about Desktop Manager environment is provided.

VNC Session

Starts VNC session, provides the information about the VNC session status, and the log file path. An interactive cause and suggestions is also displayed of the VNC session.

```
- Starting VNC session:
        - started VNC server. Please connect through vnc client:
Warning: BLRENTQA5:1 is taken because of /tmp/.X1-lock
Remove this file if there is no X server BLRENTQA5:1
Warning: BLRENTQA5:2 is taken because of /tmp/.X2-lock
Remove this file if there is no X server BLRENTQA5:2
Desktop 'TurboVNC: BLRENTQA5:3 (root)' started on display BLRENTQA5:3
Starting applications specified in
/tmp/remotesession-utilityscript-master/remotesession precheck/xstartup.turbovnc
Log file is /tmp/remotesession-utilityscript-master/remotesession precheck/
scratch/scratch 20190628140246/Xvnc.log
        - VNC Display: 3
Are you able to access the VNC connection? Y/N: y
Are you able to See the desktop manager? Y/N: y
Are you able to see the Glxshpere app? Y/N: y
Stopping VNC session.
Congratulation! System look good for remote session.
```

Cause and Resolution

The script also checks if you are able to access VNC Connection, See Desktop Manager, and GlxSphere application.

Are you able to access the VNC connection? Y/N:

If you enter N, then the following suggestion is provided:

```
Are you able to access the VNC connection? Y/N: n please check the network connection between the machine and the firewall settings of the machine and run the script again after that.
```



Are you able to See the desktop manager? Y/N:

If you enter N, then the following suggestion is provided:

```
please check the Xvnc log for Desktop manager issue in:/tmp/remotesession-utilityscript-master/remotesession_precheck/scratch/scratch_20190628140433Xvnc.log.

If you want to change the Desktop manager. Please update it on:/tmp/remotesession-utilityscript-master/remotesession_precheck/xstartup.turbovnc and run the script again.
```

Are you able to see the Glxshpere app? Y/N:

If you enter N, then the following suggestion is provided:

please check if, GPU driver is installed, X server is 3D Accelerated and run the script again after that.

Complete Output of the Precheck Diagnosis Script

The complete display of the Precheck diagnosis script:

```
- Script Location: /tmp/remotesession-utilityscript-master/remotesession precheck
- Log Location: /tmp/remotesession-utilityscript-master/remotesession precheck/scratch/
scratch 20190628140246
- GPU Harware:
        - output: 01:00.0 VGA compatible controller: NVIDIA Corporation GK106GL [Quadro
K4000] (rev a1)
05:00.0 VGA compatible controller: NVIDIA Corporation GF106GL [Quadro 2000] (rev al)
- X Server status: Running
- Dependency Library Check:
  - VirtualGL:
                         linux-vdso.so.1 (0x00007ffec4fa5000)
        libGL.so.1 \Rightarrow /usr/lib64/libGL.so.1 (0x00007f110dd3d000)
        libX11.so.6 => /usr/lib64/libX11.so.6 (0x00007f110d9fe000)
        libGLU.so.1 => /usr/lib64/libGLU.so.1 (0x00007f110d790000)
        libm.so.6 \Rightarrow /lib64/libm.so.6 (0x00007f110d493000)
        libc.so.6 => /lib64/libc.so.6 (0x00007f110d0ef000)
        libdl.so.2 => /lib64/libdl.so.2 (0x00007f110ceeb000)
        libGLX.so.0 \Rightarrow /usr/lib64/libGLX.so.0 (0x00007f110ccbb000)
        libGLdispatch.so.0 => /usr/lib64/libGLdispatch.so.0 (0x00007f110c9ec000)
        libxcb.so.1 \Rightarrow /usr/lib64/libxcb.so.1 (0x00007f110c7cc000)
        libstdc++.so.6 => /usr/lib64/libstdc++.so.6 (0x00007f110c443000)
        libgcc_s.so.1 \Rightarrow /lib64/libgcc_s.so.1 (0x00007f110c22b000)
        /1ib64/1d-1inux-x86-64.so.2 (0\overline{x}00000555797423000)
        libXext.so.6 => /usr/lib64/libXext.so.6 (0x00007f110c019000)
        libXau.so.6 => /usr/lib64/libXau.so.6 (0x00007f110be15000)
  - TurboVNC:
       - output:
                         linux-vdso.so.1 (0x00007ffe90db5000)
        libm.so.6 =  /lib64/libm.so.6 (0x00007fdee0ab9000)
        libpthread.so.0 => /lib64/libpthread.so.0 (0x00007fdee089b000)
        libpam.so.0 \Rightarrow /lib64/libpam.so.0 (0x00007fdee068c000)
        libc.so.6 => /lib64/libc.so.6 (0x00007fdee02e9000)
        /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2 (0x0000556334b3c000)
        libaudit.so.1 => /usr/lib64/libaudit.so.1 (0x00007fdee00c5000)
        libdl.so.2 => /lib64/libdl.so.2 (0x00007fdedfec1000)
- Harware Accelerator:
        OpenGL vendor string: NVIDIA Corporation
```



```
OpenGL renderer string: Quadro K4000/PCIe/SSE2
OpenGL core profile version string: 4.3.0 NVIDIA 390.67
OpenGL core profile shading language version string: 4.30 NVIDIA via Cg compiler
OpenGL core profile extensions:
OpenGL version string: 4.6.0 NVIDIA 390.67
OpenGL shading language version string: 4.60 NVIDIA
OpenGL extensions:
        direct rendering: Yes
        359 GLXFBConfigs:
     visual x bf lv rg d st colorbuffer ax dp st accumbuffer ms cav drw
  id dep cl sp sz l ci b ro r g b a F bf th cl r g b a ns b eat typ
0x135 24 tc 0 24 0 r y . 8 8 8 0 . 4 24 8 16 16 16 16 0 0 None PXW

      0x136 24 dc
      0 24 0 r y
      . 8 8 8 0 . 4 24 8 16 16 16 16 0 0 None PXW

      0x137 24 tc
      0 32 0 r y
      . 8 8 8 8 . 4 24 8 16 16 16 16 16 0 0 None PXW

      0x138 24 dc
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      0x139 24 tc
      0 24 0 r . . 8 8 8 8 0 . 4 24 8 16 16 16 16 16 0 0 None PXW

      0x13a 24 dc
      0 24 0 r . . 8 8 8 8 0 . 4 24 8 16 16 16 16 16 0 0 None PXW

      0x13b 24 tc
      0 32 0 r . . 8 8 8 8 0 . 4 24 8 16 16 16 16 16 0 0 None PXW

- Desktop Manager Environment installed:
        - output: /usr/share/xsessions/qnome-classic.desktop:Exec=env
 GNOME SHELL SESSION MODE=classic gnome-session --session gnome-classic
/usr/share/xsessions/gnome.desktop:Exec=gnome
/usr/share/xsessions/icewm-session.desktop:Exec=icewm-session
/usr/share/xsessions/icewm.desktop:Exec=icewm-session
/usr/share/xsessions/sle-classic.desktop:Exec=env GNOME SHELL SESSION MODE=classic
 SLE CLASSIC MODE=1 gnome-session --session gnome-classic
- Starting VNC session:
          - started VNC server. Please connect through vnc client:
Warning: BLRENTQA5:1 is taken because of /tmp/.X1-lock
Remove this file if there is no X server BLRENTQA5:1
Warning: BLRENTQA5:2 is taken because of /tmp/.X2-lock
Remove this file if there is no X server BLRENTQA5:2
Desktop 'TurboVNC: BLRENTQA5:3 (root)' started on display BLRENTQA5:3
Starting applications specified in
/tmp/remotesession-utilityscript-master/remotesession precheck/xstartup.turbovnc
Log file is /tmp/remotesession-utilityscript-master/remotesession precheck/scratch/
scratch 20190628140246/Xvnc.log
          - VNC Display: 3
Are you able to access the VNC connection? Y/N: y
Are you able to See the desktop manager? Y/N: y
Are you able to see the Glxshpere app? Y/N: y
Stopping VNC session.
Congratulation! System look good for remote session.
```



15.3.2 Remote Session Diagnosis Script

A script that captures Remote Session information to help troubleshoot issues.

Name

remotesession-diagnosis.py

Description

Capture information that is useful when troubleshooting issues with Remote Session.

The output of the command can be shared with the Altair support team to help troubleshoot issues with Remote Session and interactive applications.

Running the Script

This command must be executed as root or as a user with sudo privileges using the sudo command.

As different Remote Session components are distributed across multiple machines, the diagnosis script must be run on any machine where those components have been installed:

- the PBS MoM
- the PBS Server
- the PAS Server
- the machine hosting Access Web

Python 2.4 or later is required to run the script.

Script Location

The script is located on the PAS Server or the Access Web server. It is located at:

PA EXEC/displaymanager/scripts/remotesession-diagnosis.py

The script will have to be copied to the PBS Server and the PBS MoM to troubleshoot those machines.

Output on the Machine Hosting Access Web and the Remote Session Interactive Proxy

After running the diagnosis script on the machine hosting Access Web and the Interactive Proxy, messages similar to the below are displayed. Information that is of interest in this output:

guacd

Information about the Guacamole proxy daemon (guacd). Guacamole is an HTML5 web application that provides access to desktop environments using remote desktop protocols such as VNC or RDP. It is installed when the Interactive Proxy is installed on the Access Web server. The diagnosis script output displays whether Guacomole is installed and running, as well as the hostname and port that guacd is listening on.

pbsaccess

Information about the state of Access Web as well as the hostname and port that guacd is running on.



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Note: The below output is based on a distributed deployment where PAS is not installed on the Access Web server. If PAS is installed on the same machine as Access Web, additional information about whether the PAS Server is installed and running, as well as the interactive application definitions that are installed on the PAS Server is displayed.

```
- guacd
     - Guacd is installed - YES
     - Guacd is running - YES
     - Guacd configuration
           - bind host = pbsworks-centos75.company.com
           - bind_port = 5443
- pbsaccess
     - PBSAccess is installed - YES
     - PBSAccess is running - YES
    - Gucad hostname matched - YES
    - Gucad port matched - YES
- PBSPro
     - PBSPro is installed - NO
     - PBSPro is running - SKIPPING
     - PBSPro iworkq configured: SKIPPING
     - PBSPro GPU Resource configured: SKIPPING
- PAS
     - PAS is installed - NO
     - PAS is running - SKIPPING
- execution node
     - DBUS SESSION BUS ADDRESS :
     - RemoteSession agent: TurboVNC is installed - NO
     - RemoteSession agent: VirtualGL is installed - NO
     - RemoteSession agent: GPU hardware is configured: SKIPPING
```

Output on the Machine Hosting PAS

After running the diagnosis script on the machine hosting PAS, messages similar to the below are displayed. Information that is of interest in this output:

PAS

Information about whether the PAS Server is installed and running, as well as the interactive application definitions that are installed on the PAS Server.

Note: The below output is based on a distributed deployment where PAS is installed standalone.

```
- guacd
- Guacd is installed - NO
- Guacd is running - SKIPPING
- Guacd configuration - SKIPPING
- pbsaccess
- pBSAccess is installed - NO
- pBSAccess is running - SKIPPING
- pBSAccess Remote Session guacd configration is same: SKIPPING
- PBSPro
- PBSPro
- PBSPro is installed - NO
- PBSPro is running - SKIPPING
- PBSPro is running - SKIPPING
- PBSPro GPU Resource configured: SKIPPING
- PBSP GPU Resource configured: SKIPPING
- PAS
- PAS is installed - YES
```



Output on the Machine Hosting the PBS Server

After running the diagnosis script on the machine hosting the PBS Server, messages similar to the below are displayed. Information that is of interest in this output:

PBSPro

Information about whether the PBS Server is installed and running, and whether the queue iworkq has been configured.

```
- quacd
     - Guacd is installed - NO
     - Guacd is running - SKIPPING
    - Guacd configuration - SKIPPING
- pbsaccess
     - PBSAccess is installed - NO
     - PBSAccess is running - SKIPPING
     - PBSAccess Remote Session quacd configration is same: SKIPPING
- PBSPro
    - PBSPro is installed - YES
     - PBSPro is running - YES
     - PBSPro iworkq configured: YES
- PAS
     - PAS is installed - NO
    - PAS is running - SKIPPING
- execution node
    - DBUS SESSION BUS ADDRESS :
     - RemoteSession agent: TurboVNC is installed - NO
     - RemoteSession agent: VirtualGL is installed - NO
     - RemoteSession agent: GPU hardware is configured: SKIPPING
```

Output on the Machine Hosting the PBS MoM

After running the diagnosis script on the machine hosting the PBS MoM, messages similar to the below are displayed. Information that is of interest in this output:

PBSPro

Information about whether PBS Professional is installed.

execution_node

The below information is displayed if the Remote Session agent is installed on the execution node.

- Information about whether TurboVNC and VirtualGL are installed.
- Information about which Desktop Manager is installed.
- Information about the GPU hardware configuration (even if a graphics card is not present on the system).

This information is displayed whether PBS Professional is installed or not.



```
- guacd
          - Guacd is installed - NO
          - Guacd is running - SKIPPING
          - Guacd configuration - SKIPPING
     - pbsaccess
          - PBSAccess is installed - NO
          - PBSAccess is running - SKIPPING
          - PBSAccess Remote Session guacd configration is same: SKIPPING
     - PBSPro
          - PBSPro is installed - YES
          - PBSPro is running - NO
               - output: pbs server is not running
pbs sched is not running
pbs comm is not running
          - PBSPro iworkq configured: SKIPPING
          - PBSPro GPU Resource configured: SKIPPING
     - PAS
          - PAS is installed - NO
          - PAS is running - SKIPPING
     - execution_node
         - DBUS_SESSION BUS ADDRESS :
          - RemoteSession agent: TurboVNC is installed - YES
          - RemoteSession agent: VirtualGL is installed - YES
          - RemoteSession agent: GPU hardware is configured: YES
               - output: OpenGL version string: 3.0 Mesa 17.2.3
          - RemoteSession agent: Direct Rendering: YES
               - output: 600 GLXFBConfigs:
   visual x bf lv rg d st colorbuffer ax dp st accumbuffer ms cav drw
  id dep cl sp sz l ci b ro r g b a F bf th cl r g b a ns b eat typ
0x05d 24 tc 0 32 0 r . . 8 8 8 8 . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 None PXW
0x05e 24 tc 0 32 0 r . . 8 8 8 8 . 0 0 0 16 16 16 16 0 0 Slow PXW 0x05f 24 tc 0 32 0 r y . 8 8 8 8 . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 None PXW
0 \times 060 24 tc 0 32 0 r y . 8 8 8 8 . 0 0 0 16 16 16 16 0 0 Slow PXW
0 \times 061 \ 24 \ \text{tc} 0 32 0 r y . 8 8 8 8 . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 \ \text{None PXW}
0 \times 062 24 tc 0 32 0 r y . 8 8 8 8 . 0 0 0 16 16 16 16 0 0 Slow PXW
0x063 24 tc 0 32 0 r . . 8 8 8 8 . 0 16 0 0 0 0 0 0 None PXW
          - Desktop Manager Environment installed:

    output: gnome-classic.desktop, gnome-custom-session.desktop,

gnome.desktop,
mate.desktop
```

15.3.3 Use the Remote Session Diagnosis Script to Troubleshoot Issues

Use the Remote Session diagnosis script to gather information to help troubleshoot issues.

The diagnosis script must be run as root or as a user with sudo permissions using the sudo command.

The diagnosis script must be run on any machine where Remote Session components have been installed:

the PBS MoM



- the PBS Server
- the PAS Server
- the machine hosting Access Web

The script will have to be copied from either the PAS Server or the Access Web server to the PBS Server and the PBS MoM using a command such as scp.

- 1. Login to the each of the above machines.
- **2.** Choose one of the following options:
 - On the Access Web or PAS servers:

```
python PA EXEC/displaymanager/scripts/remotesession-diagnosis.py
```

• On the PBS Server or the PBS MoM:

```
python COPY LOC/remotesession-diagnosis.py
```

Where *COPY_LOC* is the location where the script was copied.

The output of the command can be shared with the Altair support team to help troubleshoot issues with Remote Session and interactive applications.

15.3.4 Troubleshooting Remote Sessions

Use these steps to troubleshoot Remote Sessions when it is difficult to determine where the failure is occurring.

Remedy - Verify that the X Server is Running

- 1. Login to a PBS MoM where the Remote Sessions agent has been installed:
- **2.** Verify that X Server is running as the display number 0.

```
ps -ef | grep X
or
ps -ef | grep Xorg
```

If X Server is running, messages similar to this should be displayed:

```
root 195463 0.0 0.0 253056 39852 ? Ssl Feb08 10:30 /usr/bin/X :0
```

The first parameter after /usr/bin/x is the display number prefixed by a colon.

3. If the X Server is not running, then start the X Server.

If the X Server start-up is failing, view the file /var/log/Xorg.0.log for errors and check the graphic card installation guides to verify that the X Server is configured properly for the graphic card.

Remedy - Verify the Connection to the VNC Server

If the X Server is running, then verify that the connection to the VNC server:

- 1. Install a VNC client on a user's laptop or desktop such as TigerVNC or TightVNC.
- 2. Login to a PBS MoM where the Remote Sessions agent has been installed:
- 3. Run the following command to start a virtual network computer (VNC):

```
/opt/TurboVNC/bin/vncserver -noauth
```

Messages similar to the below are displayed.



Desktop 'TurboVNC: pc02.mycompany.com:1' started on display pc02.mycompany.com:1

Starting applications specified in /users/tsmith/.vnc/xstartup.turbovnc
Log file is /users/tsmith/.vnc/pc02.mycompany.com:1.log

4. Using the VNC client, connect to the X server using the hostname and display number provided in the messages displayed after starting the VNC server:

```
Desktop 'TurboVNC: pc02.mycompany.com:1' started on display pc02.mycompany.com:1
```

If the virtual desktop is not displayed, forward the .vnc directory to the Altair support team for further investigation.

Starting applications specified in /users/tsmith/.vnc/xstartup.turbovnc

Remedy - Verify that VirtualGL is Configured and Functional

If the virtual desktop is displayed after connecting to the VNC server using the VNC client, run the following command in a terminal window in the remote desktop session:

```
/opt/VirtualGL/bin/vglrun -d :0.0 -sp /opt/VirtualGL/bin/glxspheres64
```

If GLXSpheres starts, then VirtualGL is properly configured. If GLXSpheres does not start, then a detailed investigation is required by the support team.

See Also

Display Session is Visible but Not the Interactive Application A Single 3D Application is Not Working Desktop Manager Is Not Displaying Graphic Card Compatibility Issues Interactive Application Job is in a Wait State

15.3.5 Troubleshoot a Connection Error

Condition

After submitting an interactive job, the following error message is displayed:

Connection closed abruptly. Please refresh your browser.

Cause

The Remote Sessions interactive proxy (guacd) installed on the Access Web server cannot connect to the VNC server installed on the graphical execution host. This may be caused when:

- the graphics node is not reachable.
- a hostname resolution problem exists between the Access Web server and the graphical execution host.
- the VNC port number is blocked through the firewall on the graphical node.

General Troubleshooting Steps

- **1.** Login to the Access Web server.
- **2.** Check for errors in the /var/log/messages file.



Remedy - Verify that the Graphics Node is Reachable

- **1.** Login to the Access Web server.
- **2.** Verify that the graphics node is reachable.

ping GRAPHIC_NODE_IP

Where *GRAPHIC_NODE_IP* is the IP address of the graphics node.

3. If the graphics node cannot be pinged, then contact your network administrator to configure network access between the Access Web server and the graphics node.

Remedy - Verify Hostname Resolution between Access Web and the Graphical Node

- 1. Login to the Access Web server.
- **2.** Verify that there is hostname resolution from the Access Web server and the graphical execution host.

ping GRAPHIC_NODE_HOSTNAME

Where GRAPHIC_NODE_HOSTNAME is the hostname of the graphics node.

3. If the hostname is not resolving, then configure it by updating DNS, /etc/hosts, or whatever your site uses for hostname resolution.

Remedy - Verify that the VNC Port Number is Not Blocked through the Firewall

- 1. Login to the graphical PBS MoM.
- 2. View the information in the dm.info file.

This file is located in the interactive application's job's execution directory on the graphic node.

The below lines display the hostname and port on which the VNC server is listening.

host=ptlhpc1cn002.childrens.sea.kids port=5904



Note: The port should be within the 59xx range.

- **3.** Login to the Access Web server.
- **4.** Attempt to connect to the VNC server through the VNC server hostname and port:

telnet hostname port

- **5.** If a connection cannot be established:
 - a) Login to the graphical PBS Mom.
 - b) Open the port through the firewall to allow access to the VNC server from the Access Web server.

15.3.6 Troubleshoot an Unable to Connect to Display Proxy Error

Condition

After submitting an interactive job, the following error message is displayed:

Unable to connect to Display Proxy.



The Access Web server is unable to connect to the Remote Sessions interactive proxy (guacd). This may be caused by:

- The Remote Session Interactive Proxy (quacd) is not running.
- The Remote Session Interactive Proxy has been configured to listen on the wrong port.
- The Remote Session Interactive Proxy has been configured to the listen on the wrong network interface.

Remedy - Verify that the Remote Session Interactive Proxy is Running

- 1. Login to the Access Web server as root or a user with sudo permissions.
- **2.** Verify that the Remote Session Interactive Proxy is running:

```
/etc/init.d/guacd status
```

3. If the Remote Session Interactive Proxy is not running then start it:

```
/etc/init.d/guacd start
```

Remedy - Verify that the Interactive Proxy is Listening on the Correct Port and Network Interface

- 1. Login to the Access Web server as root or a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to PA EXEC/displaymanager/scripts.
- **3.** Run the diagnosis script.

```
python remotesession-diagnosis.py
```

In the command output you should see messages similar to the below.

```
    pbsaccess
    PBSAccess is installed - YES
    PBSAccess is running - YES
    Gucad hostname matched - YES
    Gucad port matched - YES
```

- **4.** If the Remote Sessions Interactive Proxy (guacd) hostname or port do not match:
 - a) Determine the hostname and port of the Remote Sessions Interactive Proxy by viewing the following output from the diagnosis script:

b) Change the Remote Session Proxy Port Number to the bind_host and bind_port values.



15.3.7 Display Session is Visible but Not the Interactive Application

Condition

After submitting a job to start a remote session, the display session is visible but not the interactive application.

Cause

- The user does not have access to the 3D X Server.
- There are graphic card compatibility issues with the interactive application.

General Troubleshooting Steps

- 1. Login to the PBS MoM.
- 2. Check the <jobname>.STDERR and <jobname>.STDOUT for error messages.

These files are located in the interactive application's job execution directory on the graphic node where the job is running.

Remedy - User Does Not Have Access to the 3D X Server

Follow the steps to determine if the user has access to the X Server:

- 1. Login to the machine hosting the X Server as the user who is experiencing the issue.
- **2.** Run the following command:

```
/opt/VirtualGL/bin/glxinfo -display :0 -c
```

The following message is displayed when the user does not have permission to access the 3D X Server:

```
"unable to open display :0"
```

- **3.** If the user does not have permission to access the 3D X Server, then grant the appropriate access to the 3D X Server using these instructions: http://www.virtualgl.org/vgldoc/2_2_1/#hd005001.
- **4.** Submit a job to start a remote session to verify that the user now has access to the X Server. The interactive application should display. If the interactive application does not display then there may be graphic card compatibility issues with the interactive application.

See Also

Graphic Card Compatibility Issues

15.3.8 A Single 3D Application is Not Working

Condition

All 3D applications appear to be working properly, except for a single application.

Cause

There may be application specific errors.



• The 3D application may not work in a VirtualGL environment.

Remedy - Check for Application Specific Errors When the Job is in a Running State

When the job is in a running state, check the log files to verify that there are not any application specific errors.

- 1. Login to the PBS MoM.
- 2. Check the <jobname>.STDERR and <jobname>.STDOUT files for errors.

These files are located in the interactive application's job's execution directory on the graphic node.

Remedy - Check for Application Specific Errors When the Job has Failed

Resubmit the job but enable the feature that copies back all job files to the job's output directory.

- **1.** Login to Access Web.
- 2. Create a new remote session.
- **3.** When the job submission form appears, enable **All Fields** at the top of the job submission form. All job submission fields are displayed.
- 4. Enable the Copy back checkbox.
- **5.** Fill in the required fields for the interactive application.
- 6. Submit the job.
- **7.** Once the job fails, view the following files in the job's Output tab to help diagnose the problem.
 - dmtrace.log
 - <jobname>.STDERR
 - <jobname>.STDOUT
 - <jobname>.e<jobid>
 - <jobname>.o<jobid>
 - Xvnc.log

Remedy - 3D Application Does Not Work in a VirtualGL Environment

Check with the 3D application software vendor to verify that the application works in a VirtualGL environment.

15.3.9 Desktop Manager Is Not Displaying

Condition

I have opened a Remote Session and the application is displayed, but I cannot see the Desktop Manager.



Note: GNOME 3 requires 3D acceleration, therefore a graphics card is required. However, other desktop managers such as KDE or MATE do not require 3D acceleration, therefore a graphics card is optional.



- The Desktop Manager is not installed.
- The interactive application is not configured for the installed Desktop Manager.
- A graphic card compatibility issue.

Remedy - General Troubleshooting Steps

- 1. Login to the PBS MoM.
- 2. Check the Xvnc.log and the dmtrace.log files for errors.

These files are located in the interactive application's job's execution directory on the graphic node where the job is running.

Remedy - Verify that a Desktop Manager is Installed

Follow the below steps to determine if a Desktop Manager is installed on the PBS MoM:

- **1.** Login to the PBS MoM where the interactive application is running as root or a user with sudo permissions.
- **2.** Copy the remote session diagnosis script from either the PAS Server or the Access Web server.

The script is located at PA EXEC/displaymanager/scripts/remotesession-diagnosis.py

3. Run the diagnosis script.

```
python remotesession-diagnosis.py
```

At the bottom of the command output you should see messages similar to the below. This is the Desktop Manager that has been installed on the PBS MoM.

```
    Desktop Manager Environment installed:
    output: gnome-classic.desktop, gnome-custom-session.desktop, gnome.desktop,mate.desktop
```

4. If a Desktop Manager has not been installed, then install a Desktop Manager such as GNOME, MATE, or KDE.

By default, the GlxSpheres application definition, that is installed when the PAS server is configured for Remote Sessions, is configured to use the GNOME Desktop Manager. If you install a different Desktop Manager, then you will have to edit all of the interactive application definitions to reconfigure them to use a different Desktop Manager.

Remedy - Verify that Interactive Applications are Configured for the Desktop Manager

By default, the GlxSpheres application definition, that is installed when the PAS server is configured for Remote Sessions, is configured to use the GNOME Desktop Manager. If you install a different Desktop Manager, then you will have to edit all of the interactive application definitions to reconfigure them to use a different Desktop Manager.

Follow these steps to verify that all interactive application definitions are configured for the Desktop Manager that is installed on the graphic PBS MoM.

- **1.** Login to the PAS Server as root or a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Navigate to PA HOME/data/pas/targets/localhost/repository/applications.

For each interactive application definition:

3. Navigate to the runtime directory .



- 4. Edit the file xstartup.turbovnc.
- 5. If the Desktop Manager that is installed on the PBS MoM is GNOME:
 - a) Verify that the *DESKTOP* variable is set to GNOME:

```
#DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-NONE}
#DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-MATE}
#DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-KDE}
DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-GNOME}
```

- **6.** If the Desktop Manager that is installed on the PBS MoM is MATE:
 - a) Verify that the *DESKTOP* variable is set to MATE:

```
#DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-NONE}
DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-MATE}
#DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-KDE}
#DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-GNOME}
```

- 7. If the Desktop Manager that is installed on the PBS MoM is KDE:
 - a) Verify that the DESKTOP variable is set to KDE:

```
#DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-NONE}
#DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-MATE}
DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-KDE}
#DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-GNOME}
```

- **8.** If the Desktop Manager that is installed on the PBS MoM is something other than GNOME, MATE, or KDE:
 - a) Add a line to represent the Desktop Manager:

```
#DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-NONE}
#DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-MATE}
#DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-KDE}
#DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-GNOME}
DESKTOP=${DESKTOP:-DESKTOP_MGR}
```

Where DESKTOP_MGR is an acronym for the installed Desktop Manager.

b) Add a line to start a Desktop Manager session:

```
MATE) exec ${VGLRUN} -display ${DISPLAY_VGL} +wm /bin/mate-session ;;
KDE) exec ${VGLRUN} -display ${DISPLAY_VGL} +wm /bin/startkde ;;
DESKTOP_MGR) exec ${VGLRUN} -display ${DISPLAY_VGL} +wm /
bin/DESKTOP_MGR_BIN ;;
```

Where *DESKTOP_MGR* is an acronym for the installed Desktop Manager and *DESKTOP_MGR_BIN* is the executable for the Desktop Manager.

9. Restart PAS/Access or remote timestamp.txt.:

```
service pbsworks-pa restart
```

The Desktop Manager should now display. If the Desktop Manager does not display, then there may be graphic card compatibility issues.

See Also

Graphic Card Compatibility Issues



15.3.10 Graphic Card Compatibility Issues

Condition

Several conditions may be observed that may be caused by graphic card compatibility issues:

- After submitting a job to start a remote session, the display session is visible but the interactive application is not.
- The Desktop Manager is not visible after opening a Remote Session but the application is displayed.

Cause

- A supported graphic card is not installed.
- The wrong drivers have been installed for the graphics card.
- Full 3D acceleration is not enabled by the graphic card drivers.
- Pixel Buffer support is not enabled by the graphic card drivers.
- Direct rendering is not enabled for the graphics card.

Remedy

Use the drivers provided by the manufacturer of the graphics card. If the manufacturer of the 3D adapter provides proprietary drivers for Linux, it is recommended that these drivers be installed.

- **1.** Login to the PBS MoM where the interactive application is running as root or a user with sudo permissions.
- **2.** Copy the remote session diagnosis script from either the PAS Server or the Access Web server. The script is located at PA EXEC/displaymanager/scripts/remotesession-diagnosis.py
- 3. Run the diagnosis script.

```
python remotesession-diagnosis.py
```

At the bottom of the command output you should see messages similar to the below.

```
- execution node
         - DBUS SESSION BUS ADDRESS :
         - RemoteSession agent: TurboVNC is installed - YES
         - RemoteSession agent: VirtualGL is installed - YES
         - RemoteSession agent: GPU hardware is configured: YES
             - output: OpenGL version string: 3.0 Mesa 17.2.3
         - RemoteSession agent: Direct Rendering: YES
             - output: 600 GLXFBConfigs:
   visual x bf lv rg d st colorbuffer ax dp st accumbuffer ms cav
                                                                    drw
 id dep cl sp sz l ci b ro r g b a F bf th cl r g b a ns b eat
0x05d 24 tc 0 32 0 r .
                              8 8 8 .
                            8
                                          0 0 0 0 0 0 0 None PXW
                                        0
0x05e 24 tc 0 32 0 r
                            8 8 8 8 .
                                        0 0
                                             0 16 16 16 16
                                                           0 0 Slow PXW
0x05f 24 tc 0 32 0 r
                            8 8 8 8 .
                                        0 0 0 0 0 0
                                                           0 0 None PXW
0x060 24 tc 0 32 0 r y
                           8 8 8 8 . 0 0 0 16 16 16 16 0 0 Slow PXW
0x061 24 tc 0 32 0 r y
                        . 8 8 8 8 . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 None PXW
0x062 24 tc 0 32 0 r y
                           8 8 8 8 . 0 0 0 16 16 16 16 0 0 Slow PXW
0x063 24 tc 0 32 0 r
                                        0 16 0 0 0 0 0 0 None PXW
   - Desktop Manager Environment installed:
       - output: gnome-classic.desktop, gnome-custom-session.desktop,
    gnome.desktop, mate.desktop
```

4. Verify that the graphics card is either NVIDIA or ATI(AMD).



```
RemoteSession agent: GPU hardware is configured: YESoutput: OpenGL version string: NVIDIA Corporation
```

It should not be Mesa or some other kind of graphics library software.

```
RemoteSession agent: GPU hardware is configured: YESoutput: OpenGL version string: 3.0 Mesa 17.2.3
```

This indicates that software rendering is being used to render the graphics, rather than using the graphics hardware. In this case, make sure that a NVIDIA or ATI(AMD) graphic card is installed, the appropriate drivers are installed and verify that the graphics card vendor supports direct hardware rendering in your environment.

5. Verify that direct rendering is being used:

```
- RemoteSession agent: Direct Rendering: YES
```

Direct rendering means that all 3D rendering commands are handled by the client application, and the X server is not involved in the rendering. If indirect rendering is used, all rendering commands are sent to the server, and the server may use either software or hardware rendering. In terms of performance, direct hardware rendering is fastest. If indirect rendering is being used, it is an indication that the graphic card drivers are not installed or configured correctly.

6. Examine the output to ensure that at least one of the visuals is 24-bit or 32-bit TrueColor and has Pbuffer support (the latter is indicated by a "P" in the last column.)

359 GLXFBConfigs:																						
visual																					cav	drw
id der cl	sp	sz	1	ci	b	ro	r	g	b	а	F	bf	th	cl	r	g	b	а	ns	b	eat	typ
0x135 24 to	0	24	0	r	у		8	8	8	0		4	24	8	16	16	16	16	0	0	None	PXW
0x136 24 dc	0	24	0	r	У		8	8	8	0		4	24	8	16	16	16	16	0	0	None	PXW
0x137 24 to	0	32	0	r	У		8	8	8	8		4	24	8	16	16	16	16	0	0	None	PXW
0x138 24 dc	0	32	0	r	У		8	8	8	8		4	24	8	16	16	16	16	0	0	None	PXW
0x139 24 to	0	24	0	r			8	8	8	0		4	24	8	16	16	16	16	0	0	None	PXW
0x13a 24 dc	0	24	0	r			8	8	8	0		4	24	8	16	16	16	16	0	0	None	PXW
0x13b 24 to	0	32	0	r			8	8	8	8		4	24	8	16	16	16	16	0	0	None	PXW
0x13c 24 dc	0	32	0	r			8	8	8	8		4	24	8	16	16	16	16	0	0	None	PXW
0x13d 24 to	0	24	0	r	У		8	8	8	0		4	24	0	16	16	16	16	0	0	None	PXW
0x13e 24 dc	0	24	0	r	У		8	8	8	0		4	24	0	16	16	16	16	0	0	None	PXW
0x13f 24 to	0	32	0	r	У		8	8	8	8		4	24	0	16	16	16	16	0	0	None	PXW
0x140 24 dc	0	32	0	r	У		8	8	8	8		4	24	0	16	16	16	16	0	0	None	PXW
0v141 24 to	а	24	a	٣			8	8	R	а		4	24	a	16	16	16	16	а	а	None	PYW

Figure 24: Pbuffer Support Check

If none of the visuals has Pbuffer support, then this is most likely because there is no 3D acceleration, which is most likely because the correct 3D drivers are not installed or are not configured correctly.

15.3.11 Interactive Application Job is in a Wait State

Condition

After submitting a job to start a remote session, the job has gone into a wait state.



There is an issue at the PBS Professional level, for example a file transfer issue.

Remedy

- **1.** Login to the PBS Server as root or a user with sudo permissions.
- **2.** Check the PBS Server logs for any errors related to the job.

15.3.12 Interactive Application Job is in a Queued State

Condition

After submitting a job to start a remote session, the job has gone into a queued state.

Cause

- GPU resources are currently not available to run the job.
- An insufficient amount of GPU resources are available to run the job.

Remedy

- **1.** Login to the PBS Server as root or a user with sudo permissions.
- 2. Check the PBS Server logs for any errors related to the job.
- 3. Execute the command:

```
qstat -xf <jobid>
```

4. View the comment parameter at the end of the qstat command's output.

The following error indicates that there are not enough GPU resources available to run this job currently. The job remains in the queued state until GPU resources are free to run the job.

```
Not Running: Insufficient amount of resource: ngpus
```

The following error indicates that there is an insufficient amount of GPUs to run the job. For example, the job requests 2 GPUs and there is only a single GPU in the cluster or there are no execution nodes having a GPU resource.

Can Never Run: Insufficient amount of resource: ngpus

15.3.13 Interactive Application Job Fails

Condition

After submitting a job to start a remote session, the job fails.

Cause

Interactive jobs may fail because:

- there is an application specific error.
- there is an issue with the associated application definition, such pointing to the wrong application path.



• the Remote Session component is not installed on the PBS MoM.

Remedy

Resubmit the job but enable the feature that copies back all job files to the job's output directory.

- 1. Login to Access Web.
- 2. Create a new remote session.
- **3.** When the job submission form appears, enable **All Fields** at the top of the job submission form. All job submission fields are displayed.
- 4. Enable the Copy back checkbox.
- **5.** Fill in the required fields for the interactive application.
- **6.** Submit the job.
- **7.** Once the job fails, view the following files in the job's Output tab to help diagnose the problem.
 - dmtrace.log
 - <jobname>.STDERR
 - <jobname>.STDOUT
 - <jobname>.e<jobid>
 - <jobname>.o<jobid>
 - Xvnc.log



15.4 Troubleshoot Results Visualization Service

Troubleshooting information and steps for RVS.

The following section provides the information about troubleshooting information and steps for RVS.

15.4.1 Troubleshoot Checklist

A quick checklist of pre-requisites for RVS.

- **1.** The RVS server should be installed on a supported operating system and web browsers to visualize the result files. For more information refer System Requirements for Access Web.
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Note: Turn off pop-up blockers to view the running job file auto-refresh loading message for all the supported web browsers.

- 2. For Linux OS, ensure HyperMath is working fine before running RVS.
 - a) Verify if the shared library is accessible by running HMathserv at: /opt/2017.2/altair/scriptsh/hmath.
 - b) Install "libXScrnSaver-1.2.2-6.1.el7.x86_64" package to resolve the shared library error: "error while loading shared libraries:libXss.so.1".
- **3.** Ensure HyperWorks is installed in a location where all the Access Web users have read and write permissions.
 - HyperWorks is recommended to install in the ${\tt Home}$ location, which enables read permission to all the Access Web users.
- **4.** The Access Web user should have read access to results files. This indicates the user's read access to the PBS MOM's execution directory (the staging directory set during the installation) to view the running job result files.
- 5. To check if there any of the HMath processes that are running, use the command:

```
ps -ef | grep hmathserv
```

The list of HMath process ids is displayed.

6. To kill a process id, specify the process id in the following command:

kill -9 cprocess id>



15.4.2 Common Issues

This section provides list of common issues occurs in RVS. The causes and the resolution steps are provided to resolve these common issues.

Unable to Use Results Visualization Service Features

Unable to view or perform any of the RVS options.

The causes could be:

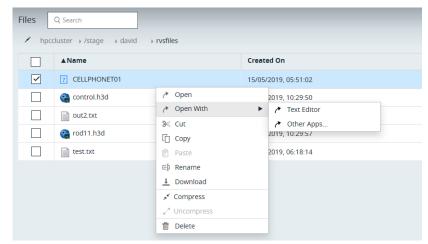
- RVS Options are Not Visible when a Result File is Right-Clicked
- · RVS Services are Down Message is Displayed

RVS Options are Not Visible when a Result File is Right-Clicked

RVS options are not available when attempting to view or create a plot or animation.

Condition

I am attempting to create or view a plot or animation by right-clicking a results file and the RVS options are not visible on the sub-menu.



Cause

The results file type may be unsupported or the result file type reader may need to be activated.

Remedy

Check that the file is a supported results file type.

- If the results file type is supported:
 - 1. Check if the result file type is associated to one of the following solvers: Abaqus, CFX, Fluent, or STAR-CCM+.
 - **2.** If the result file type is associated to one of the above solvers, activate the solver file reader.
- If the result file type is not supported, then post-processing by RVS is not supported.

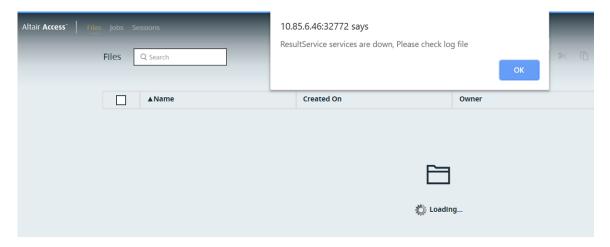


RVS Services are Down Message is Displayed

Unable to view or perform any of the RVS options.

Condition

The message, Result Service services are down, please check log files. appears as soon as you login to Access Web.



Cause

The RVS service may not have been started.

Remedy

- 1. Check if the RVS service is running using the command: ps -ef | grep resultservice.
- 2. If RVS is not started, try restarting Access Web using the command:service pbsworks-pa restart.

Cause

The RVS service is down due to an error condition.

Remedy

Check for errors in the RVS log files. To check the log files:

- 1. Navigate to: PA HOME/logs/resultservice/resultservicelog/resultservice.log
- 2. If found none in the RVS Core logs, then navigate to the following file location: PA_HOME/logs/resultservice/catalina.out and check for the error messages.
- **3.** Based on the errors or error messages found in the above file paths, Altair Support Contact will further resolve the issue.

Cause

It could be a port conflict with other services.

Remedy



- 1. Check for the port conflicts in the following path: PA HOME/logs/resultservice/catalina.out.
- **2.** Verify if RVS service is working on the default port. Refer to the list of ports used by Access Web Services and Components, Ports Used by Access Web.

HyperMath License Error

Unable to post process the result files due to HWHyperMath license error.

Condition

HWHyperViewTrans licenses are not available in the license server.

Cause

I receive the following error while plotting a result file: License for HyperMath is required for post processing of results and is not available in the License Server.

Remedy

Follow the given steps:

- **1.** Login to Access Web server.
- 2. Navigate to RVS license configuration file location at PA_EXEC/resultservice/scripts/setenv.sh.
- **3.** Use the Altair Hyperworks license server hostname.
- **4.** Ping the hostname of the license server to determine if it is pingable.
- **5.** If the server responds to the ping, navigate to the license file location at: /usr/local/altair/licensing14.0.
- **6.** Verify the validity dates of HWHyperMath and HWHyperViewTrans licenses.

Cause

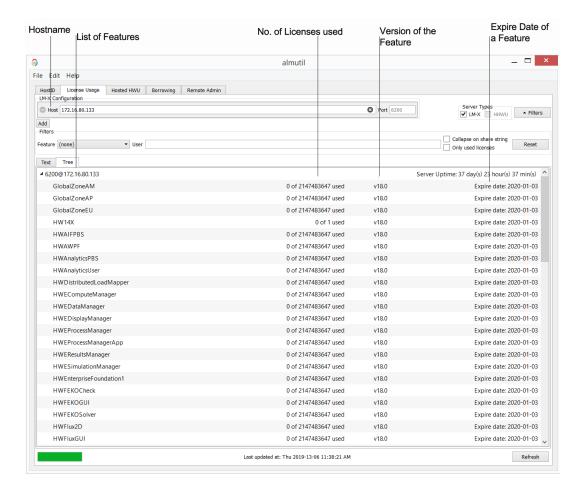
License for HyperMath is required indicates HWHyperMath feature is not available or insufficient licenses are available.

Remedy

Verify the details of licenses using Altair Utility:

- **1.** Download The Altair License Utility Software from the following Altair Connect Weblink:https://connect.altair.com/CP/downloads.html.
- 2. On the Altair Connect page, click **Downloads** > **Software Downloads** > **PBS Works**.
- **3.** On the **License Manager** tab, select the Altair License Manager software link for your operating system.
- 4. Download and install the software on your system. A shortcut, Altair License Utility is displayed.
- **5.** Enter the LMX server hostname. The utility will provide the list of features with version, number of licenses used and unused, and expiry date of the feature.





If the error still persist even after the above checks, verify if there are any HWHyperMath process ids running. Kill the processs id and try again.

Remedy

Follow the given steps:

1. To check if there any of the HMath processes that are running, use the command:

```
ps -ef | grep hmathserv
```

The list of HMath process ids is displayed.

2. To kill a process id, specify the process id in the following command:

```
kill -9 cess id>
```

HVTrans License Error

Unable to post process the result files due to HWHyperViewTrans license error.

Condition

HWHyperViewTrans licenses are not available in the license server.



I receive the following error while viewing an animation result file: License for HWHyperViewTrans is required for post processing of results and is not available in the License Server.

Remedy

Follow the given steps:

- **1.** Login to Access Web server.
- 2. Navigate to RVS license configuration file location at PA_EXEC/resultservice/scripts/setenv.sh.
- **3.** Use the Altair Hyperworks license server hostname.
- **4.** Ping the hostname of the license server to determine if it is pingable.
- **5.** If the server responds to the ping, navigate to the license file location at: /usr/local/altair/licensing14.0.
- **6.** Verify the validity dates of HWHyperMath and HWHyperViewTrans licenses.

Cause

License for HVTrans is required indicates HyperViewTrans feature is not available or insufficient licenses are available.

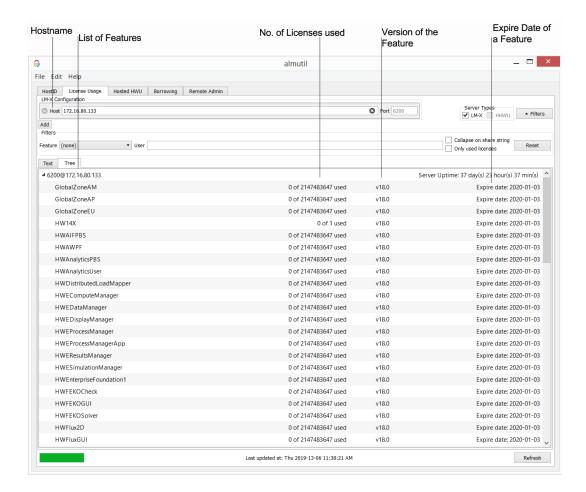
Remedy

Verify the details of HyperViewTrans feature and its licenses using Altair Utility:

- **1.** Download The Altair License Utility Software from the following Altair Connect Weblink:https://connect.altair.com/CP/downloads.html.
- 2. On the Altair Connect page, click **Downloads** > **Software Downloads** > **PBS Works**.
- On the License Manager tab, select the Altair License Manager software link for your operating system.
- **4.** Download and install the software on your system. A shortcut, **Altair License Utility** is displayed.
- **5.** Enter the LMX server hostname.

 The utility will provide the list of features with version, number of licenses used and unused, and expiry date of the feature.





If the error still persist even after the above checks, verify if there are any HWHyperMath process ids running. Kill the running processes and try again.

Remedy

Follow the given steps:

To check if there any of the HMath processes that are running, use the command:

```
ps -ef | grep hmathserv
```

The list of HMath process ids is displayed.

2. To kill a process id, specify the process id in the following command:

```
kill -9 cess id>
```

Result File Reader is Unrecognized

Unable to post process the result files when you try to plot or animation.

Condition

The supported file type reader is not configured in HyperWorks.



I am trying to open a result file using RVS and I receive the following error: The result file reader is not configured in HyperWorks.

Remedy

Follow the givens steps:

- 1. Verify if your result file reader is configured.
 For the Fluent file reader, the entry should be as following:
 *RegisterExternalReader({external readers dir + "/hgfluent.exe"}, "", "", ascii
- 2. If not configured, then you need to configure the solver file reader.

See Also

Activate Solver Files Readers Supported Result File Types

Unable to Extract TOC of a Result File

Condition

RVS is unable to post process the plot or animation result files.

Cause

I receive the following error while plotting a result file: Unable to extract TOC of a Result file.

Remedy

- **1.** Verify if the solver reader file type is activated.
- 2. To enable the solver reader file, navigate to HW_EXEC/hw/prefinc/ preferences common plot.mvw.
- **3.** Locate the following line of code:

```
*RegisterExternalColumnReader({external readers dir + "/hgtextcolumn.exe"})
```

4. Add the following line of code directly before the code referenced in the previous step to activate the solver reader:

```
*RegisterExternalReader({external_readers_dir + "/hg<solvername>.exe"}, "", "", ascii)
```

Cause

Insufficient permissions to read the result file.

Remedy

Ensure HyperWorks is installed in a location where all the Access Web users have read and write permissions.

• Hyperworks is recommended to install in the Home location, which enables read and write permission to all the Access Web users.



Navigate to ALTAIR_HOME and verify if the permissions.
 The image displays Access Web users having executable persmissions for the HyperWorks Desktop application.
 drwxr-xr-x. 5 root root 4096 May 6 10:27 hw2017.3

Cause

The reason could be HWHyperMath is not accessible.

Remedy

Verify if HyperMath is installed properly.

• Verify if HyperMath is accessible by running the HMathserv script at: /opt/2017.2/altair/scriptsh/hmath.



Note: hwx: cannot connect to x server. Please ignore this message since this is referring to HyperMesh Desktop.

Cause

The reason could be that the shared library package is not installed.

Remedy

- 1. Download, "libXScrnSaver-1.2.2-6.1.el7.x86 64" package to resolve the shared library error.
- 2. Install libXScrnSaver rpm package using the following command: # yum install libXScrnSaver.



15.5 Logging

Information about defining PAS logging behavior and Log Files.

15.5.1 Logging Behavior

Information about defining PAS logging behavior.

PAS logging behavior is defined in the file PA HOME/config/pas/server-log.xml.

The default logging level is set to "info" providing informational messages that highlight the progress of the application at a coarse-grained level.

PAS allows logging to be configured for certain functional aspects of PAS, such as file operations or job submission. These functional areas are defined by the <category> element. The existing categories in the server-log.xml are useful as a basic configuration, are more course-grained, and provide the default PAS logging.

To configure the level of logging, edit the server-log.xml file and set the <pri>priority value> attribute of a particular <category> to one of the following values:

- off has the highest possible rank and is intended to turn off logging.
- fatal very severe error events that will presumably lead the application to abort.
- error error events that might still allow the application to continue running.
- warn potentially harmful situations.
- info informational messages highlighting the progress of the application at a coarse-grained level.
- debug fine-grained informational events that are most useful to debug an application.
- trace finer-grained informational events than the DEBUG.
- all the lowest possible rank and is intended to turn on all logging.

```
<category name="category">
     <priority value="<logging_level>" />
</category>
```

Remote File operations, Job submission, and Job Status

Configure logging behavior for remote file operations, job submission, and job status.

The logging for this category is relevant for the communication with the EIFL server.

- 1. Navigate to PA HOME/config/conf/
- **2.** Update server-log.xml with the following XML:

3. Update server-log.xml to get detailed troubleshooting information for the job status:



The following are examples of the type of messages that will be logged if debugging is enabled for the job status operation:

Table 3: Logging Messages for Communication with the EIFL Server

Event	Message
Before a web service API call to the EIFL server	"Success getting eifl server port <port>"</port>
After an EIFL web service API call to the EIFL server	"Success returning from eifl.waitExit(), port is <port>"</port>
For a job status request, before the web service API call to the EIFL server	"qstatJobs(): Success getting eifl server port <port>"</port>
After an EIFL web service API call to the EIFL server	"qstatJobs(): Success returning from eifl.waitExit(), port is <port>"</port>
For the get detailed job status operation, if an error occurs, the error code will be logged as returned by PBS	"PbsEiflWs.java getErrorCode(): pbs error code is <pbserrorcodestr>"</pbserrorcodestr>

File Operations (local and remote)

Configure logging behavior for file operations (local and remote).

- 1. Navigate to PA HOME/config/conf/
- **2.** Update server-log.xml to change the priority value:

Job Submission

Configure logging behavior for job submission.

1. Navigate to PA HOME/config/conf/



2. Update server-log.xml to get detailed logging information about user inputs and to see how long it takes to execute a submission request by adding the following XML:

3. Update server-log.xml to get information about the process of creating PBS job attributes from user inputs and the application definition by adding the following XML:

```
<category name=" com.altair.gw.aif.rest.util.PASNextGenJobUtils">
     <priority value="debug" />
</category>
```

PAS supports multiple adapters to communicate with the workload manager.

4. If the SSH adapter is enabled for the communication with the PBS cluster, add the following XML to the serverlog.xml file to troubleshoot job submission:

The following are examples of the type of messages that will be logged if debugging is enabled for this class:

Table 4: Logging Messages for Job Submission

Event	Message
Before job submission, PAS will record the job name and the resources requested.	"PbsJobFactory.getPbsJob():job name = <job name="">, resourceList to String: <job resources=""></job></job>
Once the job is submitted, PAS will record the job id.	"JobSubmit success. Job id: <jobid>"</jobid>
For job status requests, PAS will log any empty responses.	"HpcpPbsAdapter.jobList(): qstat is empty"

Job Submission and Status

Configure logging behavior for job submission and status.

- 1. Navigate to PA HOME/config/conf/
- **2.** Update server-log.xml with the following XML:



```
</category>
```

Enabling a debugging level for the "PbsJobsPortImpl" class also provides the ability to determine the IP address of a client request for PAS job submission services.

For each job submission API call, a log record is created having the API name, requesting user name, and remote host. For example,

```
Entered getJobs(). User: <username>, client host: '<clientHost>'
```

Application Definitions

Configure logging behavior for application definitions.

- 1. Navigate to PA HOME/config/conf/
- 2. Update server-log.xml to get detailed logging information about application definitions by adding the following XML:

Dynamic Application Refresh Script

Configure logging behavior for the dynamic application refresh script.

- 1. Navigate to PA HOME/config/conf/
- **2.** Update server-log.xml to get detailed logging information about dynamic application refresh script by adding the following XML:

During the Job Status Retrieval

Configure logging behavior to troubleshoot errors during the job status retrieval.

- 1. Navigate to PA HOME/config/conf/
- 2. Update server-log.xml to get user information and the total time of the PAS server operation by adding the following XML:

3. To get job details information coming from the Workload Manager to PAS and details about response from PBS, add the following XML to the server-log.xml file:



```
</category>
```

4. If the SSH adapter is enabled for the communication with the PBS cluster, add the following XML to the server-log.xml file to troubleshoot job submission:

This will log the job status attributes as returned to the PAS Server from the script executed through the SSH channel.

File Operations Execution (Local and Remote) and File Download

Configure logging behavior to troubleshoot errors during the file operations execution (local and remote) and file download.

- 1. Navigate to PA HOME/config/conf/
- **2.** Update the server-log.xml to get more details on user information and the total time of the PAS server operation by adding the following XML:

3. Update the server-log.xml file to get details about the local and remote file operation (parameters, current working directory, the operation result) at the PAS server level by adding the following XML:

4. Update the server-log.xml file to get details about the local file operation by adding the following XML:

5. Update the server-log.xml file to get details about the remote file operations by adding the following XML:

With this category we'll see more details related to user impersonation when we create the process as specific user.

6. If the SSH adapter is enabled for the communication with PBS cluster, it is possible to enable the logging of additional information related to the SSH tunnel. For the troubleshooting and debugging of remote file operations add the following XML to the server-log.xml file:

It will show the command and parameters passed to the SSH tunnel and what is the result of the communication with the remote host coming back to the PAS Server.



7. Update the server-log.xml file to see more information about the file download by adding the following XML:

Application Definition Related Errors

Configure logging behavior to troubleshoot application definition related errors.

- 1. Navigate to PA HOME/config/conf/
- **2.** Update the server-log.xml to get more details on user information and the total time of the PAS server operation by adding the following XML:

3. If any errors indicate the failure of communication with the file system, add the following XML to the server-log.xml file to log more details about application definition reading and writing from the file system:

Application definitions are cached for better performance. If any discrepancy between the application definition in the upstream products and the file system is observed, the cache debug logging should be enabled to make sure the PAS Server is providing the most current application definition.

4. Update the server-log.xml to get more information on cache debug logging by adding the following XML:

User Profile

Configure logging behavior to troubleshoot user profile errors.

- 1. Navigate to PA HOME/config/conf/
- 2. Update the server-log.xml to get more details on user information and the total time of the PAS Server operation by adding the following XML:

Server Registration

Configure logging behavior to troubleshoot server registration errors.



- 1. Navigate to PA HOME/config/conf/
- **2.** Update the server-log.xml to get more details on user information and the total time of the PAS Server operation by adding the following XML:

User Account

Configure logging behavior to troubleshoot user account related errors.

- 1. Navigate to PA HOME/config/conf/
- 2. Update the server-log.xml to get more details on user information and the total time of the PAS Server operation by adding the following XML:

```
<category name="com.altair.gw.aif.rest. UserService">
     <priority value="debug" />
</category>
```

Session Errors

Configure logging behavior to troubleshoot session related errors.

- 1. Navigate to PA HOME/config/conf/
- 2. Update the server-log.xml to get more details on user information and the total time of the PAS Server operation by adding the following XML:

15.5.2 Locate RVS Log Files

The file path details to locate RVS core logs, web server logs, and integration logs are listed. Locating RVS log files locations:

- a) RVS core logs: PA HOME/logs/resultservice/resultservicelog/resultservice.log
- b) RVS web server logs: PA HOME/logs/resultservice/catalina.out
- c) RVS integration logs: PA HOME/logs/resultmanager/resulmanager.log

15.5.3 Log Files

Information about the log files.



PAS Log File

The PAS log file, pas-server.log, contains a record of server activities and is useful for identifying issues and problems. The location of the log file for a typical installation of PAS is: PA HOME/logs/pas/

Other Log Files

The PAS installation log file is located in: /opt/altair/pbsworks/pas/2019.2/_PAS Services_installation/Logs

The log files for the Apache Tomcat web server are located in: PBSWORKS_EXEC/pas/bin/pas-server/logs

