

Ionic Reference Guide

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1. Introduction

The Privitar Data Privacy platform is a data privacy solution that enables organizations to use sensitive datasets more safely.



NOTE

For ease of reference, the Privitar Data Privacy platform is referred to as the **Privitar Platform**, (or just **Privitar**) in the rest of this manual.

Ionic Machina provides a key management system (KMS) and an access policy control software solution.

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The Ionic SDK provides methods to generate a key(s) as well as for encrypting data.

The Privitar Platform uses a Key Management Service (KMS) to access encryption keys used by:

- Encrypt Rule
- Derived Tokenisation
- HDFS Token Vault Encryption
- Batch jobs using JDBC connections that require secured credentials

Ionic Machina can be integrated with Privitar to provide this KMS functionality.

1.1. Compatibility

Privitar v4.1 provides support for Ionic Machina. It is compatible with the Ionic Password Persistor and is tested with version 2.8.0 of the SDK.

2. Requirements

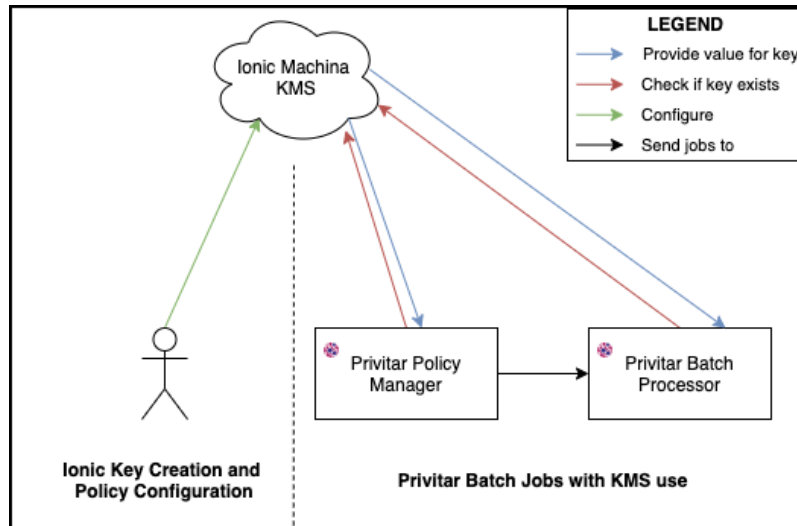
In order to integrate Ionic Machina with the Privitar Platform, the following is needed:

- The Ionic client (Ionic CLI) must be installed. This is required when enrolling devices with Ionic and generating profiles.
- The keys used by the Privitar Platform must exist in Ionic.
- The appropriate policy must exist within Ionic to allow Privitar to access relevant keys.

3. Architecture

The Privitar Platform and cluster nodes each independently need access to the Ionic service. This is because no sensitive information is transferred to the cluster during job submission. The only information relating to Ionic, that is submitted, is the location of Ionic profiles, and the name of the environment variable storing the password.

3.1. Implementation flow



1. When Privitar encounters a situation whereby secret key material is required, it checks what is configured in the Job's Policy or Environment to find the name of the key to be used.

To maintain consistency, a PDD will always use the same version of the key.

2. Privitar creates a Spark job definition and submits this to the cluster. No sensitive information is sent as part of the job submission process. The relevant information sent as part of this request is:

- a. The path of the Ionic Profile Persistor file, which must be common across all nodes
- b. The name of the environment variable containing the Persistor's password.
- c. The name and ID of the correct version of each key to be used in the job.

In the case of *JDBC credentials*, the job definition only contains the key name (and not the ID of a particular version) of the key to be used. Both the Privitar node and the Spark processing nodes will request the latest version of the key from the KMS.

3. When a key is required by the Job, the spark processing nodes use the same authentication process as in step 2 using their own local Ionic Profile Persistor and IONIC_PASSWORD environment variable to access the KMS.



NOTE

The Privitar Policy Manager application reads the `IONIC_PASSWORD` environment variable containing the password for the Ionic Profile at startup time only. It does not require continued access to the environment variable after startup and is available in memory within the application. Whilst the application is running, the environment variable is no longer required to be set until the application undergoes a restart.

4. Ionic Integration Overview

This section presents an overview of the steps to follow to integrate the Privitar platform with Ionic Machina. For each step described, a link is provided to the appropriate section in the document that describes the procedure to follow to complete that step.

The table below describes the integration process in terms of the areas of the Privitar platform that need to be integrated with Ionic.

Step	Privitar object	Ionic object	Description
1		Application	Execute an <i>Enrollment</i> in Ionic Machina to create the common device profile persistor / password files See, Create a profile [8] .
2		Application	Deploy the profile persistor file and password to all processing nodes in your cluster See, Deploying the persistor and password [9] .
3	Environment		Ensure Ionic SDK files are loaded into the Privitar Hadoop Jars Path See, Loading Ionic SDK files into Privitar [10] .
4	Environment		Set your Cluster in Privitar to use the Ionic Keystore See, Configuring the Environment [10] .
5	Environment		Define Service User(s) in Privitar for the Cluster based Environment to support 'on-behalf-of' job processing See, Creating Service User in Privitar [11] .
6		Application	Add the Service User(s) in Ionic. See, Creating Service User in Ionic Machina [12] .
7		Application	Create Project /Team specific keys See, Creating Keys [12] .

4.1. Create a profile

To enable Privitar to access the Ionic system, a *profile* (or *device credentials*) needs to be created for Privitar in Ionic. A profile acts in a similar way to a user account and once set up it enables Privitar to access the Ionic system.

Profiles are stored in encrypted files called *persistors* (or *profile persistors*). They store the device credentials required to connect a new device (such as Privitar) to the Ionic system.

There are different types of persistors that can be created in Ionic. The Privitar Platform supports *password persistors*. This is a password protected file that can store a profile or a group of profiles - in effect one or more sets of device credentials.

The process of creating a profile in Ionic for a new device is called *enrollment*. For more information about enrolling a new device in Ionic, refer to <https://dev.ionic.com/getting-started/create-ionic-profile>.

Example 1. Example of profile creation with Ionic Machina

The following command will create a new password persistor, called "profiles.pw". This file will be password protected with the value "myPassword". This profile is created for email "my_email@domain.com", and uses keyspace identified "Keyspace_Id".

You can find more details about this command here: https://dev.ionic.com/tools/machina/profile_enroll

```
machina \  
  --devicetype password \  
  --devicepw myPassword \  
  --devicefile $HOME/.ionicsecurity/profiles.pw \  
  profile enroll \  
  --keyspace Keyspace_Id \  
  --email my_email@domain.com \  
  --type idc
```

Following the creation of the profile, you should have two items:

- A password persistor file containing the profile for the Privitar platform. The default location is `$HOME/.ionicsecurity/profiles.pw`.
- A password for the persistor.

4.2. Deploying the persistor and password

Once the credentials have been created, they need to be shared with the different environments that will need to access the Ionic Machina keystore.

4.2.1. Deploying the persistor file

The persistor must be deployed in the same path, with the same name, to the different processing locations (default: `~/ionicsecurity/profiles.pw`). This includes:

- The machine that hosts the Privitar Platform
- Each node where the Privitar jobs will run. For example, it must be installed on each Hadoop cluster data node, where Privitar Spark jobs will run

4.2.2. Deploying the persistor password

The persistor password must be set in an environment variable. By default, it is called `IONIC_PASSWORD`.

Example 2. Setting the environment variable for the persistor password

```
export IONIC_PASSWORD=<password>
```

The variable will need to exist in the same environments as the persistor files.

Application Properties For Ionic Password

Privitar configuration (`application.properties`) could be modified to specify a different variable name.

Name	Description
<code>agrotera.ionic.password.variable</code>	The name of an environment variable that contains the password to decrypt Ionic persistors. This will override default environment variable <code>IONIC_PASSWORD</code>.

4.3. Loading Ionic SDK files into Privitar

So the Privitar Platform can communicate with Ionic Machina, the Ionic Machina SDK, available via the Machina Tools, must be installed in the Privitar machine.

Follow these steps to install them:

1. On the Privitar Platform, log in as *Superuser*.
2. Select **Cluster Types** from the navigation sidebar.
3. Locate the cluster that will use the Ionic Machina KMS feature, and click on the **Edit** button on the same row.
4. Take note of the value of **Hadoop Jars Path**.
5. Copy the *Ionic SDK* and *javax.json* from Ionic Machina Tools to the location found in the previous step.

4.4. Configuring the Environment

In order for the Privitar environments to use the Ionic Machina KMS feature, follow these steps:

1. Select **Environments** from the sidebar.
2. Click on the environment that will use the Ionic Machina KMS Feature.
3. Select the **Key Management** tab.
4. Use the **Key Management System** dropdown to select *Ionic Machina*.
5. Set the value of field **Ionic Machina Persistor Path** to the file path defined in [Deploying the persistor file \[9\]](#).

Environment

Name * Ionic Batch ID djsrcmgh

☒ Hadoop Cluster Hadoop Cluster ID yqf29dal

Configure Test

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Key Management System Ionic Machina

Ionic Machina Persistor Path * /profiles/onic-profile.pw

Cancel Save

4.5. Creating Service User in Privitar

If impersonation is needed, a Privitar Service User is required for delegated requests. It needs to exist for all the Privitar environments that will use Ionic Machina KMS. This account will be tied to the Hadoop impersonation.

To create a new *Service User* follow these steps:

1. Select **Environments**, from the navigation sidebar.
2. Click on the environment to edit.
3. Click on the **Configure** button, under the **Hadoop Cluster** check box.
4. Under the **Authentication** tab, select **Service user**.
5. Enter a **user name** and a **group**, then click **Add**.
6. Click on **Save**, then **Save** again.

Hadoop Cluster Config

Authentication Spark Hive Data Locations Cluster

☒ Use Kerberos

Keytab path *

/tmp/mykeytab.keytab

Principal *

user@MYREALM.com

Key Distribution Center (KDC) URL *

127.0.0.1

Realm *

MYREALM.com

☐ Protected Data Domain output paths are managed by Sentry

Job Authentication

☐ Privitar user

☒ Service user

Service Users

Name	Group	
service-user	group	Remove
service-user2	group2	Remove

Username Group + Add

Test Cancel Save

4.6. Creating Service User in Ionic Machina

Please refer to your Ionic documentation to create a service user matching the one from [Creating Service User in Privitar \[11\]](#).

4.7. Creating Keys

In order to use KMS with the Privitar Platform, keys must be created in Ionic.

To proceed, follow these steps:

1. Log in with the user ID of the persistor profile, create Keys adding the Privitar 'key name' as an 'ionic_external_id' attribute. Use the Create Keys with External ID approach (<https://dev.ionic.com/sdk/tasks/create-key-with-external-id>)
2. Create a policy so the Service User configured in [Creating Service User in Ionic Machina \[12\]](#) can access the Ionic keys. You can refer to the Ionic documentation to proceed: <https://dev.ionic.com/tutorials/policy/create-data-policy>

Example 3. Impersonation example

If we want a user named privitar to impersonate an account named service-user to access a key named key, the policy must be configured with:

- service-user is allowed to access key.
- privitar is allowed to access key when ionic-delegated-external-id is service-user.

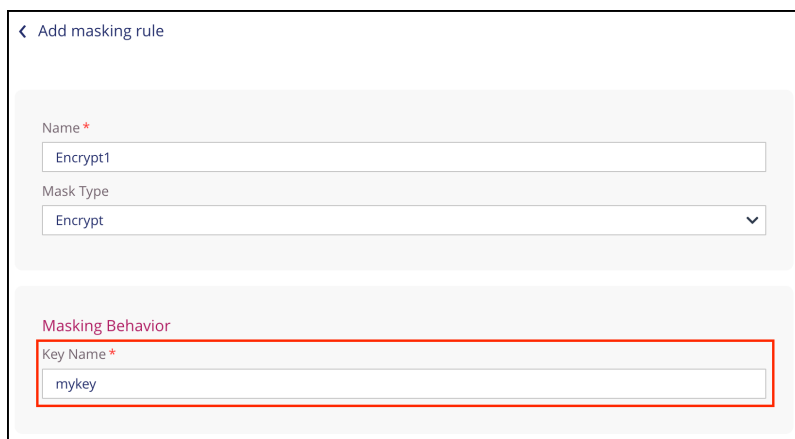
5. Configuring Privitar to use Ionic Machina KMS

Encrypt rule, HDFS token vaults, and JDBC credentials can be configured to use keys generated with Ionic Machina.

5.1. Encrypt Rule

To use the keys defined in the Ionic environment with an encrypt rule, follow these steps:

1. Select **Policies** from the navigation sidebar.
2. On the **Policies** page, click on **Rules**.
3. Click on **Create New Rule**.
4. Enter a **name** for the new rule.
5. On the **Add masking rule** page, select **Encrypt** as the **Mask Type**.
6. Under **Key Name**, enter the key defined in Ionic.
7. Click on **Save** to close the **Add masking rule** dialog box.



← Add masking rule

Name *

Encrypt1

Mask Type

Encrypt

Masking Behavior

Key Name *

mykey

5.2. Derived Tokenisation

For HDFS Token Vault with KMS configured, it is possible to use an Ionic key as the derived tokenization value (See, *Token Vault Environment Configuration*, in the *Privitar User Guide* for further details about this feature).

To use a key defined in Ionic, follow these steps:

1. From the navigation sidebar, select **Environments**.
2. On the **Environment** page, click on the environment to edit.
3. Select the **Token Vaults** tab.
4. Tick **Use Derived Tokenisation** check box. Note that is only visible for HDFS token vaults.
5. Set the **Derived Tokenization Key Name**, field to the Ionic key to use.
6. Click on **Save**.

Environment

Name *

Environment1

☒ Hadoop Cluster

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Token Vault Type

HDFS

Token Vault Encryption

☒ Off ☐ On

☒ Use Derived Tokenization

Derived Tokenization Key Name *

derived-tokenisation-key

Double click to edit value column

Property	Value
Vault Path*	/privitar/token-vault

5.3. JDBC Credentials

The password of a JDBC Token Vault connection can be encrypted using an Ionic key (See, *Token Vault Environment Configuration*, in the *Privitar User Guide* for further details about this feature).

To use a key defined in Ionic, follow these steps:

1. Select **Environments** from the navigation sidebar.
2. On the **Environment** page, click on the environment to edit.
3. Select the **Token Vaults** tab.
4. Double click on the value cell in front of **KMS Key Name**.
5. Enter the Ionic key to use, then click on **Save**.
6. Click on **Save** to close the **Environment** page.

Environment

Name *
Environment1

☒ Hadoop Cluster

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Token Vault Type
JDBC

Token Vault Encryption
☒ Off
☐ On

Double click to edit value column

Property	Value
URL*	jdbc:postgresql://127.0.0.1:5432/mydb
User*	user
Password*	*****
JDBC Driver JAR Path*	/privitar/jdbc-driver.jar
KMS Key Name*	jdbc-key
Batch Scan Queue Capacity Multiplier*	1000
Socket Read Timeout (sec)	30
Connection Retry Base Wait Time Per Attempt (ms)	1000
Connection Retry Max Wait Time Per Attempt (ms)	10000
Connection Retry Max Total Wait Time (sec)	00000

Cancel Save

5.4. Encrypted HDFS Token Vault

For HDFS Token Vault with KMS configured, it is possible to use an Ionic key as the derived tokenization value (See, *Token Vault Environment Configuration*, in the *Privitar User Guide* for further details about this feature).

To use a key defined in Ionic, follow these steps:

1. Select **Environments** from the navigation sidebar.
2. On the **Environment** page, click on the environment to edit.
3. Select the **Token Vaults** tab.
4. Set **Token Vault Encryption** to **On**.
5. Set the **Vault Encryption Key Name**, field to the Ionic key to use.
6. Click on **Save** to close the **Environment** page.

Environment

Name *

Environment1

☒ Hadoop Cluster

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Token Vault Type

HDFS

☐ Use Derived Tokenization

Double click to edit value column

Property	Value
Vault Path*	/privitar/token-vault

Token Vault Encryption

☐ Off

☒ On

Vault Encryption Key Name *

token-vault-key