

Platform LSF® Quick Reference

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Administration and accounting commands

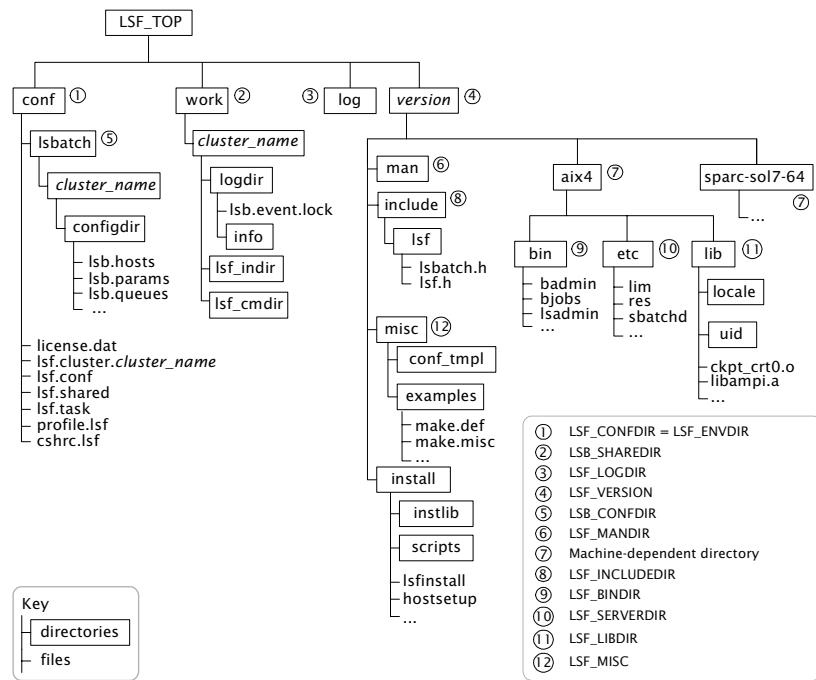
Only LSF administrators or root can use these commands.

Command	Description
lsacct	Displays accounting statistics on finished RES tasks in the LSF system
lsadmin	LSF administrative tool to control the operation of the LIM and RES daemons in an LSF cluster. lsadmin help shows all subcommands.
lsfinstall	Install LSF using install.config input file
lsfrestart	Restart the LSF daemons on all hosts in the local cluster
lsfshutdown	Shut down the LSF daemons on all hosts in the local cluster
lsfstartup	Start the LSF daemons on all hosts in the local cluster
bacct	Reports accounting statistics on completed LSF jobs
badmin	LSF administrative tool to control the operation of the LSF Batch system including sbatchd, mbatchd, hosts and queues. badmin help shows all subcommands.
brun	Forces LSF to run a submitted, pending job immediately on a specified host
brsvadd	Creates an advance reservation
brsvdel	Deletes an advance reservation

Daemons

Executable Name	Description
lim	Load Information Manager (LIM)—collects load and resource information about all server hosts in the cluster and provides host selection services to applications through LSLIB. LIM maintains information on static system resources and dynamic load indices.
mbatchd	Master Batch Daemon (MBD)—accepts and holds all batch jobs. MBD periodically checks load indices on all server hosts by contacting the Master LIM.
mbschd	Master Batch Scheduler Daemon—performs the scheduling functions of LSF and sends job scheduling decisions to MBD for dispatch. Runs on the LSF master server host.
sbatchd	Slave Batch Daemon (SBD)—accepts job execution requests from MBD, and monitors the progress of jobs. Controls job execution, enforces batch policies, reports job status to MBD, and launches MBD.
pim	Process Information Manager (PIM)—monitors resources used by submitted jobs while they are running. PIM is used to enforce resource limits and load thresholds, and for fairshare scheduling.
res	Remote Execution Server (RES)—accepts remote execution requests from all load sharing applications and handles I/O on the remote host for load sharing processes.

Sample UNIX installation directories



Daemon error log files

Daemon error log files are stored in the directory defined by LSF_LOGDIR in lsf.conf.

LSF base system daemon log files	LSF batch system daemon log files
lim.log.hostname	mbatchd.log.hostname
res.log.hostname	sbatchd.log.hostname
pim.log.hostname	mbschd.log.hostname

Configuration files

lsf.conf, lsf.shared, and lsf.cluster.cluster_name are located in LSF_CONFDIR.
lsb.params, lsb.queues, lsb.modules, and lsb.resources are located in LSF_CONFDIR/cluster_name/configdir/.

File	Description
lsf.conf	Generic environment configuration file describing the configuration and operation of the cluster
lsf.shared	Definition file shared by all clusters. Used to define cluster name, host types, host models and site-defined resources
lsf.cluster.cluster_name	Cluster configuration files used to define hosts, administrators, and locality of site-defined shared resources
lsb.params	LSF batch tunable parameters
lsb.queues	Batch queue configuration file
lsb.modules	Configures LSF scheduler and resource broker plugin modules

File	Description
lsb.resources	Configures resource allocation limits, exports, and resource usage limits
lsb.serviceclasses	Defines service-level agreements (SLAs) in an LSF cluster as service classes, which define the properties of the SLA

Cluster configuration parameters

Variable	Description	UNIX Default
LSF_TOP	Top-level LSF installation directory, must be accessible from all hosts in the cluster	/usr/local/lsf
LSF_BINDIR	Directory containing LSF user commands, shared by all hosts of the same type	LSF_TOP/version/platform/bin
LSF_CONFDIR	Directory for all LSF configuration files	LSF_TOP/conf
LSF_ENVDIR	Directory containing the lsf.conf file, must be owned by root	/etc
LSF_INCLUDEDIR	Directory containing LSF API header files lsf.h and lsbatch.h	LSF_TOP/version/include
LSF_LIBDIR	LSF libraries, shared by all hosts of the same type	LSF_TOP/version/platform/lib
LSF_LOGDIR	(Optional) Directory for LSF daemon logs, must be owned by root	/tmp
LSF_LOG_MASK	Specifies the logging level of error messages from LSF commands	LOG_WARNING
LSF_MANDIR	Directory containing LSF man pages	LSF_TOP/version/man
LSF_MISC	Help files for the LSF GUI tools, sample C programs and shell scripts, and a template for an external LIM (elim)	LSF_TOP/version/misc
LSF_SERVERDIR	Directory for all server binaries and shell scripts, and external executables invoked by LSF daemons, must be owned by root, and shared by all hosts of the same type	LSF_TOP/version/platform/etc
LSB_CONFDIR	Directory for LSF Batch configuration directories, containing user and host lists, operation parameters, and batch queues	LSF_CONFDIR/lsbatch
LSB_SHAREDIR	Directory for LSF Batch job history and accounting log files for each cluster, must be owned by primary LSF administrator	LSF_TOP/work
LSF_LIM_PORT	TCP service port used for communication with lim	6879
LSF_RES_PORT	TCP service port used for communication with res	6878
LSB_MBD_PORT	TCP service port used for communication with mbatchd	6881
LSB_SBD_PORT	TCP service port used for communication with sbatchd	6882

User commands

Viewing information about your cluster

Command	Description
bhosts	Displays hosts and their static and dynamic resources
bhpart	Displays information about host partitions
bmgroup	Displays information about host groups
bpparams	Displays information about tunable batch system parameters
bqueues	Displays information about batch queues
brsvs	Displays advance reservations
bugroup	Displays information about user groups
busers	Displays information about users and user groups
lshosts	Displays hosts and their static resource information
lsid	Displays the current LSF version number, cluster name and the master host name
lsinfo	Displays load sharing configuration information
lsload	Displays dynamic load indices for hosts

Monitoring jobs and tasks

Command	Description
bhist	Displays historical information about jobs
bjgroup	Displays information about job groups
bjobs	Displays information about jobs
blimits	Displays information about resource allocation limits
bpeek	Displays stdout and stderr of unfinished jobs
bsla	Displays information about service class configuration for goal-oriented service-level agreement (SLA) scheduling
bstatus	Reads or sets external job status messages and data files

Submitting and controlling jobs

Command	Description
bbot	Moves a pending job relative to the last job in the queue
bchkpnt	Checkpoints a checkpointable job
bgadd	Creates job groups
bgdel	Deletes job groups
bkill	Sends a signal to a job
bmig	Migrates a checkpointable or rerunnable job
bmod	Modifies job submission options
bpost	Sends a messages and attaches data files to a job
bread	Reads messages and attached data files from a job
brequeue	Kills and requeues a job
brestart	Restarts a checkpointed job
bresume	Resumes a suspended job
bstop	Suspends a job
bsub	Submits a job

Command	Description	Option	Description
bswitch	Moves unfinished jobs from one queue to another	-m "host_name[@cluster_name] [+pref_level] host_group[+pref_level] ..."	Runs job on one of the specified hosts. Plus (+) after the names of hosts or host groups indicates a preference. Optionally, a positive integer indicates a preference level. Higher numbers indicate greater preferences for those hosts.
btop	Moves a pending job relative to the first job in the queue	-M mem_limit	Sets the memory limit (KB)
		-n min_proc[,max_proc]	Specifies the minimum and maximum numbers of processors required for a parallel job
		-o output_file	Appends the standard output to a file
		-P project_name	Assigns job to specified project
		-p process_limit	Sets the limit of the number of processes for the whole job
		-q "queue_name ..."	Submits job to specified queues
		-R "res_req"	Specifies host resource requirements
		sla service_class_name	Specifies the service class where the job is to run
		-sp priority	Specifies user-assigned job priority to allow users to order their jobs in a queue
		-S stack_limit	Sets a per-process (soft) stack segment size limit (KB), for each of the processes that belong to the job
		-T thread_limit	Sets the limit of the number of concurrent threads for the whole job
		-t term_time	Specifies the job termination deadline in the form [[month:]day:]hour:minute
		-U reservation_ID	Use advance reservation created with brsvadd
		-u mail_user	Sends mail to the specified email address
		-v swap_limit	Set the total process virtual memory limit (KB) for the whole job
		-w 'dependency_expression'	Places a job when the dependency expression evaluates to TRUE
		-wa '[signal command CHKPNT]'	Specifies the job action to be taken before a job control action occurs.
		-wt '[hours:]minutes'	Specifies the amount of time before a job control action occurs that a job warning action is to be taken. Job action warning time is not normalized.
		-W run_time[/host_name /host_model]	Sets the run time limit of the job in the form [[month:]day:]hour:minute
		-Zs	Spools a command file for the job to the directory specified by the JOB_SPOOL_DIR in lsb.params
		-h	Prints command usage to stderr and exits
		-V	Prints LSF release version to stderr and exits