



BlackBerry Alert

Manage Operators and Administrators Guide

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Manage operators and administrators

Only BlackBerry Alert system administrators, enterprise administrators, and organization administrators can access the Edit Operator Permissions button on the user details page. The Edit Operator Permissions button displays the Operator Permissions page. The Operator Permissions page is used to grant or revoke a user's operator rights and assign operator roles. The Operator Permissions page also allows authorized users to define the user base of each operator. The user base is the subset of end users to whom the publisher can target alerts.

Operators cannot update their own roles and permissions. Administrators cannot assign or revoke permissions for a higher-level role than their role. For example, an organization administrator can grant organization administrator permissions to another operator, but cannot grant enterprise administrator or system administrator permissions.

An enterprise organization shows users and operators in each suborganization. An operator in a suborganization can be made an operator in the enterprise by using the Edit Operator Permissions button on the user details page in the enterprise organization. For more information, see the [BlackBerry Alert Enterprise Planning and Management Guide](#).

User base overview

A user base is a subset of end users that an operator can target alerts to and access through the Users and the Distribution Lists screens. Operators who have an unrestricted user base can target and access any user in the BlackBerry Alert system, while operators who have a restricted user base can target only the end users in their user base.

Operators who have a restricted user base cannot view information about users outside of their authorized user base, including in advanced reports, alert report summaries, delivery summary .csv files, or from the details tab of a sent alert. A banner indicates how many users out of the total number are accessible for an operator with a restricted user base.

Note: If an operator with a restricted user base creates another operator, the new operator has the same user base restrictions. The parent operator can further restrict the user base of the new operator, but cannot assign them a less restricted user base.

The user base of an operator consists of end users from the following sources, which can be assigned using the User Base and Distribution Lists Permissions tabs of the operator:

- **Organizational nodes** (Optional. Not available on all systems): Users selected based on membership in selected organizations.
- **Standard or customized user attributes assigned to end users:** Users selected based on specific attributes such as department, job function, or location.
- **Distribution lists:** Users selected based on their inclusion in selected distribution lists. This means of identifying users might result in the inclusion of people outside the designated user base of an Operator.
- **Dependents:** Users selected based on their relationship to a sponsor user.

The following table summarizes Operator access privileges for various features based on their user base.

User Base Restricted by....	Targeting Privileges	Distribution Lists Manager	End User Manager
Custom or Standard End User Attributes	Can target only those users who meet specified attribute conditions.	Must have Distribution Lists Manager role in order to access the Distribution Lists screen. Can assign users in user base to static distribution lists.	Can view users in user base only. Can edit custom and standard user attributes. Can edit users device addresses and alert delivery schedules.
Distribution Lists (DL)	Can target only the DLs to which operator has Publishing privileges. Static DLs can include users outside the user base. Dynamic DLs include only users in user base.	Must have Distribution Lists Manager role in order to access the Distribution Lists screen. Can access only the DLs to which operator has View/Manage privileges.	Can edit user memberships in static DLs.
Organizational Nodes	Can target all members of a selected organization.	—	Can assign user base to any organization to which operator has access privileges.

User Base Restricted by....	Targeting Privileges	Distribution Lists Manager	End User Manager
Dependents	Can target the dependent users of targeted sponsors.	–	Can view and edit dependents.

Switch a user base from unrestricted to restricted

If you have the necessary permissions, you can change the user base of an operator from unrestricted (the default) to restricted within BlackBerry Alert.

1. In the navigation bar, click **Users**.
2. Click **Users**.
3. Click anywhere in the row containing the name of the operator.

The details of the operator appear on the screen.

4. Click **Edit Operator Permissions**.
5. On the user details screen, scroll down to the **User Base** section and then click the **Restricted** option.
6. Click **Save** to complete the switch.

Note: For complete details on how to set up restrictions on a user base, see [Restrict a user base by attributes](#).

Note: You can also switch a user base from unrestricted to restricted with the Import Operators feature. For more information, see [Importing and exporting operators](#).

Restrict a user base by attributes

A user base can be restricted based on standard or user attributes assigned to end users, as well as membership in organizational hierarchies. The user base is defined using dynamic queries that are performed when an alert is created and when it is published.

If a parent operator has an unrestricted userbase, they can use either the AND or OR operators when assigning permissions to other operators. If a parent operator has a restricted userbase, they can only use the AND operator when assigning permissions to other operators. This prevents operators with a restricted userbase from assigning another operator permissions to access a less restricted userbase.

1. In the navigation bar, click **Users**.
2. Click **Users**.
3. Click anywhere in the row containing the operator name.
The details of the operator are displayed.
4. Click **Edit Operator Permissions**.
5. On the user details screen, scroll down to the **User Base** section and select **Restricted**.
6. Click **Modify**.
7. Select the AND/OR operator. When AND is selected, the user attribute must meet all conditions to restrict the user base. When OR is selected, attributes that match any of the conditions are included. The default is AND.
8. On the **Create Conditions** screen, click **Select Attribute** and select the first attribute you want to use as restriction criteria.
9. In the **Select Operator** field, select the operator that you want to assign to the attribute.
Note: The list of operators varies depending on the type of attribute selected.
10. In the next field that appears, enter or select a value for the attribute.
11. Optionally, click the **Add Condition** button and then repeat steps 7 through 9 for each additional attribute condition you want to add.
12. Optionally, if your organization is set up to display organizations, in the **Organization Hierarchy** section of the **User Attribute** drop-down list, select one or more options that the operator can select from as alert targets.
Note: Users must belong to the selected organizational nodes and meet the other specified attribute conditions in order to be included in a user base.
13. When you are done creating restriction criteria, click **Apply**.
14. Optionally, on the **Operator Permissions** screen, view the list of end users who meet the criteria by clicking **View users** in the **User Base** section.
15. Click **Save**.

Restrict operator access to dependents

When an operator's access to dependents is restricted, the operator cannot view, edit, or delete a dependent user. The operator cannot target dependents in alerts or events, view them in reports, or export their data.

Operators have access to view, manage, and target dependents by default.

1. In the navigation bar, click **Users**.
2. Click **Users**.
3. Click anywhere in the row containing the operator name. The details of the operator are displayed.
4. Click **Edit Operator Permissions**.
5. In the **Operator Permissions** screen, scroll down to the **User Base** section and deselect the **Enabled** check box in the **Manage and Publish to Dependents** section.
6. Click **Save**.

Grant operator permissions to a user

When you grant operator permissions to a user, you select which roles the user has when they are logged in. The role that a user is assigned to determines what BlackBerry Alert features they can access. The roles that are available to be assigned to users are determined by the features that are enabled in an organization.

Only organization administrators, enterprise administrators, and system administrators can grant operator permissions to users. Operators cannot update their own permissions. Operators cannot assign or revoke higher level operator permissions than their own permissions. For example, an operator with organization administrator permissions can revoke or grant organization administrator permissions to another operator, but cannot grant enterprise administrator or system administrator permissions.

1. Create a user or select an existing user. After you create a new user and click **Save**, the user details screen appears.
2. Click **Grant Operator Permissions**.
3. On the **Operator Permissions** screen, click the **Operator Roles** list and click to select each of the roles you want to assign to the user.

As you select roles, they appear on the screen under the Operator Roles drop-down list. If you select more than three roles, the first three are displayed, and the rest can be seen by clicking the scrollbar that appears in the field.

Tip: Click **Operator Roles and Permissions Matrix** to view a complete mapping of BlackBerry Alert roles and their capabilities.

4. Optionally, enter and confirm a password that meets the specified requirements.
5. Optionally, select the check boxes to specify if the user must change their password at next login, and whether the password expires.
6. Click **Save**.

Note: You can also grant operator permissions using the Import Operators feature. For more information, see [Importing and exporting operators](#).

Edit operator permissions

Note: If you want to revoke all Operator permissions for a user, see [Revoke operator permissions](#).

1. In the navigation bar, click **Users**.
2. Click **Users**.
3. Click the operator name in the list.

The user details screen opens, displaying all of the information for that user in the system.

4. Click **Edit Operator Permissions**.
5. On the **Operator Permissions** screen, click the **Operator Roles** drop-down list and then select each of the roles that you want to assign to the user.

Note: Only operator roles that are at the same or lower-level than your role appear in the list. For example, if you have the organization administrator role, you cannot assign the enterprise administrator role.

6. To remove an operator permission, click the **X** beside the name.
7. Click **Save**.

Note: You can also edit operator permissions with the Import Operators feature. For more information, see [Importing and exporting operators](#).

Revoke operator permissions

1. In the navigation bar, click the **Users** button.
2. Click the **Users** link.
3. In the list, click the name of the operator you want to revoke permissions for.

The user details screen opens, and displays all of the information for that user in the system.

4. In the **More Actions** drop-down list, select **Revoke Operator Permissions**.

A warning notification screen appears, asking "Are you sure you want to revoke Operator Permissions for this user?" and informing you that this action cannot be reversed. Revoking operator permissions cannot be undone, but you can later assign the permissions to the operator again using the Edit Operator Permissions button on the user details screen.

5. Click **Revoke**.


Note: If a user is logged in to the system when their operator permissions are revoked, they are logged out on their next page navigation and redirected to an error screen with the following message: "You do not have the required Operator Permissions to access this page. Contact your administrator."

Note: You can also revoke operator permissions using the Import Operators feature. For more information, see [Importing and exporting operators](#).

Note: You can only revoke the permissions of an operator whose permissions are at the same or lower level than your permissions.

Revoke operator permissions from the External Operator Permissions screen

Use the External Operator Permissions settings page to revoke permissions for an operator who has permissions in another organization. You can only revoke the permissions of an operator whose permissions are at the same or lower level than your permissions. Only organization administrators, enterprise administrators, and system administrators can revoke operator permissions.


1. Log in to the management system as an administrator and change to the organization for which you want to assign roles.
2. In the navigation bar, click .
3. In the **Users** section, click **External Operator Permissions**. A list displays the operators who have operator permissions in an organization that you also have operator permissions in.
4. Click the name of the operator in the list. The user details screen opens, displaying the information for that user in the system.
5. Click **Revoke**. A warning screen appears, asking "Are you sure you want to revoke Operator Permissions for this user?" and informing you that this action cannot be reversed. Revoking Operator permissions cannot be reversed, but you can later assign the permissions to the operator again using the **Edit Operator Permissions** button on the user details screen. If you want to remove only one or more operator permissions for a user, click the **X** in the pill for that role in the **Operator Roles** section.

If a user is logged in to the system when their operator permissions are revoked, they are logged out on their next page navigation and redirected to an error screen with the following message: "You do not have the required Operator Permissions to access this page. Contact your administrator."


Revoke operator permissions automatically

If you have organization administrator, enterprise administrator, or system administrator permissions, you can configure your BlackBerry Alert system to automatically revoke operator permissions. When configured, operators who have not logged into the system for the specified time have their permissions revoked. The operator's inactivity period is calculated using the last login date attribute. If the operator has not logged in to the system, the inactivity period is calculated based on the date the operator was granted permissions on. When automatic revocation of operator permissions is enabled, a system job runs every 24 hours to revoke operator permissions based on the operator's last successful login.

Tip: Use the last login date operator attribute to identify and notify operators whose permissions will be automatically revoked due to inactivity.

1. In the navigation bar, click .
2. In the **System Setup** section, click **Security Policy**.
3. On the **Security Policy** screen, in the **Revoke Operator Permissions** section, click **Add Condition**.
4. Select one or more roles from the **Operator Roles** list.

Note: You can only revoke permissions for operators who have the same or lower-level permissions that you have. For example, if you have organization administrator permissions, you cannot revoke the permissions of enterprise or system administrators.

5. Select the number of days of inactivity from the **Auto Revoke Permissions after** list.
6. Optionally, click **Add Condition** to add an additional revocation rule. You can add up to three rules.
7. Optionally, click  to remove a revocation rule.
8. Click **Save**.

Assign distribution list permissions

In each organization, someone is usually assigned the distribution lists manager role. The distribution lists manager can create, edit, delete, and import distribution lists. This is a distinct and more powerful permission than being able to edit a distribution list and use it to target alerts. Operators with the advanced alert publisher or draft publisher role cannot manage distribution lists, but can select lists as recipients for an alert.

Note: You can assign distribution list permissions to an operator in another organization using the External Operator Permissions screen.

Note: You can only assign distribution list permissions to distribution lists that you have access to.


Assign distribution list permissions from the User Details screen

You can only assign distribution list permissions to distribution lists that you have access to.

1. In the navigation bar, click **Users**.
2. Click **Users**.
3. In the user list, click the name of the user to whom you want to assign distribution list permissions.
4. On the user details screen, click **Edit Operator Permissions**.
5. In the **Distribution Lists** section, do one of the following:
 - Keep the default settings of **Unrestricted** for the Publish and Manage fields to allow the user to manage and publish alerts to all existing distribution lists in the organization that the user is associated with.
 - Set one or both of the fields to **Restricted** if you want to limit the distribution lists which a user can manage or publish.
6. If you selected the first option in Step 5, go to Step 9. If you selected the second option in Step 5, continue with these instructions.
7. When you select the **Restricted** option next to the **Publish or Manage** field, a **Modify** link appears next to it.
8. Click **Modify** to open the **Distribution Lists** screen, which displays all distribution lists in the system.
 - To allow the operator to publish to a specific list, select the check box in the **Publish** column for that list.
 - To allow the operator to view and edit a specific list, select the check box in the **View/Manage** column for that list.
9. Click **OK** to update the distribution list permissions of the user in the system.

Assign distribution list permissions from the External Operator Permissions screen

You can only assign distribution list permissions to distribution lists that you have access to.

1. In the navigation bar, click .
2. In the **Users** section, click **External Operator Permissions**.
3. In the **External Operator Permissions** window, in the **Operators** table, click the name of the operator who you want to give distribution list permissions to. You can search by username to narrow the list of operators. The Operator details screen opens.
4. In the **Operator Roles** section, select **Dist. Lists Manager** from the Operator Roles list.
5. Optionally, if you want to grant the operator access to publish to all distribution lists, select the **Publish Unrestricted** option in the **Distribution Lists** section. This is the default option.

6. Optionally, if you want to grant the operator access to publish to specific distribution lists, select the **Publish Restricted** option in the Distribution Lists section, and then click **Modify**. The Distribution Lists screen opens. Select the check box in the Publish column for each distribution list you want to give the operator permissions to publish to. Click **OK**. You are returned to the operator details screen.
7. Optionally, if you want to grant the operator access to manage all distribution lists, select the **Manage Unrestricted** option in the **Distribution Lists** section. This is the default option.
8. Optionally, if you want to grant the operator access to manage specific distribution lists, select the **Publish Restricted** option in the Distribution Lists section, and then click **Modify**. The Distribution Lists screen opens. Select the check box in the **View/Manage** column for each distribution list you want to give the operator permissions to publish to. Click **OK**. You are returned to the operator details screen.
9. Click **Save**.

Importing and exporting operators

The Operator Import and Export feature enables enterprise administrators and organization administrators to add a large number of operator accounts to their BlackBerry Alert organization by using a .csv file. Enterprise administrators can also import and export operators for all suborganizations from an enterprise organization.

The Operators Import and Export feature is enabled for all organizations by default. This feature can be disabled for any organization if needed. For more information, see [Enable and disable features](#) in the *BlackBerry Alert System Administrator Configuration Guide*.

The Operator Import and Export feature enables administrators to perform the following actions for up to 500 operators in a single operation:

- Add operator roles to existing users.
- Add restrictions to existing users.
- Remove operator roles and restrictions from existing users.
- Revoke all operator permissions.
- Add or remove operator user base restrictions.
- Add or remove operator access to static distribution lists, dynamic distribution lists, user bases, and folders.
- Update password expiration settings.
- Update the "User must change password at next login" setting.
- Add or remove an operator's permissions to manage dependents or publish alerts to dependents.

The following are prerequisites and restrictions for importing and exporting operators:

- You must have enterprise administrator or organization administrator permissions.
- Operators cannot update their own permissions.
- Operators cannot assign or revoke higher level operator permissions than their own permissions. For example, an operator with organization administrator permissions can revoke or grant organization administrator permissions to another operator, but cannot grant enterprise administrator or system administrator permissions.
- Only existing enabled users in the given organization can be imported as operators.
- If an import includes an Organization column and you are performing the import from an enterprise organization, operators are imported for both the enterprise and suborganizations. Only enterprise administrators can import or export operators across the enterprise and suborganizations.
- If no Organization column is included in the import file, operators are imported only to the current organization.
- When updating a user base restriction for an operator, there is a limit of 10 conditions.
- All distribution lists, folders, and attributes being imported for an operator account must already exist in your organization.
- Only users with unique user names and mapping IDs in the system will be granted operator permissions.
- Partial import is not supported. (If an attribute for an operator in the import .csv file is incorrect, the operator is not imported.)
- Up to 500 operators can be imported in a single import.
- Parallel imports are not supported. Only a single operator or user import can be processed at a time.

Import operators using a .csv file

Important: When you import operator details into BlackBerry Alert using a .csv file, the values that exist in the .csv file overwrite any existing values in the database. If the file contains blank fields, the current values in the database are replaced by empty values. You should make sure that all required fields are populated before you upload the file.

To import operators from a file, the file must be correctly formatted. If you do not know how to format the file, see [Format an operator import file](#).

If duplicate operators (identified by username or mapping ID) are found in the .csv file, they are not imported and one of the following error messages is displayed:

```
[Username]: <username> already exists in the payload
```

```
[Mapping ID]: <mapping id> already exists in the payload
```

The remaining non-duplicate operators in the .csv file are imported.

If a username contains a space or one of the following characters, the user is not imported and an error message is displayed:

```
[ ] : : | = , + * ? < >
```

Leading or trailing spaces are ignored and trimmed during the import process. After the spaces are trimmed, the username is accepted and the operator is imported.

1. In the navigation bar, click **Users**.
2. Click **Users**.
3. On the **Users** screen, click **More Actions > Import > Operators**.
4. If you want to download a blank .csv file to use as a template for your import operator file, click the **Download a template CSV file** link. Save the file to your computer and fill in the appropriate operator information.

Note: Using the template ensures that all of the mandatory attribute columns are included in the import file.

5. Click **Browse**.
6. Navigate to the location of the import operator file on your computer.
7. Open the file to enter or modify the operators' data.

Note: Microsoft Excel hides some characters from view. If you edit the file in Excel, it might format your entries with extra characters. The incorrect format might cause the import operation to fail. If you are using anything other than a text editor to modify the .csv file, open the file in a text editor such as Microsoft Notepad, review the syntax for problems, then save the modified file as a .txt file. Edit the file name to change the extension from .txt to .csv. This method preserves the formatting in the text file.

8. Ensure that columns with multiple values have the correct format to import correctly.
 - A comma must be used to separate each of the values. There can be no spaces before or after the comma.
9. After you have entered your data, save and close the file.
10. Click the filename, and click **Open** to upload the file into the system.

The filename appears in the Operator CSV File field on the Import Operator screen. Each of the columns from the import file are listed in the **Select the columns to import** section.

11. Select each of the columns of data you want to import or click **Select All**.
12. Review the **Columns that cannot be imported** list to make sure it does not contain important data that you must be able to view within BlackBerry Alert. If the list contains important columns of information, contact BlackBerry Alert customer support for help.
13. Click **Import**. The Importing Operators window opens.

When the import completes, the Import Details: Import Completed screen displays the following information:


- Total number of operators in the import file
- Total number of operators who were processed
- Number of operators who were successfully processed
- Number of operators who failed to be processed
- Username of the person who imported the file
- Time the file import process started and ended

Tip: Click **Download Log** on the Import Details: Import Completed screen to download a .csv file that includes information about the sync status of the operator import.

Format an operator import file

In order to import a .csv operator file, the following formatting standards are required:

Field Name	Description	Is Mandatory?
Username	<p>The Username is a value that can be used to identify a user within the BlackBerry Alert system and the user repository (for example, LDAP or Microsoft Active Directory) within your organization. The Username column must contain a unique value.</p> <p>The username cannot contain spaces or any of the following characters: [] : ; = + * ? < > . Leading or trailing spaces are trimmed during the import process. After the leading or trailing spaces are trimmed, the username is accepted and the operator is imported.</p>	Yes
Roles	<p>Use the Roles column to assign roles and their associated permissions with an operator. To include multiple roles, use a comma separated list with no spaces. The following roles can be included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountability Manager • Accountability Officer • Activity Log Manager • Activity Log Viewer • Alert Manager • Advanced Alert Manager • Alert Publisher • Advanced Alert Publisher • Basic Administrator • Basic Operator • Connect Agreement Manager • Dist. Lists Manager • Draft Alert Creator • Enterprise Administrator • Organization Administrator • Report Manager • SDK User • User Manager <p>Note: The roles that can be imported depend on the type of organization that you are importing operators in to (suborganization, enterprise organization, or system setup).</p> <p>For more information about BlackBerry Alert roles and permissions, see BlackBerry Alert roles.</p>	Yes

Field Name	Description	Is Mandatory?
Permission expiration date	Set a date in the format configured for your organization in General Settings, or leave the cell blank to have no expiration date. The date must be equal to or later than the current date.	No
Alert Folders manage/publish	Enter the names of alert folders to give the operator permission to create, rename, delete, and publish alerts to them.	No
User base manage/publish	Enter the user attributes you want to restrict the operator's access to. Leave this column blank to import operators with an unrestricted user base. Tip: Open the user profile of a user in your organization that has a restricted user base and click  in the User Base section to copy the attributes.	No
Dependents manage/publish	Enter Yes to enable the operator to create, delete, edit, and publish alerts to dependent users. Enter No to restrict the operators permissions to manage and publish alerts to dependent users. If a value is not entered, it is treated as a No value.	No
Distribution List publish	Enter the names of static or dynamic distribution lists the operators will have permission to publish alerts to.	No
Distribution List manage	Enter the names of static or dynamic distribution lists the operators will have permission to manage.	No
Password never expires Yes/No	Enter Yes to configure the operators' passwords to never expire.	No
Change password Next Login Yes/No	Enter Yes to require operators reset their password at next login.	No
Organization	Use the Organization column to assign operator roles to operators in organizations across the enterprise (including both the enterprise and suborganizations.) Note: The Organization column does not assign users to organizations, it assigns operator roles in the specified organization.	No

Stop the import operators process

Important: When you import operator details into BlackBerry Alert using a .csv file, the values that exist in the .csv file overwrite any existing values in the database. If the .csv file contains blank fields, the current values in the database are replaced by empty values.

While the import operator process is underway, click **Cancel** or **Back** to stop the import.

Records that have already been added are not removed and records that have been updated are not restored to previous values. To download a .csv file that contains information about the operators that were imported before the import was stopped, click **Download Log** on the **Import Details: Stopped** window.

Undo the import operators process

The import operators process cannot be undone after it runs. The only way to undo the import is to reimport the original data that was overwritten.

Export operators to a file

You must have enterprise administrator or organization administrator permissions to export operators. Only enabled users with operator roles can be exported. The export operator process exports all roles and permissions for the selected operators in the current organization. Enterprise administrators can also export operators from the enterprise organization for all operators in the enterprise and suborganizations. The Export Operator feature must be enabled for the organization.

1. In the navigation bar, click **Users**.
2. Click **Users**.
3. Select the check boxes next to the usernames that you want to export.
4. Click **More Actions > Export > Operators**. The Exporting Operators window opens while the export is in progress.

When the export is complete, a .csv file is downloaded. The .csv filename has the following format: Alert-*{provider-name}*ExportCSV_*{current-date-and-time}*.

The downloaded .csv file contains the following information for the exported operators:

- Username
- Roles
- Permission expiration date
- Alert Folders manage/publish
- User base manage/publish
- Dependents manage/publish Yes/No
- Distribution List publish
- Distribution List manage
- Password changed date
- Password never expires Yes/No
- Change password at next login Yes/No
- Last login date
- Organization. (For enterprise organizations only.)

Switch organizations

1. In the navigation bar, click the username that is logged in.
2. Click **Change Organization**.

Note: If your username is associated with only one organization, the Change Organization link does not appear.

3. On the **Change Organization** screen, click the name of the organization you want to switch to.
4. Click **OK**.

Subscribe users to organizations



This section describes how to subscribe users to suborganizations other than their home organization using the BlackBerry Alert management console or the .csv user import process. For instructions on how to subscribe to organizations from Self Service, see the *BlackBerry Alert Self Service User Guide*.

For more information about organization subscriptions, see [Managing organization subscriptions](#) in the *BlackBerry Alert Manage Users Guide*.

Before you begin: Before users can be subscribed to organizations, the following conditions must be met:

- The Organization Subscriptions feature must be enabled on the enterprise organization.
- The enterprise administrator must configure the subscription organizations.

Subscribe a single user

1. Log in to the BlackBerry Alert management system.
2. Click **Users > Users**.
3. On the **Users** screen, select a user from the list.
4. On the user profile screen, click **Edit User**.
5. On the user profile screen, in the **Organization Subscriptions** section, click **Add Subscription**.
6. On the **Subscribe Organization** screen, select an organization from the list.
7. Click **Apply**.
8. In the **Organization Subscriptions** section, enter a date or click  to select a start date for the subscription.
9. Optionally, click  to set an end date for the subscription.
10. Optionally, repeat Steps 5 to 9 to subscribe the user to additional organizations. You can subscribe the user to a maximum of 10 available organizations.
11. Click **Save**.

The user can now be targeted in alerts and events from the subscribed organizations.

Subscribe multiple users

You can also use the .csv user import process to delete or modify organization subscriptions for multiple users.

1. Log in to the BlackBerry Alert management system.
2. Click **Users > Users**.
3. On the **Users** screen, select the users you want to subscribe to organizations.
4. Click **More Actions > Users > Export**.
5. On the **Export Users** window, in the **All Columns** list, select **Subscribed Organizations**.
6. Click **Export CSV**.
7. Save the .csv file to your local system.
8. Open the .csv file.
9. Update the **Subscribed Organizations** column to add, remove, or modify the organizations for each user. You can subscribe each user to a maximum of 10 available organizations.
10. Save the .csv file.

11. In the BlackBerry Alert management system, on the **Users** screen click **More Actions > Users > Import**.

12. Select the .csv file you updated.

13. In the BlackBerry Alert management system, click **Back** to return to the Users screen.

14. Click **More Actions > Users > Import**.

15. On the **Import User File** screen, click **Browse** and select the .csv file on your local system.

16. Click **Open**.

17. In the **Select the columns to import** section, select **Subscribed Organizations**.

18. Click **Import**.

The updated users can now be targeted in alerts and events from their subscribed organizations.


Assign permissions for a different organization

If you have users that need to have access to multiple organizations, you grant access using the same account for each organization. You can create the user once and grant that user operator permissions in another organization, as long as the other organization is in the same system. This gives operators access to multiple organizations without the need to have multiple accounts.

The following section describes the two primary situations in which you need to assign permissions for an operator to another organization.

Assign roles for a different enterprise

Use the External Operator Permissions settings page to give permissions to an operator who has permissions in another organization.

1. Log in to the BlackBerry Alert management system as an administrator and change to the organization for which you want to assign roles.
2. In the navigation bar, click .
3. In the **Users** section, click **External Operator Permissions**.

A list displays the operators who have operator permissions in an organization that you also have operator permission in.

4. Click **Add** to add existing operators from external organizations to the list. The Add Operator Permissions to External Operator window opens.
 - a. Search for the operator in the **Search By Username** field and then select an operator. The user details page opens.

The user account must be an operator in their home organization before they appear in this list. You must also be an administrator in the home organization of the user.

- b. Select the roles that you want the operator to have from the **Operator Roles** list. A full list of BlackBerry Alert roles is provided, including all administrator roles. If the user should be an administrator, use the following guidelines:
 - In System Setup, select the System Administrator role. With this role, the operator has administration privileges for settings privileges (no user management or alerting privileges) for all organizations in the system.
 - In an enterprise organization, select the Enterprise Admin role. With this role, the operator has administration privileges for the Enterprise organization and all of the suborganizations.
 - In a suborganization, select the Organization Admin role. With this role, the operator has administration privileges for the local suborganization.
 - In a basic organization, select the Basic Administrator role. With this role, the operator has administration privileges for the local draft organization.
- c. Select the distribution lists the administrator can work with.
 - Publish: When selected for a distribution list name, the administrator can publish alerts to the members of the list.
 - Manage: When selected for a distribution list name, the administrator can view and manage the list.

5. Click **Save**.

Note: To change the roles for an existing administrator, click the user name and modify the details pages as described in Step 4.

Assign roles for the enterprise from a member organization

If you have an enterprise installation, certain operators in member organizations need access to the enterprise level. This enables the operator to send alerts from the enterprise or manage the enterprise. For more information, see the *BlackBerry Alert Enterprise Planning and Management Guide* .

If a user in a member organization needs access to the enterprise organization, you can edit their operator permissions at the enterprise level.

1. Log in to the BlackBerry Alert management system as an enterprise administrator and change to the enterprise organization.
2. In the navigation bar, click **Users**.
3. Click **Users**.
4. Click the **Operator** whose permissions you want to edit.
5. Click **Grant Operator Permissions**.
6. Click the **Operator Roles** list and then click to select each of the roles you want to assign to the user.

Granting the Enterprise Administrator role will give this user full administrator permissions to all member organizations.

7. To remove an operator permission, click **X** next to the name.
8. Click **Save**.

View operator roles in multiple organizations


If an operator has roles and permissions in multiple organizations, you can view the operator's roles in the organization you are currently logged in to from the Permissions section of the operator's profile page. You can also view the operator's roles in other organizations from the user manager page and from the operator's profile page.

1. In the navigation bar, click **Users**.
2. Click **Users**.
3. On the **Users** page, do one of the following:
 - In the **Roles** column, click **Roles in {x} other organizations**.
 - Click the row for the operator you want to view. In the user profile page, in the **Permissions** section, click **This user has roles in {x} other organizations**.

The **Roles in other organizations** window opens and displays the roles the operator has in each additional organization.

Manage access to alert folders

The Alert Folders Manager centralizes alert folder configuration and management tasks. You can grant access to alert folders to operators in other organizations. You can only grant access to alert folders that you have access to.

1. In the navigation bar, click .
2. In the **Users** section, click **External Operator Permissions**.
3. On the **External Operator Permissions** window, in the **Operators** table, click the name of the operator who you want to give access to alert folders to. You can search by username to narrow the list of operators.
4. On the **Operator details** screen, in the **Operator Roles** section, select a role that has alert publishing permissions from the **Operator Roles** list.
5. Optionally, in the **Alert Folders** section, select the **Publish/Manage Unrestricted** option to grant access to all alert folders in the organization.
6. Optionally, in the **Alert Folders** section, select the **Publish/Manage Restricted** option to grant access to specific alert folders in the organization. The folders list appears. Select the specific folders you want to give the operator access to.
7. Click **Save**.

After you finish: You can also manage access to alert folders using the Import Operators feature. For more information, see [Importing and exporting operators](#).

BlackBerry Alert roles

Enterprise administrators, organization administrators, and system administrators can grant operator permissions to any user who needs access to the BlackBerry Alert management system. Granting operator permissions includes selecting which roles the user has when they are logged in, as well as setting any restrictions. Roles are additive: you can assign multiple roles and they build on one another, such as User Manager and Advanced Alert Publisher.

Administrators cannot assign or revoke higher level operator permissions than their own permissions. For example, an operator with organization administrator permissions can revoke or grant organization administrator permissions to another operator, but cannot grant enterprise administrator or system administrator permissions.

The role that a user is assigned to determines what BlackBerry Alert features they can access. Roles that are associated with specific features in BlackBerry Alert can only be assigned to users when that feature is enabled for that user's organization. The following roles are restricted by enabled feature:

Feature	Roles
Account	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Accountability ManagerAccountability Officer
Activity Log	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Activity Log ManagerActivity Log Viewer
Connect	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Connect Agreement Manager <p>Note: Connect is enabled and the Connect Agreement Manager role becomes available when organizations are connected.</p>
Situation Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Plan ManagerPlan Incident Manager
Collaborate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Collaboration Manager

The following sections describe the roles that are available within BlackBerry Alert.

For more information, see the [BlackBerry Alert Roles and Permissions Matrix](#).

Accountability Manager

Account

- View, create, duplicate, search for, and delete accountability templates
- Create, delete, search for, and end accountability events
- Change the end time for accountability events
- Use the Live Map
- View accountability event dashboards
- Export accountability event reports
- Report status on behalf of others

Publisher map

- Export users list

Basic settings

- Manage accountability template settings

Accountability Officer

Account

- Search for accountability events
- Use the Live Map
- View accountability event dashboards
- Export Accountability event reports
- Report status on behalf of others

Accountability Log Manager

Alerts

- View, search, and export the Activity Log
- Create, modify, and edit the Activity Log

Accountability Log Viewer

Alerts

- View, search, and export the Activity Log

Alert Manager

Give the alert manager role to someone who needs to manage alerts and users, but should not have access to all settings. The alert manager role provides the maximum publishing privileges.

Alerts

- Create and publish alerts
- View, search for, and mark alerts as reviewed from the Inbox
- Forward and reply to alerts from the Inbox
- Create, edit, duplicate, end, publish, and delete alerts, find alerts on the live map, and search for alerts from the Sent Alerts screen
- Export sent alerts from the Sent Alerts screen
- Create, edit, search for, delete, and duplicate alert templates
- Create new alert folders, edit personal folders, search for folders

Mobile publishing

- Publish alerts to the mobile app

Note: You must also have the SDK user role.

Users

- Manage users
- Manage distribution lists
- Manage user attributes
- Prioritize personal devices

Publisher map

- Export users list

Reports

- View personnel, alerts usage, and user summary reports

Basic settings

- Configure alert template settings
- Configure alert folder settings

System setup settings

- Access the Operator Audit Trail

User settings

- Configure user attribute settings
- Translate custom user attributes

Advanced Alert Manager

Give the advanced alert manager role to operators who need to manage alerts and users, but should not have access to all settings. The advanced alert manager role provides the maximum publishing privileges as well as access to alert rules, delivery templates, audio files, placeholders, and user settings.

Alerts

- Create and publish alerts
- View, search for, and mark alerts as reviewed from the Inbox
- Forward and reply to alerts from the Inbox
- Create, edit, duplicate, end, publish, and delete alerts, find alerts on the live map, and search for alerts from the Sent Alerts screen
- Export sent alerts from the Sent Alerts screen
- Create, edit, search for, delete, and duplicate alert templates
- Create new alert folders, edit personal folders, search for folders
- Configure audio files
- Configure delivery templates
- Configure devices
- Configure mobile alert settings
- Alert rules
- Alert placeholders - Create and edit

Users

- Manage users
- Manage distribution lists
- Manage user attributes
- Prioritize personal devices

Mobile publishing

- Publish alerts to the mobile app
- Note:** You must also have the SDK user role.

Publisher map

- Export users list

Reports

- View personnel, alerts usage, and user summary reports

Basic settings

- Configure alert template settings
- Configure alert folder settings
- Configure delivery template settings
- Configure audio file settings
- Configure Mobile alert settings
- Configure alert rules

System setup settings

- Access the Operator Audit Trail
- View geocoding summary and logs

User settings

- Configure user attribute settings
- Translate custom user attributes

Alert Publisher

Give the alert publisher role to operators who need to create and publish alerts but should not have access to all settings.

Alerts

- Create and publish alerts
- View, search for, and mark alerts as reviewed from the Inbox
- Forward and reply to alerts from the Inbox
- Create, edit, duplicate, end, publish, and delete alerts, find alerts on the live map, and search for alerts from the Sent Alerts screen
- Export sent alerts from the Sent Alerts screen

Mobile publishing

- Publish alerts to the mobile app
- Note:** You must also have the SDK user role.

Publisher map

- Export users list

Advanced Alert Publisher

Give the advanced alert publisher role to operators who need to create and publish alerts and configure alert settings.

Alerts

- Create and publish alerts
- View, search for, and mark alerts as reviewed from the Inbox
- Forward and reply to alerts from the Inbox
- Create, edit, duplicate, end, publish, and delete alerts, find alerts on the live map, and search for alerts from the Sent Alerts screen
- Export sent alerts from the Sent Alerts screen
- Create, edit, search for, delete, and duplicate alert templates
- Create new alert folders, edit personal folders, search for folders

Mobile publishing

- Publish alerts to the mobile app
- Note:** You must also have the SDK user role.

Publisher map

- Export users list

Basic settings

- Configure alert template settings
- Configure alert folder settings

Device settings

- Configure device settings

Basic Administrator

The Basic Administrator role is available only in the BlackBerry Alert Basic edition.

Alerts

- Create and publish alerts
- View, search for, and mark alerts as reviewed from the Inbox
- Forward and reply to alerts from the Inbox
- Create, edit, duplicate, end, publish, and delete alerts, find alerts on the live map, and search for alerts from the Sent Alerts screen
- Create, edit, search for, delete, and duplicate alert templates

Users

- Manage users
- Grant operator permissions
- Revoke operator permissions
- Manage distribution lists

Organizations

- View Connected organizations

- Connect with organizations
- View all Connect organizations
- View sent invitations
- Access the Connect Profile

Basic settings

- Configure alert placeholder settings
- Configure delivery template settings
- Configure audio file settings
- Configure alert rule settings

Connect settings

- Configure Connect profile settings

Basic Operator

Alerts

- Create and publish alerts
- View, search for, and mark alerts as reviewed from the Inbox
- Forward and reply to alerts from the Inbox
- Create, edit, duplicate, end, publish, and delete alerts, find alerts on the live map, and search for alerts from the Sent Alerts screen
- Export sent alerts
- Create, edit, search for, delete, and duplicate alert templates

Basic settings

- Configure accountability template settings

Collaboration Manager

Collaborate

- Start a Collaboration
- View and participate in all active Collaborations in their organization
- View and participate in Collaborations from the BlackBerry Alert mobile app
- End a Collaboration
- Export ended Collaborations

Connect Agreement Manager

Give this role to the people in your organization who need to manage Connect.

Alerts

- View, search for, and mark alerts as reviewed from the Inbox

Organizations

- View Connected organizations

- Connect with organizations
- View all Connect organizations
- View sent invitations
- Access the Connect Profile

Connect settings

- Configure Connect Profile settings

Distribution List Manager

Users

- Manage distribution lists

Reports

- View Personnel reports

Draft Alert Creator

Give this role to people who should write but not send alerts.

Alerts

- Create and publish alerts
- Create, edit, duplicate, end, publish, and delete alerts, find alerts on the live map, and search for alerts from the Sent Alerts screen
- Export sent alerts from the Sent Alerts screen

End Users Manager

Users

- Add, edit, or delete users
- Import and export users
- Enable and disable users
- Add and remove users from static distribution lists
- Prioritize personal devices

Publisher map

- Export users list

Reports

- Access personnel reports

System Setup Settings

- View geocoding summary and logs

Enterprise Administrator

This role is used by customers who have multiple organizations to manage them as part of the enterprise. Enterprise administrator is the most powerful role in the enterprise and should be reserved for users who need to have access to everything in it. See the *BlackBerry Alert Enterprise Planning and Management Guide* for more information about enterprise alerting.

Alerts

- Create and publish alerts
- View, search for, and mark alerts as reviewed from the Inbox
- Forward and reply to alerts from the Inbox
- Create, edit, duplicate, end, publish, and delete alerts, find alerts on the live map, and search for alerts from the Sent Alerts screen
- Export sent alerts from the Sent Alerts screen
- Create, edit, search for, delete, and duplicate alert templates
- Create new alert folders, edit personal folders, search for folders
- Configure audio files
- Configure delivery templates
- Configure devices
- Configure mobile alert settings
- Configure alert rules
- Create and edit alert placeholders
- View, search, and export activity logs
- Create and edit activity logs
- Publish activity logs

Users

- Manage users
- Grant operator permissions
- Revoke operator permissions
- Manage distribution lists
- Manage user attributes
- Prioritize personal devices

Mobile publishing

- Publish alerts to the mobile app

Publisher map

- Export users list

Account

- View, create, search for, duplicate, and delete accountability templates
- Create, search for, delete, and end accountability events
- Change the end time for accountability events
- Use the Live Map
- View accountability event dashboards
- Export accountability event reports
- Report status on behalf of others

Reports

- View personnel, alerts usage, and user summary reports

Organizations (Connect)

- View Connected organizations
- Connect with organizations
- View all Connect organizations
- View sent invitations
- Access the Connect Profile

Plan

- Create a new Plan
- Edit a Plan
- Delete a Plan
- Duplicate a Plan
- Disable a Plan
- Enable a Plan
- Approve a Plan
- View active Plans

Plan Incidents

- Create an Incident
- Edit an Incident
- End an Incident
- Publish an Incident
- Export an Incident
- Activate Plan steps

Collaborate

- Start a Collaboration
- View and participate in all active Collaborations in their organization
- View and participate in Collaborations from the BlackBerry Alert mobile app
- End a Collaboration
- Export ended Collaborations

Basic settings

- Configure general settings
- Configure alert placeholder settings
- Configure accountability template settings
- Configure alert template settings
- Configure alert folder settings
- Configure delivery template settings
- Configure audio file settings
- Configure mobile alert settings
- Configure alert rule settings
- Configure map settings

Connect settings

- Configure Connect profile settings

System setup settings

- Configure security policy settings
- Configure system health settings
- Configure integration manager settings
- Configure API application settings
- Access the Operator Audit Trail
- View geocoding summary and logs

User settings

- Grant external operator permissions
- Disable and delete end users
- Configure distribution list folders

Note: The enterprise administrator can access distribution list folder settings from a standalone enterprise organization with no suborganizations.

- Configure user attribute settings
- Translate custom user attributes
- Configure user authentication
- Enable SMS Opt-in

Device settings

- Configure device settings
- Configure mass device endpoints
- Configure desktop app settings

Device Manager

- Access the device manager
- View device details
- Enable and disable devices
- Set device delivery preference

Organization Administrator

This role provides the maximum privileges for a single organization.

Alerts

- Create and publish alerts
- View, search for, and mark alerts as reviewed from the Inbox
- Forward and reply to alerts from the Inbox
- Create, edit, duplicate, end, publish, and delete alerts, find alerts on the live map, and search for alerts from the Sent Alerts screen
- Export sent alerts from the Sent Alerts screen
- Create, edit, search for, delete, and duplicate alert templates
- Create new alert folders, edit personal folders, search for folders
- Configure audio files
- Configure delivery templates
- Configure devices
- Configure mobile alert settings
- Configure alert rules
- Create and edit alert placeholders

- View, search, and export activity logs
- Create and edit activity logs
- Publish activity logs

Users

- Manage users
- Grant operator permissions
- Revoke operator permissions
- Manage distribution lists
- Manage user attributes
- Prioritize personal devices

Mobile publishing

- Publish alerts to the mobile app

Publisher map

- Export users list

Account

- Use the Live Map

Reports

- View personnel, alerts usage, and user summary reports

Plan

- Create a new Plan
- Edit a Plan
- Delete a Plan
- Duplicate a Plan
- Disable a Plan
- Enable a Plan
- Approve a Plan
- View active Plans

Plan Incidents

- Create an Incident
- Edit an Incident
- End an Incident
- Publish an Incident
- Export an Incident
- Activate Plan steps

Collaborate

- Start a Collaboration
- View and participate in all active Collaborations in their organization
- View and participate in Collaborations from the BlackBerry Alert mobile app
- End a Collaboration
- Export ended Collaborations

Basic settings

- Configure general settings

- Configure alert placeholder settings
- Configure alert template settings
- Configure alert folder settings
- Configure delivery template settings
- Configure audio file settings
- Configure mobile alert settings
- Configure alert rule settings
- Configure map settings

System setup settings

- Configure security policy settings
- Configure system health settings
- Configure integration manager settings
- Configure API application settings
- Access the Operator Audit Trail
- View geocoding summary and logs

User settings

- Grant external operator permissions
- Disable and delete end users
- Configure distribution list folders
- Configure user attribute settings
- Translate custom user attributes
- Configure user authentication
- Enable SMS Opt-in

Device settings

- Configure device settings
- Configure mass device endpoints
- Configure desktop app settings

Device Manager

- Access the device manager
- View device details
- Enable and disable devices
- Set device delivery preference

Plan Incident Manager

Plan

- View Plans in read-only mode

Incidents

- Create an incident
- Edit a draft incident
- End an incident
- Publish an incident
- View activity

- Export activity log
- Add new entry in activity log
- Activate plan steps

Collaborate

- Start a Collaboration
- View and participate in all active Collaborations in their organization
- View and participate in Collaborations from the BlackBerry Alert mobile app
- End a Collaboration
- Export ended Collaborations

Publisher map

- Export users list

Plan Manager

Plan

- Create a new plan
- Edit a plan
- Delete a plan
- Duplicate a plan
- Disable a plan
- Enable a plan
- Approve a plan
- View active plans

Incidents

- Create an incident
- Edit a draft incident
- End an incident
- Publish an incident
- View activity
- Export the activity log
- Add new entry to activity log
- Activate plan steps

Collaborate

- Start a Collaboration
- View and participate in all active Collaborations in their organization
- View and participate in Collaborations from the BlackBerry Alert mobile app
- End a Collaboration
- Export ended Collaborations

Publisher map

- Export users list

Report Manager

Alerts

- Search for alerts from the Sent Alerts screen
- Export sent alerts from the Sent Alerts screen

Reports

- View Personnel reports

SDK User

This role is used by external applications to perform tasks such as sending alerts and creating users.

- This is the primary role needed to access all V1 APIs.
- This role performs all actions supported by the BlackBerry Alert SDK.

In the BlackBerry Alert management system, an SDK User can also perform the following actions:

Device settings

- Configure SDK settings
- Configure web API login settings

System Administrator

Designed for the people responsible for maintaining the entire system of servers, who are often IT staff. This role hides user information by default, but can increase its own roles if needed to accomplish more tasks. This role can only be given in the System Setup (3) organization.

Basic settings

- Configure general settings
- Configure alert placeholder settings
- Configure alert folder settings
- Configure delivery template settings
- Configure audio file settings
- Configure mobile alert settings
- Configure alert rule settings
- Configure map settings

System setup settings

- Configure security policy settings
- Configure global system health settings
- Configure system health settings
- Access and export the diagnostic log
- Clear the diagnostic log
- Access archive settings
- Access the organizations manager settings
- Configure feature enablement
- Configure integration manager settings

- Configure API application settings
- Access the Operator Audit Trail
- View geocoding summary and logs
- Configure the SMS Opt-in service URL

User settings

- Grant external operator permissions
- Revoke operator permissions
- Configure distribution list folders
- Configure user attribute settings
- Translate custom user attributes
- Configure user authentication
- Enable SMS Opt-in

Device settings

- Configure device settings
- Configure mass device endpoints
- Configure desktop app settings

Device Manager

- Access the device manager
- View device details
- Enable and disable devices
- Edit devices
- Copy devices
- Delete devices
- Set device delivery preference
- Update device name

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