



Backing up the WFA database using the CLI

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Backing up the WFA database using the CLI

If you want to back up the OnCommand Workflow Automation (WFA) database frequently, you can use the WFA command-line interface (CLI) provided with the WFA installation package.

The following are the two backup types:

- Full backup
- Regular backup

Back up (full) the WFA database using the CLI

You can perform a full backup of the OnCommand Workflow Automation (WFA) database by using the WFA command-line interface (CLI). In a full backup, the WFA database, WFA configuration, and key are backed up.

You must have admin user credentials or architect credentials.

In a high-availability environment, you should create scheduled backups by using REST APIs. You cannot create backups by using the CLI when WFA is in failover mode.

For more information, see the REST documentation.

Steps

1. At the shell prompt, navigate to the following directory on the WFA server:

```
WFA_install_location\WFA\bin.
```

WFA_install_location is the WFA installation directory.

2. Back up the WFA database:

```
.\wfa --backup --user=USER [--password=PASS] [--location=PATH] [--full]
```

- user is the user name of the backup user.
- password is the password of the backup user.

If you have not provided the password, you must enter the password when prompted.

- path is the complete directory path to the backup file.

3. Verify that the backup file was created at the specified location.

Back up (regular) the WFA database using the CLI

You can perform a regular backup of the OnCommand Workflow Automation (WFA) database by using the WFA command-line interface (CLI). In a regular backup, only the WFA database is backed up.

You must have admin user credentials, architect credentials, or backup user credentials.

In a high-availability environment, you should create scheduled backups by using REST APIs. You cannot create backups by using the CLI when WFA is in failover mode.

For more information, see the REST documentation.

Steps

1. At the shell prompt, navigate to the following directory on the WFA server:

```
WFA_install_location\WFA\bin.
```

WFA_install_location is the WFA installation directory.

2. Back up the WFA database:

```
.\wfa --backup --user=USER [--password=PASS] [--location=PATH]
```

- user is the user name of the backup user.
- password is the password of the backup user.

If you have not provided the password, you must enter the password when prompted.

- path is the complete directory path to the backup file.

3. Verify that the backup file was created at the specified location.

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