Using MarkLogic Content Pump (mlcp)

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1. Introduction to MarkLogic Content Pump

MarkLogic Content Pump (mlcp) is a command line tool for getting data into and out of a MarkLogic Server database.

1.1. Feature Overview

Using mlcp, you can import documents and metadata to a database, export documents and metadata from a database, or copy documents and metadata from one database to another. For example:

- Import content into a MarkLogic Server database from flat files, compressed ZIP and GZIP files, or mlcp database archives.
- Create documents from flat files, delimited text files, aggregate XML files, and line-delimited JSON files. For details, see Importing Content into MarkLogic Server.
- Import mixed content types from a directory, using the file suffix and MIME type mappings to determine document type. Unrecognized/missing suffixes are imported as binary documents. For details, see How mlcp Determines Document Type.
- Export the contents of a MarkLogic Server database to flat files, a compressed ZIP file, or an mlcp database archive. For details, see Exporting Content from MarkLogic Server.
- Copy content and metadata from one MarkLogic Server database to another. For details, see Copying Content between Databases.
- Import or copy content into a MarkLogic Server database, applying a custom server-side transformation before inserting each document. For details, see Transforming Content During Ingestion.
- Extract documents from an archived forest to flat files or a compressed file using Direct Access. For details, see Using Direct Access to Extract or Copy Documents.
- Import documents from an archived forest into a live database using Direct Access. For details, see Importing Documents from a Forest into a Database.

The mlcp tool operates in local mode meaning that mlcp drives all its work on the host where it is invoked. Resources such as import and input data and export destination must be reachable from that host. All communication with MarkLogic Server is through that host.

In local mode, throughput is limited by resources such as memory and network bandwidth available to the host running mlcp.

You can use mlcp even when a load balancer sits between the client host and the MarkLogic host. The mlcp tool is compatible with AWS Elastic Load Balancer (ELB) and other load balancers.

Starting in 11.1.0, mlcp supports connecting to MarkLogic Server through a reverse proxy using path-based routing. For details, see mlcp Reverse Proxy Support Using Path-Based Routing.

1.2. Terms and Definitions

You should be familiar with the following terms and definitions when using mlcp:

Term	Definition
aggregate	XML content that includes recurring element names and which can be split into multiple documents with the recurring element as the document root. For details, see Splitting Large XML Files into Multiple Documents.
line-delimited JSON	A type of aggregate input where each line in the file is a piece of standalone JSON content. For details, see Creating Documents from Line-Delimited JSON Files.
archive	A compressed MarkLogic Server database archive created using the mlcp export command. You can use an archive to restore or copy database content and metadata with the mlcp import command. For details, see Exporting to an Archive.
split	The unit of work devoted to a session with MarkLogic Server.

1.3. Modifying the Example Commands for Windows

All the examples in this guide use Unix command line syntax. If you are using mlcp with the Windows command interpreter, `Cmd.exe`, use the following guidelines to construct equivalent commands:

- Replace `mlcp.sh` with `mlcp.bat`. You should always use `mlcp.bat` on Windows; using `mlcp.sh` with Cygwin is not supported.
- For aesthetic reasons, long example command lines are broken into multiple lines using the Unix line continuation character "\". On Windows, remove the line continuation characters and place the entire command on one line, or replace the line continuation characters with the Windows equivalent, "^".
- Replace option arguments enclosed in single quotes (') with double quotes ("). If the single-quoted string contains embedded double quotes, escape the inner quotes.
- Escape any unescaped characters that have special meaning to the Windows command interpreter.

For example, the following Unix command line:

```
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password passwd -input_file_path /space/bill/data -mode local \
    -output_uri_replace "/space,'',/bill/data/,'/will/'" \
    -output_uri_prefix /plays
```

Corresponds to this Windows command line:

```
C:\Example> mlcp.bat import -host localhost -port 8000 -username user ^
    -password passwd -input_file_path c:\space\bill -mode local ^
    -output_uri_replace "/c:/space,'',/bill/data/,'/will/'" ^
    -output_uri_prefix /plays
```

1.4. Understanding the mlcp Command Line

This section covers the following key concepts and tasks related to the mlcp command line.

1.4.1. Command Line Summary

The mlcp command line has the following structure. Note that you should always use `mlcp.bat` on Windows; using `mlcp.sh` with Cygwin is not supported.

- Linux and OS X: `mlcp.sh` *command options*
- Windows: `mlcp.bat` *command options*

Where `command` is one of the commands in the table below. Each command has a set of command-specific options, which are covered in the section that discusses the command.

Command	Description
import	Import data from the file system or standard input to a MarkLogic Server database. For a list of options usable with this command, see Import Command Line Options.
export	Export data from a MarkLogic Server database to the file system. For a list of options usable with this command, see Export Command Line Options.
copy	Copy data from one MarkLogic Server database to another. For a list of options usable with this command, see Copy Command Line Options.
extract	Use Direct Access to extract files from a forest file to documents on the native file system. For a list of options usable with this command, see Extract Command Line Options.
version	Report mlcp runtime environment version information, including the mlcp and JRE versions, as well as the supported MarkLogic version.
help	Display brief help about mlcp.

Options can also be specified in an options file using `-options_file`. Options files and command line options can be used together. For details, see Options File Syntax.

Note the following conventions for command line options to mlcp:

- Prefix options with a single dash (-).
- Option names are case-sensitive.
- If an option has a value, separate the option name and value with white space. For example: `mlcp import -username admin`
- If an option has a predefined set of possible values, such as `-mode`, the option values are case-insensitive unless otherwise noted.
- If an option appears more than once on the command line, the first occurrence is used.
- When string option values require quoting, use single quotes. For example: `-output_uri_replace "this,'that '"`.
- The value of a boolean option can be omitted. If the value is omitted, `true` is implied. For example, `-copy_collections` is equivalent to `-copy_collections true`.

1.4.2. Setting Java Virtual Machine (JVM) Options

The mlcp tool is a Java application. You can pass extra parameters to the JVM during an mlcp command using the environment variable `JVM_OPTS`.

For example, the following command passes the setting “-Xmx100M” to the JVM to increase the JVM heap size for a single mclp run:

```
$ JVM_OPTS='-Xmx100M' mclp.sh import ...
```

1.4.3. Regular Expression Syntax

For options that use regular expressions, such as `-input_file_pattern`, use the Java regular expression language. Java’s pattern language is similar to the Perl pattern language. For details on the grammar, see the documentation for the Java class `java.util.regex.Pattern`

For a tutorial on the expression language, see the JDK Documentation.

1.4.4. Options File Syntax

You can specify mlcp options using an options file, in addition to using command line options by using `-options_file`. Using an options file is especially convenient when working with options whose values contain quotes and other special characters that are difficult to escape on the command line.

If you use an options file, it must be the first option on the command line. The mlcp command (import, export, copy) can also go inside the options file. For example:

```
$ mlcp.sh -options_file my_options.txt -input_file_path /example
```

An options file has the following contents:

- Each line contains either a command name, an option, or an option value, ordered as they would appear on the command line.
- Comments begin with “#” and must be on a line by themselves.
- Blank lines, leading white space, and trailing white space are ignored.

For example, if you frequently use the same MarkLogic Server connection information (host, port, username, and password), you can put this information into an options file:

```
$ cat my-conn.txt
# my connection info
-host
localhost
-port
8000
-username
me
-password
my_password
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -options_file my-conn.txt \
    -input_file_path /space/examples/all.zip
```

This is equivalent to the following command line without an options file:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 -username me \
    -password my_password -input_file_path /space/examples/all.zip
```

You can also include a command name (import, export, or copy) as the first non-comment line in an options file:

```
# my connection info for import
import-host
localhost
-port
8000
-username
me
-password
my_password
```

1.5. mlcp Exit Status Codes

When mlcp exits, it returns one of the following status codes:

Exit Code	Meaning
0	Successful completion.
-1	The job is still running.
1	The job failed.
2	The job is in the “preparation” state.
3	The job was terminated prematurely.

1.6. Compatibility of mlcp across MarkLogic Server Versions

Unless otherwise noted, mlcp is compatible with a wide range of MarkLogic Server versions. That is, you can usually use a recent version of mlcp with an older version of MarkLogic Server and vice versa. However, not all features of mlcp or MarkLogic Server will work across version boundaries.

For example, MarkLogic 9 and mlcp 9.0 include support for redacting documents as you export them. However, older versions of MarkLogic Server do not support this feature, so it is not possible to use the `-redaction` option of mlcp with older versions.

Similarly, you can use mlcp to export a database archive from MarkLogic 9 or later that includes documents with the `node-update` security capability. However, this capability did not exist in earlier versions of MarkLogic Server, so it cannot be preserved if you import the MarkLogic 9 archive into an older MarkLogic Server, and it may even cause errors.

For best results, use the version of mlcp that corresponds to your version of MarkLogic Server, or limit your jobs to features that you know are supported in both.

1.7. Accessing the mlcp Source Code

The mlcp tool is developed and maintained as an open source project on GitHub. To access the sources or contribute to the project, navigate to http://github.com/marklogic/marklogic-contentpump.

2. Installation and Configuration

This section describes how to install mlcp and configure your client environment and MarkLogic for most effective use of the tool.

2.1. Supported Platforms

In local mode, mlcp is supported on the same platforms as MarkLogic Server, including 64-bit Linux, 64-bit Windows, and Macintosh OS X. For details, see Supported Platforms in *Installing MarkLogic Server*.

2.2. Required Software

The following software is required to use mlcp:

- MarkLogic Server 7.0-1 or later, with an XDBC App Server configured. MarkLogic 8 and later versions come with an XDBC App Server pre-configured on port 8000.
- Oracle/Sun Java JRE 11 or later.

> **NOTE**
> For mlcp versions before 11.1.0, JRE 1.8 or higher is required.

2.3. Installing mlcp

After downloading mlcp, follow these instructions to install mlcp:

1. Download mlcp from https://developer.marklogic.com/products/mlcp/.
2. Unpack the mlcp distribution to a location of your choice. This creates a directory named `mlcp-`*version*, where *version* is the mlcp version. For example, assuming `/space/marklogic` contains zip file for mlcp version 1.3, then the following commands install mlcp under `/space/marklogic/mlcp-1.3/`:

   ```
   $ cd /space/marklogic
   $ unzip mlcp-1.3-bin.zip
   ```
3. Optionally, put the mlcp bin directory on your path. For example:

   ```
   $ export PATH=${PATH}:/space/marklogic/mlcp-1.3/bin
   ```
4. Put the `java` command on your path. For example:

   ```
   $ export PATH=${PATH}:$JAVA_HOME/bin
   ```

You might need to configure your MarkLogic cluster before using mlcp for the first time. For details, see Configuring Your MarkLogic Cluster.

On Windows, use the `mlcp.bat` command to run mlcp. On UNIX and Linux, use the `mlcp.sh` command. You should not use `mlcp.sh` in the Cygwin shell environment on Windows.

2.4. Configuring Your MarkLogic Cluster

The mlcp tool uses an XDBC App Server to communicate with each host in a MarkLogic Server cluster that has at least one forest attached to a database used in your mlcp job. Optionally, you can configure the mlcp tool to connect to a load balancer that sits in front of the MarkLogic Server cluster. When configured to use a load balancer, the mlcp tool communicates with the load balancer to reach the forests. The load balancer can communicate with hosts that are evaluator nodes, data nodes, or both. For details, see Controlling How mlcp Connects to MarkLogic Server.

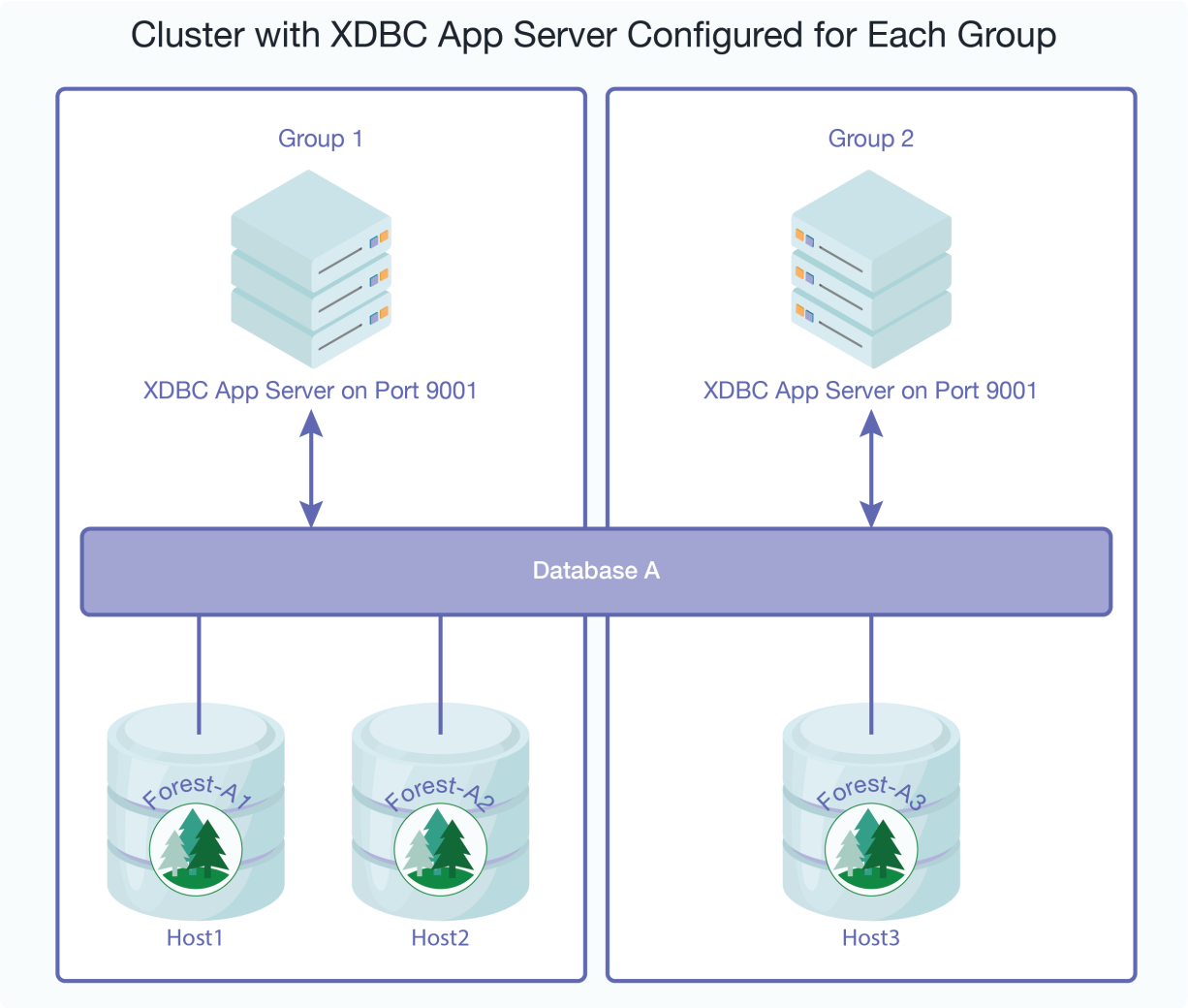
When you use mlcp with MarkLogic 8 or later on the default port (8000), no special cluster configuration is necessary. Port 8000 includes a pre-configured XDBC App Server. The default database associated with port 8000 is the Documents database. To use mlcp with a different database and port 8000, use the `-database`, `-input_database`, or `-output_database` options. For example:

```
mlcp.sh import -host myhost -port 8000 -database mydatabase ...
```

When using MarkLogic 8 or later with a port other than 8000, the port should connect to either an XDBC App Server or an App Server with a rewriter that is set up to handle XDBC traffic.

Hosts within a group share the same App Server configuration, but hosts in different groups do not. Therefore, if all your forest hosts are in a single group, you only need to configure one App Server to handle XDBC traffic. If your forests are on hosts in multiple groups, then you must configure an App Server for XDBC that listens on the same port in each group.

For example, the cluster shown below is properly configured to use Database A as an mlcp input or output source. Database A has 3 forests, located on 3 hosts in 2 different groups. Therefore, both Group 1 and Group 2 must make Database A accessible via XDBC on port 9001.



If the forests of Database A are only located on Host1 and Host2, which are in the same group, then you would only need to configure one XDBC App Server on port 9001.

If you use MarkLogic 8 or later and port 8000 instead of port 9001, then you do not need to explicitly create any XDBC App Servers to support the above database configuration because both groups automatically have an XDBC App Server on port 8000. You might need to explicitly specify the

database name (Database A) in your mlcp command, though, if it is not the default database associated with port 8000.

2.5. Security Considerations

When you use mlcp, you supply the name of a user(s) with which to interact with MarkLogic Server. If the user does not have admin privileges, then the user must have at least the privileges listed in the table below.

NOTE

Additional privileges may be required. These roles only enable use of MarkLogic Server as a data source or destination. For example, these roles do not grant read or update permissions to the database.

mlcp Command	Privilege	Notes
import	hadoop-user-write	Applies to the username specified with `-username`. It is recommended that you also set `-output_permissions` to set the permissions on inserted documents.
export	hadoop-user-read	Applies to the username specified with `-username`.
copy	hadoop-user-read (input) hadoop-user-write (output)	The `-input_username` user have the `hadoop-user-read` privilege on source MarkLogic Server instance. The `-output_username` user must have the `hadoop-user-write` privilege on destination MarkLogic Server instance.

By default, mlcp requires a username and password to be included in the command line options for each job. You can avoid passing a cleartext password between your mlcp client host and MarkLogic Server by using Kerberos for authentication. For details, see Using mlcp with Kerberos.

2.6. Connecting to MarkLogic Using SSL

When you connect to a MarkLogic App Server with mlcp, you can use an SSL-enabled connection to secure the communications. This applies to the `import`, `export`, and `copy` mlcp commands.

2.6.1. Enabling SSL on Your App Server

You can only use SSL to connect to MarkLogic through an SSL-enabled App Server. For more details, see Configuring SSL on App Servers in *Securing MarkLogic Server*.

If you want to use SSL with both the source (input) and destination (output) App Servers during an mlcp `copy` job, both App Servers must be SSL enabled.

2.6.2. Configuring mlcp to Use SSL

By default, mlcp does not connect to MarkLogic using SSL. Use one of the following options to specify that mlcp should connect via SSL:

mlcp Command	Command Line Option	For more information
import	`-ssl`	Import Command Line Options
export	`-ssl`	Export Command Line Options
copy	`-input_ssl` and/or `-output_ssl`	Copy Command Line Options

All these options accept a boolean argument value. As described in Command Line Summary, “true” is assumed if you leave the argument off.

If you have disabled the default SSL protocol on your App Server, you must also use one of the following options to explicitly specify the SSL protocol that mlcp should use when connecting to MarkLogic:

mlcp Command	Command Line Option	For more information
import	`-ssl_protocol`	Import Command Line Options
export	`-ssl_protocol`	Export Command Line Options
copy	`-input_ssl_protocol` and/or `-output_ssl_protocol`	Copy Command Line Options

NOTE
The above SSL protocol options are ignored in some cases when you use the SSL configuration technique describe in Using mlcp with Kerberos.

2.7. Using mlcp with Kerberos

You can use mlcp in local mode with Kerberos to avoid sending cleartext passwords between your mlcp client host and MarkLogic Server.

Before you can use Kerberos with mlcp, you must configure your MarkLogic installation to enable external security, as described in External Security in *Securing MarkLogic Server*.

If external security is not already configured, you will need to perform at least the following procedures:

- Create a Kerberos external security configuration object. For details, see Reference: The External Security Configuration Page in *Securing MarkLogic Server*.
- Create a Kerberos keytab file and install it in your MarkLogic installation. For details, see Creating a Kerberos Keytab File in *Securing MarkLogic Server*.
- Create one or more users associated with an external name. For details, see Reference: The User Configuration Page in *Securing MarkLogic Server*.
- Configure your XDBC App Server to use “kerberos-ticket” authentication. For details, see Reference: The App Server Configuration Page in *Securing MarkLogic Server*.

The topics in this section touch on additional details specific to mlcp.

2.7.1. Creating Users

Before you can use Kerberos for authentication, you must create at least one MarkLogic user with which mlcp can use Kerberos authentication to connect to MarkLogic Server, as described in Reference: The User Configuration Page in *Securing MarkLogic Server*.

This user must also be assigned roles and privileges required to enable your mlcp operations.

For example, if you’re using mlcp to import documents into a database, then the user must have update privileges on the target database, as well as the minimum privileges required by mlcp. For details on the minimum privileges required by mlcp, see Security Considerations.

2.7.2. Configuring an XDBC App Server for Kerberos Authentication

The mlcp tool communicates with MarkLogic through an XDBC App Server. Configure your XDBC App Server to use Kerberos for external security, as described in Reference: The App Server Configuration Page in *Securing MarkLogic Server*.

Configure your XDBC App Server to use “kerberos-ticket” authentication.

For example, if you create a configuration named “kerb-conf”, then configure your XDBC App Server in the Admin Interface with these configuration setting values:

Field	Value
Authentication	`kerberos-ticket`
Internal Security	`false`
External Securities	`kerb-conf`

You can use an existing XDBC App Server or create a new one. To create a new XDBC App Server, use the Admin Interface, the Admin API, or the REST Management API. For details, see Creating a New XDBC Server in *Administrating MarkLogic Server*.

Configure the App Server to use “kerberos-ticket” authentication and the Kerberos external security configuration object you created following the instructions in Reference: The External Security Configuration Page in *Securing MarkLogic Server*.

NOTE

When you install MarkLogic, an XDBC App Server and other services are available port 8000. Changing the security configuration for the App Server on port 8000 affects all the MarkLogic services available through this port, including the HTTP App Server and REST Client API instance.

2.7.3. Invoking mlcp

Once you configure your XDBC App Server and user for Kerberos external security, then you can do the following to use Kerberos authentication with mlcp:

- Use `kinit` or a similar program on your mlcp client host to create and cache a Kerberos Ticket to Get Tickets (TGT) for a principal you assigned to a MarkLogic user.
- Invoke mlcp with no `-username` and no `-password` option from the environment in which you cached the TGT.

For example, suppose you configured an XDBC App Server on port 9010 of host “ml-host” to use “kerberos-ticket” authentication. Further, suppose you associated the Kerberos principal name “kuser” with the user “mluser”. Then the following commands result in mlcp authenticating with Kerberos as user “kuser” and importing documents into the database as “mluser”.

```
kinit kuser
...
mlcp.sh import -host ml-host -port 9010 -input_file_path src_dir
```

You do not necessarily need to run kinit every time you invoke mlcp. The cached TGT typically has a lifetime over which it is valid.

2.8. Connecting mlcp to MarkLogic Cloud

[v11.1.0 and up]

MarkLogic Cloud is a Software as a Service (SaaS) platform that hosts both MarkLogic Server and Semaphore services. The services work behind a reverse proxy.

Connecting mlcp to MarkLogic Cloud requires both token-based authentication and a base path that maps to a port of an application server in the destination MarkLogic cluster.

NOTE

- Connecting mlcp to MarkLogic Cloud requires SSL.
- When mlcp connects to MarkLogic Cloud,
  - `-restrict_hosts` is automatically set to TRUE.
  - Session affinity is automatically preserved.
- More information about MarkLogic Cloud is coming soon.

mlcp supports importing, exporting, and copying content through MarkLogic Cloud.

- `-host`: Required. The URL of the MarkLogic Cloud Tenancy.
- `-api_key`: Required. The user API key unique to each MarkLogic Cloud user for obtaining the session token from MarkLogic Cloud.
  - User API Key:
    - A unique key assigned to a MarkLogic Cloud user that mlcp uses to obtain session tokens.
    - By default, user API keys expire after 7 days, but you can configure the expiration time within the limits set for your MarkLogic Cloud tenant.
    - You must regenerate user API keys whenever they expire or become invalidated.
  - Session Token:
    - A token that mlcp obtains by passing the user API key to the MarkLogic Cloud token endpoint.
    - It uniquely identifies a user session to provide the user access to the services hosted by MarkLogic Cloud.
    - It is used as an authorization header to authorize all subsequent requests to MarkLogic Server.
- `-base_path`: Required. A base URL that maps to a port of an application server on the source MarkLogic cluster hosted by MarkLogic Cloud.
  - By default, MarkLogic Cloud supports several MarkLogic Server Integration Endpoints, which are preconfigured base paths mapped to the ports of auxiliary MarkLogic application servers.
  - The MarkLogic Cloud tenants can also configure endpoints for the specific environment of their own application servers on the “Services and Endpoints” page in MarkLogic Cloud. An example is the preconfigured endpoint for the default App-Services app server, `/ml/test/marklogic/app-services/`.
- `-port`: Optional. `443` (since MarkLogic Cloud requires SSL connection, mlcp ignores this parameter and uses `443`).
- For copying content, there are parameters such as -input_host, -output_api_key, and so on for source (input) and destination (output) clusters. See Copy Command Line Options.

Here is an example of importing content through MarkLogic Cloud:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -host "cloud.marklogic.com" \
-api_key "XZvPaq+3HihncigeegZyA==" \
-base_path "/ml/test/marklogic/app-services/" \
-mode local \
-document_type xml-input_file_type delimited_text \
-delimiter "," \
-input_file_path input/
```

Here is an example of copying content through MarkLogic Cloud.

MarkLogic Cloud errors are reflected in `MLCloudRequestException`.

3. Getting Started with mlcp

This section walks you through a short introduction to mlcp in which you import documents into a database and then export them back out as files.

3.1. Prepare to Run the Examples

This section leads you through creating a work area and sample data with the following file system layout:

```
gs/
  import/
    one.xml
    two.json
  export/
```

Follow this procedure to set up the example work area:

1. Download and install mlcp according to the instructions in Installation and Configuration.
2. Ensure the mlcp `bin` directory and the `java` commands are on your path. For example, the following example command places the mlcp `bin` directory on your path if mlcp is installed in `MLCP_INSTALL_DIR`:

   ```
   Linux: export PATH=${PATH}:MLCP_INSTALL_DIR/bin
   Windows: set PATH=%PATH%;MLCP_INSTALL_DIR\bin
   ```
3. Create a directory to serve as your work area and change directories to this work area. For example:

   ```
   mkdir gs
   cd gs
   ```
4. Create a sub-directory to hold the sample input and output data. For example:

   ```
   mkdir import
   ```
5. Create the sample input files in the `import/` directory:
   a. Use the following commands on Linux:

      ```
      echo '<data>1</data>' > import/one.xml
      echo '{"two": 2}' > import/two.json
      ```
   b. Use the following commands on Windows:

      ```
      echo ^<data^>1^</data^> > import\one.xml
      echo {"two":2} > import\two.json
      ```

3.2. Optional: Create an Options File

You can encapsulate mlcp command line options in an options file; for details, see Options File Syntax. An options file is convenient for re-use of commonly used options. Also, using an options file can help you avoid command line interpolation of quotes by the shell.

The examples use an options file to save MarkLogic connection related options so that you can easily re-use them across multiple commands. This section describes how to create this file.

If you prefer to pass the connection options directly on the command line instead, add `-username`, `-password`, `-host`, and possibly `-port` options to the example mlcp commands in place of `-options_file`.

Use the following procedure to create the example options file:

1. If you are not already at the top level of your work area, change directory to this location. That is, the `gs` folder created in Prepare to Run the Examples.

```
cd gs
```

2. Create a file named `conn.txt` with the following contents. Each line is either an option name or a value for the preceding option.

```
-username
your_username-password
your_password-host
localhost
-port
8000
```

3. Edit `conn.txt` and modify the values of the `-username` and `-password` options to match your environment.
4. Optionally, modify the `-host` and/or `-port` option values. The host and port must identify a MarkLogic Server App Server that supports the XDBC protocol. MarkLogic Server comes with an App Server pre-configured on port 8000 that supports XDBC, attached to the Documents database. You can choose a different App Server.

You should now have the following file structure:

```
gs/
  conn.txt
  import/
    one.xml
    two.json
```

3.3. Load Documents

Load documents into a MarkLogic Server database using the mlcp `import` command. The examples in this section load documents from flat files into the default database associated with the App Server on port 8000 (the Documents database).

Other input options include compressed files, delimited text files, aggregate XML data, and line-delimited JSON data. See Importing Content into MarkLogic Server for details. You can also load document into a different database using the `-database` option.

To load a single file, specify the path to the file as the value of `-input_file_path`. For example:

```
-input_file_path import
```

When you load documents, a default URI is generated based on the type of input data. For details, see Controlling Database URIs During Ingestion.

We will import documents from flat files, so the default URI is the absolute pathname of the input file. For example, if your work area is `/space/gs` on Linux or `C:\gs` on Windows, then the default URI when you import documents from `gs/import` is as follows:

```
Linux: /space/gs/import/filenameWindows: /c:/gs/import/filename
```

You can use the `-output_uri_replace` option to strip off the portion of the URI that comes from the path steps before "`gs`". The option argument is of the form "*pattern*,*replacement_text*". For example, given the default URIs shown above, we'll add the following option to create URIs that begin with "/gs":

```
Linux: -output_uri_replace "/space,''"
Windows: -output_uri_replace "/c:,''"
```

Run the following command from the root of your work area (`gs`) to load all the files in the `import` directory. Modify the argument to `-output_uri_replace` to match your environment.

```
Linux:
  mlcp.sh import -options_file conn.txt \
    -output_uri_replace "/space,'''" -input_file_path import
Windows:
  mlcp.bat import -options_file conn.txt ^
    -output_uri_replace "/c:,'''" -input_file_path import
```

The output from mlcp should look similar to the following (but with a timestamp prefix on each line). "`OUTPUT_RECORDS_COMITTED: 2`" indicates mlcp loaded two files. For more details, see Understand mlcp Output.

```
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: Content type is set to MIXED.  The format of
  the  inserted documents will be determined by the MIME  type specification
  configured on MarkLogic Server.
INFO input.FileInputFormat: Total input paths to process : 2
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner:  completed 100%
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: com.marklogic.mapreduce.MarkLogicCounter:
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: INPUT_RECORDS: 2
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: OUTPUT_RECORDS: 2
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: OUTPUT_RECORDS_COMMITTED: 2
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: OUTPUT_RECORDS_FAILED: 0
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: Total execution time: 0 sec
```

Optionally, use Query Console's Explore feature to examine the contents of the Documents database and see that the documents were created. You should see documents with the following URIs:

```
/gs/import/one.xml
/gs/import/two.json
```

You can also create documents from files in a compressed file and from other types of input archives. For details, see Importing Content into MarkLogic Server.

3.4. Export Documents

Use the mlcp `export` command to export documents from a MarkLogic Server database into files on your filesystem. You can export documents to several formats, including files, compressed files, and database archives. For details, see Exporting Content from MarkLogic Server.

You can identify the documents to export in several ways, including by URI, by directory, by collection, and by XPath expression. This example uses a directory filter. Recall that the input documents were loaded with URIs of the form `/gs/import/`*filename*. Therefore, we can easily extract the files by database directory using `-directory_filter /gs/import/`.

This example exports documents from the default database associated with the App Server on port 8000. Use the `-database` option to export documents from a different database.

Use the following procedure to export the documents inserted in Load Documents:

1. If you are not already at the top level of your work area, change directory to this location. That is, the `gs` folder created in Prepare to Run the Examples. For example:

   ```
   cd gs
   ```

2. Extract the previously inserted documents into a directory named `export`. The `export` directory must not already exist.

   ```
   Linux:
     mlcp.sh export -options_file conn.txt -output_file_path export \
       -directory_filter /gs/import/
   Windows:
     mlcp.bat export -options_file conn.txt -output_file_path export ^
       -directory_filter /gs/import/
   ```

You should see output similar to the following, but with a timestamp prefix on each line. The "`OUTPUT_RECORDS: 2`" line indicates mlcp exported 2 files.

```
INFO mapreduce.MarkLogicInputFormat: Fetched 1 forest splits.
INFO mapreduce.MarkLogicInputFormat: Made 1 splits.
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner:  completed 100%
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: com.marklogic.mapreduce.MarkLogicCounter:
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: INPUT_RECORDS: 2
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: OUTPUT_RECORDS: 2
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: Total execution time: 0 sec
```

The exported documents are in `gs/export`. A filesystem directory is created for each directory step in the original document URI. Therefore, you should now have the following directory structure:

```
gs/
  export/
    gs/
      import/
        one.xml
        two.json
```

3.5. Understand mlcp Output

The output from mlcp varies depending on the operation (import, export, copy, extract), but usually looks similar to the following (with a timestamp prefix on each line). The following example is output from an import job.

```
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: Content type is set to MIXED.  The format of
  the  inserted documents will be determined by the MIME  type specification
  configured on MarkLogic Server.
INFO input.FileInputFormat: Total input paths to process : 2
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner:  completed 100%
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: com.marklogic.mapreduce.ContentPumpStats:
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: INPUT_RECORDS: 2
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: OUTPUT_RECORDS: 2
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: OUTPUT_RECORDS_COMMITTED: 2
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: OUTPUT_RECORDS_FAILED: 0
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: Total execution time: 0 sec
```

The following table summarizes the purpose of key pieces of information reported by mlcp:

Message	Description
Content type is set to format X.	Import only. This indicates the type of documents mlcp will create. The default is MIXED, which means mlcp will base the type on the input file suffix. For details, see How mlcp Determines Document Type.
Total input paths to process : N	Import only. Found N candidate input sources. If this number is 0, then the pathname you supplied to `-input_file_path` does not contain any data that meets your import criteria. If you're unable to diagnose the cause, refer to Troubleshooting.
\INPUT_RECORDS: N	The number of inputs mlcp actually tried to process. For an import operation, this is the number of documents mlcp attempted to create. For an export operation, this is number of documents mlcp attempted to export. If there are errors, this number may not correspond to the actual number of documents imported, exported, copied, or extracted. This number can be larger or smaller than the total input paths. For example, if you import from a compressed file that includes directories, the directories count towards total inputs paths, but mlcp will only attempt to create documents from the file entries, so total paths will be larger than the attempted records. Similarly, if you're loading aggregate XML files and splitting them into multiple documents, then total input paths reflects the number of aggregate files, while the attempted records reflects the number of documents created from the aggregates, so total paths is less than attempted records.

Message	Description
ESTIMATED_INPUT_RECORDS: N	Export and copy only. The estimated number of input records, based on job parameters such as `-document_selector` and `-input_query`. This number will be larger than `INPUT_RECORDS` if errors occur while fetching documents from MarkLogic or when the database is configured to use fragment roots. For example, if the source database contains *N* documents matching the job parameters, but a host in the cluster becomes unavailable during the job, then the actual number of documents mlcp attempts to process can be some *M* < *N*. In such a case, `ESTIMATED_INPUT_RECORDS` reflects *N*, while `INPUT_RECORDS` reflects *M*.
OUTPUT_RECORDS: N	On import, the number of documents (records) sent to MarkLogic for insertion into the database. This number can be smaller than INPUT_RECORDS if errors are detected on the client that cause a record to be skipped. On export, the number of output files mlcp successfully created.
OUTPUT_RECORDS_COMMITTED: N	Import only. The number of documents committed to the database. This number can be larger or smaller than OUTPUT_RECORDS. For example, it will be smaller if an error is detected on MarkLogic Server or larger if a server-side transformation creates multiple documents from a single input document.
OUTPUT_RECORDS_FAILED: N	Import only. The number of documents (records) rejected by MarkLogic Server. This number does not include failures detected by mlcp on the client.

3.6. Stop an mlcp Job Prematurely

In local mode, an interrupted job will shut down gracefully as long as it can finish within 30 seconds. If that time period expires, mlcp prints a warning.

4. Importing Content into MarkLogic Server

You can use mlcp to insert content into a MarkLogic Server database from flat files, compressed ZIP and GZIP files, aggregate XML files, and MarkLogic Server database archives. The input data can be accessed from the native filesystem.

For a list of import related options, see Import Command Line Options.

4.1. Supported Input Format Summary

Use the `-input_file_type` option to tell mlcp the format of the data in each input file (or each entry inside a compressed file). This option controls if/how mlcp converts the content into database documents.

The default input type is `documents`, which means each input file or ZIP file entry creates one database document. All other input file types represent composite input formats which can yield multiple database documents per input file.

The following table provides a quick reference of the supported input file types, along with the allowed document types for each, and whether or not they can be passed to mlcp as compressed files.

input_file_type	Document Type	`-input_compressed` permitted
documents	XML, JSON, text, or binary; controlled with `-document_type`.	Yes
archive	As in the database: XML, JSON, text, and/or binary documents, plus metadata. The type is not under user control.	No (archives are already in compressed format)
delimited_text	XML or JSON	Yes
delimited_json	JSON	Yes

sequencefile	XML, text or binary; controlled with these options:
	
	`-input_sequencefile_value_class`
	`-input_sequencefile_value_type`
		No. However, the contents can be compressed when you create the sequence file. Compression is bound up with the value class you use to generate and import the file.

aggregates	XML	Yes
rdf	Serialized RDF triples, in one of several formats. For details, see Supported RDF Triple Formats in the *Semantic Graph Developer's Guide*. RDF/JSON is not supported.	Yes
forest	As in the database: XML, JSON, text, and/or binary documents. The type is not under user control.	No

When the input file type is `documents` or `sequencefile` you must consider both the input format (`-input_file_type`) and the output document format (`-document_type`). In addition, for some input formats, input can come from either compressed or uncompressed files (`-input_compressed`).

The `-document_type` option controls the database document format when `-input_file_type` is `documents` or `sequencefile`. MarkLogic Server supports text, JSON, XML, and binary documents. If the document type is not explicitly set with these input file types, mlcp uses the input file suffix to determine the type. For details, see How mlcp Determines Document Type.

NOTE
You cannot use mlcp to perform document conversions. Your input data should match the stated document type. For example, you cannot convert XML input into a JSON document just by setting `-document_type json`.

4.2. Understanding Input File Path Resolution

If you do not explicitly include a URI scheme prefix such as `file:` on the input file path, mlcp uses the following rules to locate the input path:

- In local mode, mlcp defaults to the local file system (`file`).

The following example loads files from the local filesystem directory `/space/bill/data`:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password passwd -input_file_path /space/bill/data -mode local
```

4.3. Controlling Database URIs During Ingestion

By default, the document URIs created by mlcp during ingestion are determined by the input source. The tool supports several command line options for modifying this default behavior.

4.3.1. Default Document URI Construction

The default database URI assigned to ingested documents depends on the input source. Loading content from the local filesystem can create different URIs than loading the same content from a ZIP file or archive. Command line options are available for you to modify this behavior. You can use options to generate different URIs; for details, see Transforming the Default URI.

The following table summarizes the default behavior with several input sources:

Input Source	Default URI	Example

documents in a native directory	/path/filename
	
	Note that on Windows, the device (“c:”) becomes a path step, so `c:\path\file` becomes `/c:/path/file`.
		`/space/data/bill/dream.xml`
		
		`/c:/data/bill/dream.xml`

documents in a ZIP or GZIP file	`/compressed-file-path/path/inside/zip/filename`	If the input file is `/space/data/big.zip` and it contains a directory entry `bill/`, then the document URI for `dream.xml` in that directory is: `/space/data/big.zip/bill/dream.xml`
a GZIP compressed document	`/path/filename-without-gzip-suffix`	If the input is `/space/data/big.xml.gz`, the result is `/space/data/big.xml`.
delimited text file	The value in the column used as the id. (The first column, by default).	For a record of the form “first,second,third” where Column 1 is the id: `first`
archive or forest	The document URI from the source database.	
sequence file	The key in a key-value pair	
aggregate XML line delimited JSON	`/path/filename-split_start-seqnum` Where `/path/filename` is the full path to the input file, `split_start` is the byte position from the beginning of the split, and `seqnum` begins with 1 and increments for each document created.	For input file `/space/data/big.xml`:/space/data/big.xml-0-1/space/data/big.xml-0-2 For input file `/space/data/big.json`:`/space/data/big.json-0-1` / `space/data/big.json-0-2`
RDF	A generated unique name	`c7f92bccb4e2bfdc-0-100.xml`

For example, the following command loads all files from the filesystem directory `/space/bill/data` into the database attached to the App Server on port 8000. The documents inserted into the database have URIs of form `/space/bill/data/`*filename*.

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password passwd -input_file_path /space/bill/data -mode local
```

If the `/space/bill/data` directory is zipped up into `bill.zip`, such that `bill/` is the root directory in zip file, then the following command inserts documents with URIs of the form `bill/data/`*filename*:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ cd /space; zip -r bill.zip bill
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password passwd -input_file_path /space/bill.zip \
    -mode local -input_compressed true
```

When you use the `-generate_uri` option to have mlcp generate URIs for you, the generated URIs follow the same pattern as for aggregate XML and line delimited JSON:

`/path/filename-split_start-seqnum`

The generated URIs are unique across a single import operation, but they are not globally unique. For example, if you repeatedly import data from some file `/tmp/data.csv`, the generated URIs will be the same each time (modulo differences in the number of documents inserted by the job).

4.3.2. Transforming the Default URI

Use the following options to tailor the database URI of inserted documents:

- `-output_uri_replace` performs one or more string substitutions on the default URI.
- `-output_uri_prefix` prepends a string to the URI after substitution.
- `-output_uri_suffix` appends a string to the URI after substitution.

The `-output_uri_replace` option accepts a comma delimited list of regular expression and replacement string pairs. The string portion must be enclosed in single quotes:

```
-output_uri_replace pattern,'string',pattern,'string'
```

For details on the regular expression language supported by `-output_uri_replace`, see Regular Expression Syntax.

NOTE

These options are applied after the default URI is constructed and encoded, so if the option values contain characters not allowed in a URI, you must encode them yourself. See Character Encoding URIs.

The following example loads documents from the filesystem directory `/space/bill/data`. The default output URIs would be of the form `/space/bill/data/`*filename*. The example uses `-output_uri_replace` to replace “bill/data” with “will” and strip off “/space/”, and then adds a “/plays” prefix using `-output_uri_prefix`. The end result is output URIs of the form `/plays/will/`*filename*.

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password passwd -input_file_path /space/bill/data -mode local \
    -output_uri_replace "/space,'',/bill/data/,'/will/'" \    -output_uri_prefix /plays
```

4.3.3. Character Encoding URIs

If a URI constructed by mlcp contains special characters that are not allowed in URIs, mlcp automatically encodes them. This applies to the special characters <space>, %, ? or #. For example, `foo bar.xml` becomes `foo%20bar.xml`.

If you supply a URI or URI component, you are responsible for ensuring the result is a legitimate URI. No automatic encoding takes place. This applies to `-output_uri_replace`, `-output_uri_prefix`, and `-output_uri_suffix`. The changes implied by these options are applied after mlcp encodes the default URI.

When mlcp exports documents from the database to the file system such that the output directory and/or file names are derived from the document URI, the special symbols are decoded. That is, `foo%bar.xml` becomes `foo bar.xml` when exported. For details, see How URI Decoding Affects Output File Names.

4.4. How mlcp Determines Document Type

The document type determines what kind of database document mlcp inserts from input content: Text, XML, JSON, or binary. Document type is determined in the following ways:

- Document type can be inherent in the input file type. For example, `aggregates` and `rdf` input files always insert XML documents. For details, see Supported Input Format Summary.
- You can specify a document type explicitly with `-document_type`. For example, to load documents as XML, use `-input_file_type documents -document_type xml`. You cannot set an explicit type for all input file types.
- mlcp can determine document type dynamically from the output document URI and the MarkLogic Server MIME type mappings when you use `-input_file_type documents -document_type mixed`.

If you set `-document_type` to an explicit type such as `-document_type json`, then mlcp inserts all documents as that type.

If you use `-document_type mixed`, then mlcp determines the document type from the output URI suffix and the MIME type mapping configured into MarkLogic Server. Mixed is the default behavior for `-input_file_type documents`.

NOTE

- You can only use `-document_type mixed` when the input file type is `documents`.
- If an unrecognized or unmapped file extension is encountered when loading mixed documents, mlcp creates a binary document.

The following table contains examples of applying the default MIME type mappings to output URIs with various file extensions, an unknown extension, and no extension. The default mapping includes many additional suffixes. You can examine and create MIME type mappings under the Mimetypes section of the Admin Interface. For more information, see Implicitly Setting the Format Based on the MIME Type in the *Loading Content Into MarkLogic Server Guide*.

URI	Document Type
/path/doc.xml	XML
/path/doc.json	JSON
/path/doc.jpg	binary

URI	Document Type
/path/doc.txt	text
/path/doc.unknown	binary
/path/doc-nosuffix	binary

The MIME type mapping is applied to the final output URI. That is, the URI that results from applying the URI transformation options described in Controlling Database URIs During Ingestion. The following table contains examples of how URI transformations can affect the output document type in `mixed` mode, assuming the default MIME type mappings.

Input Filename	URI Options	Output URI	Doc Type
/path/doc.1	None	/path/file.1	binary
/path/doc.1	Add a `.xml` suffix: -output_uri_suffix ".xml"	/path/file.xml	XML
/path/doc.1	Replace the unmapped suffix with .txt: -output_uri_replace "\.\d+,'.txt'"	/path/file.txt	text

Document type determination is completed prior to invoking server-side transformations. If you change the document type in a transformation function, you are responsible for changing the output document to match. For details, see Transforming Content During Ingestion.

4.5. Loading Documents from a Directory

This section discusses importing documents stored as flat files on the native filesystem.

4.5.1. Loading a Single File

Use the following procedure to load all the files in a native directory and its sub-directories. To load selected files, see Filtering Documents Loaded from a Directory.

1. Set `-input_file_path` to the path to the input file.
2. Set `-input_file_type` if your input files are not documents. For example, if loading from delimited text files, sequence files, aggregate XML files, RDF triples files, or database archives.
3. Set `-document_type` if `-input_file_type` is not `documents` and the content type cannot be accurately deduced from the file suffixes as described in How mlcp Determines Document Type.
4. Set `-mode`: To perform the work locally, set `-mode` to `local`.

By default, the imported document has a database URI based on the input file path. For details, see Controlling Database URIs During Ingestion.

The following example command loads a single XML file:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password password -input_file_path /space/bill/data/hamlet.xml
```

4.5.2. Loading All the Files in a Directory

Use the following procedure to load all the files in a native directory and its sub-directories. To load selected files, see Filtering Documents Loaded from a Directory.

1. Set `-input_file_path` to the input directory.
2. Set `-input_file_type` if your input files are not documents. For example, if loading from delimited text files, sequence files, aggregate XML files, or database archives.
3. Set `-document_type` if `-input_file_type` is not `documents` and the content type cannot be accurately deduced from the file suffixes as described in How mlcp Determines Document Type.
4. Set `-mode`: To perform the work locally, set `-mode` to `local`.

By default, the imported documents have database URIs based on the input file path. For details, see Controlling Database URIs During Ingestion.

The following example command loads all the files in `/space/bill/data`:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password password -input_file_path /space/bill/data
```

4.5.3. Filtering Documents Loaded from a Directory

If `-input_file_path` names a directory, mlcp loads all the documents in the input directory and subdirectories by default. Use the `-input_file_pattern` option to filter the loaded documents based on a regular expression.

NOTE

Input document filtering is handled differently for `-input_file_type forest`. For details, see Filtering Forest Contents.

For example, the following command loads only files with a ".xml" suffix from the directory `/space/bill/data`:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password password -input_file_path /space/bill/data \
    -mode local -input_file_pattern '.*\.xml'
```

The mlcp tool uses Java regular expression syntax. For details, see Regular Expression Syntax.

4.6. Loading Documents from Compressed Files

You can load content from one or more compressed files. Filtering of compressed file content is not supported; mlcp loads all documents in a compressed file.

Follow this procedure to load content from one or more ZIP or GZIP compressed files.

1. Set `-input_file_path`:
   - To load from a single file, set `-input_file_path` to the path to the compressed file.
   - To load from multiple files, set `-input_file_path` to a directory containing the compressed files.
2. If the content type cannot be accurately deduced from suffixes of the files inside the compressed file as described in How mlcp Determines Document Type, set `-document_type` appropriately.
3. Set `-input_compressed` to `true`.
4. If the compressed file suffix is not ".zip" or ".gzip", specify the compressed file format by setting `-input_compression_codec` to `zip` or `gzip`.

If you set `-document_type` to anything but `mixed`, then the contents of the compressed file must be homogeneous. For example, all XML, all JSON, or all binary.

The following example command loads binary documents from the compressed file `/space/images.zip` on the local filesystem.

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password password -mode local -document_type binary \
    -input_file_path /space/images.zip -input_compressed
```

The following example loads all the files in the compressed file `/space/example.jar`, using `-input_compression_codec` to tell mlcp the compression format because of the ".jar" suffix:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password passwd -mode local -input_file_path /space/example.jar \
    -input_compressed true -input_compression_codec zip
```

If `-input_file_path` is a directory, mlcp loads contents from all compressed files in the input directory, recursing through subdirectories. The input directory must not contain other kinds of files.

By default, the URI prefix on documents loaded from a compressed file includes the full path to the input compressed file and mirrors the directory hierarchy inside the compressed file. For example, if a ZIP file `/space/shakespeare.zip` contains `bill/data/dream.xml` then the ingested document URI is `/space/shakespeare.zip/bill/data/dream.xml`. To override this behavior, see Controlling Database URIs During Ingestion.

4.7. Loading Content and Metadata from an Archive

Follow this procedure to import content and metadata from a database archive created by the mlcp `export` command. A database archive is stored in one or more compressed files that contain documents and metadata.

1. Set `-input_file_path`:
   - To load a single archive file, set `-input_file_path` to that file.
   - To load multiple archive files, set `-input_file_path` to a directory containing the compressed archive files.
2. Set `-document_type` to `mixed`, or leave it unset since `mixed` is the default setting.
3. Set `-input_compressed` to `true`.
4. Set `-input_file_type` to `archive`.
5. If the input archive was created without any metadata, set `-archive_metadata_optional` to true. If this is not set, an exception is thrown if the archive contains no metadata.
6. If you want to exclude some or all of the document metadata in the archive:
   - Set `-copy_collections` to `false` to exclude document collections metadata.
   - Set `-copy_permissions` to `false` to exclude document permissions metadata.
   - Set `-copy_properties` to `false` to exclude document properties.
   - Set `-copy_quality` to `false` to exclude document quality metadata.
   - Set `-copy_metadata` to false to exclude key-value metadata.

An archive is assumed to contain metadata. However, it is possible to create archives without metadata by setting all the metadata copying options (`-copy_collections`, `-copy_permissions`, etc.) to false during export. If an archive does not contain metadata, you must set `-archive_metadata_optional` to tell mlcp to proceed in the absence of metadata.

NOTE

When you import properties from an archive, you should disable the "maintain last modified" configuration option on the destination database during the import. Otherwise, you can get an `XDMP-SPECIALPROP` error if the import operation tries to update the last modified property. To disable this setting, use the Admin Interface or the library function `admin:set-maintain-last-modified`.

The following example command loads the database archive in `/space/archive_dir`:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password password -mode local -input_file_type archive \
    -input_file_path /space/archive_dir
```

4.8. Splitting Large XML Files into Multiple Documents

Very large XML files often contain *aggregate* data that can be disaggregated by splitting it into multiple smaller documents rooted at a recurring element. Disaggregating large XML files consumes fewer resources during loading and improves performance when searching and retrieving content. For aggregate JSON handling, see Creating Documents from Line-Delimited JSON Files.

The following mlcp options support creating multiple documents from aggregate data:

- -aggregate_record_element
- -uri_id
- -aggregate_record_namespace

You can disaggregate XML when loading from either flat or compressed files. For more information about working with compressed files, see Loading Documents from Compressed Files.

Follow this procedure to create documents from aggregate XML input:

1. Set `-input_file_path`:
   - To load from a single file, set `-input_file_path` to the path to the aggregate XML file.
   - To load from multiple files, set `-input_file_path` to a directory containing the aggregate files. The directory must not contain other kinds of files.
2. If you are loading from a compressed file, set `-input_compressed`.
3. Set `-input_file_type` to `aggregates`.
4. Set `-aggregate_record_element` to the element QName of the node to use as the root for all inserted documents. See the example below. The default is the first child element under the root element.

   NOTE
   The element QName should appear at only one level. You cannot specify the element name using a path, so disaggregation occurs everywhere that name is found.

5. Optionally, override the default document URI by setting `-uri_id` to the name of the element from which to derive the document URI.
6. If the aggregate record element is in a namespace, set `-aggregate_record_namespace` to the input namespace.

The default URI is `hashcode-`*`seqnum`* in local mode. If there are multiple matching elements, the first match is used.

If your aggregate URI IDs are not unique, you can overwrite one document in your input set with another. Importing documents with non-unique URI IDs from multiple threads can also cause deadlocks.

The example below uses the following input data:

```
$ cat > example.xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<people>
  <person>
    <first>George</first>
    <last>Washington</last>
  </person>
  <person>
    <first>Betsy</first>
    <last>Ross</last>
  </person>
</people>
```

The following command breaks the input data into a document for each `<person>` element. The `-uri_id` and other URI options give the inserted documents meaningful names. The command creates URIs of the form `/people/lastname.xml` by using the `<last/>` element as the aggregate URI id, along with an output prefix and suffix:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password password -mode local -input_file_path example.xml \
    -input_file_type aggregates -aggregate_record_element person \
    -uri_id last -output_uri_prefix /people/ \
    -output_uri_suffix .xml
```

The command creates two documents: `/people/Washington.xml` and `/people/Ross.xml`. For example, `/people/Washington.xml` contains:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<person>
    <first>George</first>
    <last>Washington</last>
</person>
```

If the input data is in a namespace, set `-aggregate_record_namespace` to that namespace. For example, if the input data is modified to include a namespace:

```
$ cat > example.xml
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<people xmlns="http://marklogic.com/examples">...</people>
```

Then mlcp ingests no documents unless you set `-aggregate_record_namespace`. Setting the namespace creates two documents in the namespace `http://marklogic.com/examples`. For example, after running the following command:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password password -mode local -input_file_path example.xml \
    -input_file_type aggregates -aggregate_record_element person \
    -uri_id last -output_uri_prefix /people/ \
    -output_uri_suffix .xml \
    -aggregate_record_namespace "http://marklogic.com/examples"
```

The document with `URI /people/Washington.xml` contains:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<person xmlns="http://marklogic.com/examples">
    <first>George</first>
    <last>Washington</last>
</person>
```

4.9. Creating Documents from Delimited Text Files

Use the `delimited_text` input file type to import content from a delimited text file and create an XML or JSON document corresponding to each line. For line-delimited JSON data, see Creating Documents from Line-Delimited JSON Files.

The following options are commonly used in the generation of documents from delimited text files:

- `-input_file_type delimited_text`
- `-document_type xml` or `-document_type json`
- `-delimiter`
- `-uri_id`
- `-delimited_root_name` (XML output only)
- `-data_type` (JSON output only)

The use of these and other supporting options is covered in this section.

4.9.1. Example: Generating Documents from a CSV File

When you import content from delimited text files, mlcp creates an XML or JSON document for each line of input after the initial header line.

The default document type is XML. To create JSON documents, use `-document_type json`.

When creating XML documents, each document has a root node of `<root>` and child elements with names corresponding to each column title. You can override the default root element name using the `-delimited_root_name` option; for details, see Customizing XML Output.

When creating JSON documents, each document is rooted at an unnamed object containing JSON properties with names corresponding to each column title. By default, the values for JSON are always strings. Use `-data_type` to override this behavior; for details, see Controlling Data Type in JSON Output.

For example, if you have the following data and mlcp command:

```
# Windows users, see 976fb286-6c4d-43fc-9d1c-d2d3ea060668
$ cat example.csv
first,last
george,washington
betsy,ross
$ mlcp.sh ... -mode local -input_file_path /space/mlcp/data \
    -input_file_type delimited_text ...
```

Then mlcp creates the XML output shown in the table below. To generate the JSON output, add `-document_type json` to the mlcp command line.

XML Output	JSON Output

`<root>`
`  <first>george</first>`
`  <last>washington</last>`
`</root>`
`<root>`
`  <first>betsy</first>`
`  <last>ross</last>`
`</root>`
	`{`
	`  "first": "george",`
	`  "last": "washington"`
	`}`
	`{`
	`  "first": "betsy",`
	`  "last": "ross"`
	`}`

4.9.2. Expected Input Format

A delimited text input file must have the following characteristics:

- The first line in the input file contains “column” names that are used to create the XML element or JSON property names of each document created from the file.

- The same delimiter is used to separate each value, as well as the column names. The default separator is a comma; use `-delimiter` to override it; for details, see Specifying the Field Delimiter.
- Every line has the same number of fields (values). Empty fields are represented as two delimiters in a row, such as “a,b,,d”.

For example, the following data meets the input format requirements:

```
first,last
george,washington
betsy,ross
```

This data produces documents with XML elements or JSON properties named “first” and “last”.

4.9.3. Customizing XML Output

When creating XML documents, each document has a root node of `<root>` and child elements with names corresponding to each column title. You can override the default root element name using the `-delimited_root_name` option. You can use the `-namespace` option to specify a root namespace.

The following example produces documents with root element `<person>` in the namespace `http://my.namespace`.

```
$ mlcp.sh ... -mode local -input_file_path /space/mlcp/data \
    -input_file_type delimited_text -namespace http://my.namespace \
    -delimited_root_name person
...
<person xmlns="http://my.namespace">
  <first>george</first>
  <last>washington</last>
</person>
...
```

4.9.4. Controlling Data Type in JSON Output

When creating JSON documents, the default value type is string. You can use the `-data_type` option to specify explicit data types for some or all columns. The option accepts comma-separated list of `columnName`, `typeName` pairs, where the `typeName` can be one of `number`, `boolean`, or `string`.

For example, if you have an input file called “catalog.csv” that looks like the following:

```
id, price, in-stock
12345, 8.99, true
67890, 2.00, false
```

Then the default output documents look similar to the following. Notice that all the property values are strings.

```
{ "id": "12345",
  "price": "8.99",
  "in-stock": "true"
}
```

The following example command uses the `-data_type` option to make the “price” property a number value and the “in-stock” property a boolean value. Since the “id” field is not specified in the `-data_type` option, it remains a string.

```
$ mlcp.sh ... -mode local -input_file_path catalog.csv \
    -input_file_type delimited_text -document_type json \
    -data_type "price,number,in-stock,boolean"...
{ "id": "12345",
  "price": 8.99,
  "in-stock": true
}
```

4.9.5. Controlling the Output Document URI

By default, the document URIs use the value in the first column. For example, if your input data looks like the following:

```
first,last
george,washington
betsy,ross
```

Then importing this data with no URI related options creates two documents with name corresponding to the “first” value. The URI will be “george” and “betsy”.

Use `-uri_id` to choose a different column or `-generate_uri` to have MarkLogic Server automatically generate a unique URI for each document. For example, the following command creates the documents “washington” and “ross”:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh ... -mode local -input_file_path /space/mlcp/data \
    -input_file_type delimited_text -uri_id last
```

Note that URIs generated with `-generate_uri` are only guaranteed to be unique across your import operation. For details, see Default Document URI Construction.

You can further tailor the URIs using `-output_uri_prefix` and `-output_uri_suffix`. These options apply even when you use `-generate_uri`. For details, see Controlling Database URIs During Ingestion.

If your URI IDs are not unique, you can overwrite one document in your input set with another. Importing documents with non-unique URI IDs from multiple threads can also cause deadlocks.

4.9.6. Specifying the Field Delimiter

The default delimiter between fields is a comma (`,`). You can override this using the `-delimiter` option. If the delimiter is a character that is difficult to specify on the command line, specify the delimiter in an options file instead. For details, see Options File Syntax.

For example, the Linux bash shell parser makes it difficult to specify a tab delimiter on the command line, so you can put the options in a file instead. In the example options file below, the string literal after `-delimiter` should contain a tab character.

```
$ cat delim.opt
-input_file_type
delimited_text
-delimiter
"tab"
$ mlcp.sh import ... -mode local -input_file_path /space/mlcp/data \
    -options_file delim.opt
```

4.9.7. Optimizing Ingestion of Large Files

If your delimited text files are very large, consider using the `-split_input` option. When this option is true, mlcp attempts to break each input file into multiple splits, enabling more documents to be loaded in parallel. For details, see Improving Throughput with -split_input.

4.10. Creating Documents from Line-Delimited JSON Files

Use the `delimited_json` input file type to import content from a line-delimited JSON file and create a JSON document corresponding to each line.

To create JSON documents from delimited text files such as CSV files, see Creating Documents from Delimited Text Files. For aggregate XML input, see Splitting Large XML Files into Multiple Documents.

4.10.1. Line-Delimited JSON Overview

A line-delimited JSON file is a type of aggregate file where each line is a self-contained piece of JSON data, such as an object or array.

Usually, each line of input has similar structure, such as the following:

```
{"id": "12345","price":8.99, "in-stock": true}
{"id": "67890","price":2.00, "in-stock": false}
```

However, the JSON data on each line is independent of the other lines, so the lines do not have to contain JSON data of the same “shape”. For example, the following is a valid input file:

```
{"first": "george", "last": "washington"}
{"id": 12345, "price": 8.99, "in-stock": true}
```

Given the input shown below, the following command creates 2 JSON documents. Each document contains the data from a single line of input.

```
$ cat example.json
{"id": "12345","price":8.99, "in-stock": true}
{"id": "67890","price":2.00, "in-stock": false}
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password password -mode local -input_file_path example.json \
    -input_file_type delimited_json
```

The example command creates documents whose contents precisely mirror each of input:

```
{"id": "12345","price":8.99, "in-stock": true}
{"id": "67890","price":2.00, "in-stock": false}
```

4.10.2. Controlling the Output Document URI

The default document URI is generated from the input file name, the split number, and a sequence number within the split, as described in Default Document URI Construction. For example, if the input file absolute path is `/space/data/example.json`, then the default output document URIs have the following form:

```
/space/data/example.json-0-1
/space/data/example.json-0-2
...
```

You can base the URI on values in the content instead by using the `-uri_id` option to specify the name of a property found in the data. You can further tailor the URIs using `-output_uri_prefix` and `-output_uri_suffix`. For details, see Controlling Database URIs During Ingestion.

For example, the following command uses the value in the `id` field as the base of the URI and uses `-output_uri_suffix` to add a `.json` suffix to the URIs:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh ... -mode local -input_file_path /space/data/example.json \
    -input_file_type delimited_json
    -uri_id id -output_uri_suffix ".json"
```

Given these options, an input line of the form shown below produces a document with the URI `12345.json` instead of `/space/data/example.json-0-1`.

```
{"id": "12345","price":8.99, "in-stock": true}
```

If the property name specified with -uri_id is not unique in your data, mlcp will use the first occurrence found in a breadth first search. The value of the specified property should be a valid number or string.

If you use `-uri_id`, any records (lines) that do not contain the named property are skipped. If the property is found but the value is null or not a number or string, the record is skipped.

4.11. Loading Triples

This section provides a brief overview of loading semantic data into MarkLogic Server. For more details, see the *Semantic Graph Developer's Guide*.

4.11.1. Basics of Triple Loading

To load semantic triples, use `-input_file_type rdf` and follow the instructions for loading a single file, all files in a directory, or a compressed file. For example, the following command loads triples files from the directory `/my/data`.

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -username user -password password -host localhost \
    -port 8000 -input_file_path /my/data -mode local \
    -input_file_type rdf
```

You can use mlcp to load triples files in several formats, including RDF/XML, Turtle, and N-Quads. For a full list of supported formats, see Supported RDF Triple Formats in the *Semantic Graph Developer's Guide*.

NOTE

Each time you load triples from a file, mlcp inserts new documents into the database. That is, multiple loads of the same input inserts new triples each time, rather than overwriting. Only the XQuery and REST API allow you replace triples.

Load triples data embedded within other content according to the instructions for the enclosing input file type, rather than with `-input_file_type rdf`. For example, if you have an XML input document that happens to have some triples embedded in it, load the document using `-input_file_type documents`.

You cannot combine loading triples files with other input file types.

If you do not include any graph selection options in your mlcp command, Quads are loaded into the graph specified in the data. Quads with no explicit graph specification and other kinds of triple data are loaded into the default graph. You can change this behavior with options. For details, see Graph Selection When Loading Quads or Graph Selection for Other Triple Types.

For details, see Loading Triples with mlcp in the *Semantic Graph Developer's Guide*.

4.11.2. Graph Selection When Loading Quads

When loading quads, you can use the following command line options to control the graph into which your quads are loaded:

- `-output_graph`
- `-output_override_graph`
- `-output_collections`

You can use `-output_collections` by itself or with the other two options. You cannot use `-output_graph` and `-output_override_graph` together.

If your semantic data is not in a quad format like N-Quads, see Graph Selection for Other Triple Types.

Quads interact with these options differently than other triple formats because quads can include a graph IRI in each quad. The following table summarizes the effect of various option combinations when importing quads with mlcp:

Graph Options	Description
none	For quads that contain an explicit graph IRI, load the triple into that graph. For quads with no explicit graph IRI, load the triple into the default graph. The default graph URI is `http://marklogic.com/semantics#default-graph`.
`-output_graph`	For quads that contain an explicit graph IRI, load the triple into that graph. For quads with no explicit graph IRI, load the triple into the graph specified by -output_graph.
`-output_override_graph`	Load all triples into the graph specified by `-output_override_graph`. This graph overrides any graph IRIs contained in the quads.
`-output_collections`	Similar to `-output_override_graph`, but you can specifiy multiple collections. Load triples into the graph specified as the first (or only) collection; also add triples to any additional collections on the list. This overrides any graph IRIs contained in the quads.
`-output_graph` with `-output_collections`	For quads that contain an explicit graph IRI, load the triple into that graph. For quads with no explicit graph IRI, load the triple into the graph specified by `-output_graph`. Also add triples to the specified collections.
`-output_override_graph` with `-output_collection`	Load all triples into the graph specified by `-output_override_graph`. This graph overrides any graph IRIs contained in the quads. Also add triples to the specified collections.

For more details, see Loading Triples with mlcp in the *Semantic Graph Developer's Guide*.

For example, suppose you load the following N-Quad data with mlcp. There are 3 quads in the data set. The first and last quad include a graph IRI, the second quad does not.

```
<http://one.example/subject1> <http://one.example/predicate1>
    <http://one.example/object1> <http://example.org/graph3> .
_:subject1 <http://an.example/predicate1> "object1"  .
_:subject2 <http://an.example/predicate2> "object2"
    <http://example.org/graph5> .
```

If you use a command similar to the following load the data:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -username user -password password -host localhost \
    -port 8000 -input_file_path /my/data.nq -mode local \
    -input_file_type rdf
```

Then the table below illustrates how the various graph related options affect how the triples are loaded into the database:

Graph Options	Result

none	Graphs:
	`http://example.org/graph3`
	`http://marklogic.com/semantics#default-graph`
	`http://example.org/graph5`

`-output_graph /my/graph`	Graphs:
	`http://example.org/graph3`
	`/my/graph`
	`http://example.org/graph5`

`-output_override_graph /my/graph`	Graphs: `/my/graph` for all triples
`-output_collections "aa,bb,cc"`	Graphs: aa for all triples. All triples also added to collections bb and cc

`-output_graph /my/graph`
`-output_collections "bb,cc"`
	Graphs:
	`http://example.org/graph3`
	`/my/graph`
	`http://example.org/graph5`
	All triples also added to collections bb and cc

Graph Options	Result
`-output_override_graph /my/graph -output_collections "bb,cc"`	Graphs: `/my/graph` for all triples. All triples also added to collections `bb` and `cc`

4.11.3. Graph Selection for Other Triple Types

When loading triples (rather than quads), you can use the following command line options to control the graph into which your triples are loaded:

- `-output_graph`
- `-output_collections`

The following table summarizes the effect of various option combinations when importing triples with mlcp. For quads, see Graph Selection When Loading Quads.

Graph Options	Description
none	Load triples into the default graph (`http://marklogic.com/semantics#default-graph`).
`-output_graph`	Load triples into the specified graph.
`output_collections`	Load triples into the graph specified as the first (or only) collection; also add triples to any additional collections on the list.
`-output_graph` with `-output_collections`	Load triples into the graph specified by `-output_graph` and also add them to the specified collections.

For more details, see Loading Triples with mlcp in the *Semantic Graph Developer's Guide*.

For example, if you use a command similar to the following load triples data:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -username user -password password -host localhost \
    -port 8000 -input_file_path /my/data.nt -mode local \
    -input_file_type rdf
```

Then the table below illustrates how the various graph related options affect how the triples are loaded into the database:

Graph Options	Result
none	Graph: `http://marklogic.com/semantics#default-graph`
`-output_graph /my/graph`	Graph: `/my/graph`
`-output_collections "aa,bb,cc"`	Graph: `aa`. All triples also added to collections `bb` and `cc`
`-output_graph /my/graph -output_collections "bb,cc"`	Graph: `/my/graph`. All triples also added to collections `bb` and `cc`

4.12. Loading Documents from a Forest with Direct Access

Direct Access enables you to extract documents directly from an offline or read-only forest without using MarkLogic Server instance for input. Direct Access is primarily intended for accessing archived data that is part of a tiered storage deployment.

For details, see Importing Documents from a Forest into a Database.

4.13. Performance Considerations for Loading Documents

MarkLogic Content Pump comes configured with defaults that should provide good performance under most circumstances. This section presents some performance tradeoffs to consider if you want to try to optimize throughput for your workload.

4.13.1. Time vs. Space: Configuring Batch and Transaction Size

You can tune the document insertion throughput and memory requirements of your job by configuring the batch size and transaction size of the job.

- `-batch_size` controls the number of updates per request to the server.
- `-transaction_size` controls the number of requests to the server per transaction.

The default batch size is 100 and the maximum batch size is 200. (However, some options can affect the default). The default transaction size is 1 and the maximum transaction size is 4000/ *actualBatchSize*. This means that the default maximum number of updates per transaction is 1000, and updates per transaction can range from 20 to 4000.

Selecting a batch size is a speed vs. memory tradeoff. Each request to the server introduces overhead because extra work must be done. However, unless you use `-streaming` or `-document_type mixed`, all the updates in a batch stay in memory until a request is sent, so larger batches consume more memory.

Transactions introduce overhead on MarkLogic Server, so performing multiple updates per transaction can improve insertion throughput. However, an open transaction holds locks on fragments with pending updates, potentially increasing lock contention and affecting overall application performance.

It is also possible to overwhelm MarkLogic Server if you have too many concurrent sessions active.

4.13.2. Time vs. Correctness: Understanding -fastload Tradeoffs

The `-fastload` option can significantly speed up ingestion during `import` and `copy` operations, but it can also cause problems if not used properly. This section describes how `-fastload` affects the behavior of mlcp and some of the tradeoffs associated with enabling it.

The optimizations described by this section are only enabled if you explicitly specify the `-fastload` or `-output_directory` options. (The `-output_directory` option implies `-fastload`).

> **NOTE**
> The `-fastload` option work slightly different when used with `-restrict_hosts`. For details, see How -restrict_hosts Affects -fastload. The limitations of `-fastload` described in this section still apply.

By default, mlcp inserts documents into the database by distributing work across the e-nodes in your MarkLogic cluster. Each e-node inserts documents into the database according to the configured document assignment policy.

This means the default insertion process for a document is similar to the following:

1. mlcp selects Host A from the available e-nodes in the cluster and sends it the document to be inserted.
2. Using the document assignment policy configured for the database, Host A determines the document should be inserted into Forest F on Host B.
3. Host A sends the document to Host B for insertion.

When you use `-fastload` (or `-output_directory`), mlcp attempts to cut out the middle step by applying the document assignment policy on the client. The interaction becomes similar to the following:

1. Using the document assignment policy, mlcp determines the document should be inserted into Forest F on Host B.
2. mlcp sends the document to Host B for insertion, with instructions to insert it into a specific forest.

Pre-determining the destination host and forest can always be done safely and consistently if all of the following conditions are met:

- Your forest topology is stable.
- You are creating rather than updating documents.

To make forest assignment decisions locally, mlcp gathers information about the database assignment policy and forest topology at the beginning of a job. If you change the assignment policy or forest topology while an mlcp `import` or `copy` operation is running, mlcp might make forest placement decisions inconsistent with those MarkLogic Server would make. This can cause problems such as duplicate document URIs and unbalanced forests.

Similar problems can occur if mlcp attempts to update a document already in the database, and the forest topology or assignment policy changes between the time the document was originally inserted and the time mlcp updates the document. Using user-specified forest placement when initially inserting a document creates the same conflict.

Therefore, it is not safe to enable `-fastload` optimizations in the following situations:

- A document mlcp inserts already exists in the database and any of the following conditions are true:
  - The forest topology has changed since the document was originally inserted.
  - The assignment policy has changed since the document was originally inserted.
  - The assignment policy is not Legacy (default) or Bucket. For details, see How Assignment Policy Affects Optimization.
  - The document was originally inserted using user-specified forest placement.
- A document mlcp inserts does not already exist in the database and any of the following conditions are true:
  - The forest topology changes while mlcp is running.
  - The assignment policy changes while mlcp is running.

Assignment policy is a database configuration setting that affects how MarkLogic Server selects what forest to insert a document into or move a document into during rebalancing. For details, see Rebalancer Document Assignment Policies in *Administrating MarkLogic Server*.

NOTE

Assignment policy was introduced with MarkLogic 7 and mlcp v1.2. If you use an earlier version of mlcp with MarkLogic 7 or later, the database you import data into with `-fastload` or `-output_directory` must be using the legacy assignment policy.

Any operation that changes the forests available for updates changes your forest topology, including the following:

- Adding or an employing a new forest
- Removing or retiring an existing forest
- Changing the `updates-allowed` state of forest. For example, calling `admin:forest-set-updates-allowed`
- Changing the database assignment policy

In most cases, it is your responsibility to determine whether or not you can safely use `-fastload` (or `-output_directory`, which implies `-fastload`). In cases where mlcp can detect `-fastload` is unsafe, it will disable it or give you an error.

4.13.3. How Assignment Policy Affects Optimization

This section describes how your choice of document assignment policy can introduce additional limitations and risks. Assignment policy is a database configuration setting that affects how MarkLogic

Server selects what forest to insert a document into or move a document into during rebalancing. For details, see Rebalancer Document Assignment Policies in *Administrating MarkLogic Server*.

NOTE
Assignment policy was introduced with MarkLogic 7 and mlcp v1.2. If you use an earlier version of mlcp with MarkLogic 7 or later, the database you import data into with `-fastload` or `-output_directory` must be using the legacy assignment policy.

The following table summarizes the limitations imposed by each assignment policy. If you do not explicitly set assignment policy, the default is Legacy or Bucket.

Assignment Policy	Notes
Legacy (default) Bucket	You can safely use `-fastload` if: • there are no pre-existing documents in the database with the same URIs; or • you use `-output_directory`; or • the URIs may be in use, but the forest topology has not changed since the documents were created, and the documents were not initially inserted using user-specified forest placement.
Statistical	You can only use `-fastload` to create new documents; updates are not supported. You should use `-output_directory` to ensure there are no updates. All documents in a batch are inserted into the same forest. The rebalancer may subsequently move the documents if the batch size is large enough to cause the forest to become unbalanced. If you set `-fastload` to `true` and mlcp determines database rebalancing is occurring or needs to be done at the start of a job, an error occurs.
Range	You can only use `-fastload` to create new documents; updates are not supported. You should use `-output_directory` to ensure there are no updates. You should use `-output_partition` to tell mlcp which partition to insert documents into. The partition you specify is used even if it is not the correct partition according to your configured partition policy. You can only use `-fastload` optimizations with range policy if you are licensed for Tiered Storage. If you set `-fastload` to `true` and mlcp determines database rebalancing is occurring or needs to be done at the start of a job, an error occurs.
Query	You can only use `-fastload` to create new documents; updates are not supported. You should use `-output_directory` to ensure there are no updates. You should use `-output_partition` to tell mlcp which partition to insert documents into. The partition you specify is used even if it is not the correct partition according to your configured partition policy. You can only use `-fastload` optimizations with range policy if you are licensed for Tiered Storage. If you set `-fastload` to `true` and mlcp determines database rebalancing is occurring or needs to be done at the start of a job, an error occurs.

4.13.4. Tuning Split Size and Thread Count for Local Mode

You can tune split size only when importing documents in local mode from one of the following input file types:

- Whole documents (`-input_file_type documents`), whether from flat or compressed files.
- Composite file types that support `-split_input`, such as `delimited_text`.

You cannot tune split size when creating documents from composite files that do not support `-split_input`, such as sequence files and aggregate XML files.

You can tune thread count for both whole documents and all composite filetypes. Thread count and split size can interact to affect job performance.

In local mode, a split defines the unit of work per thread devoted to a session with MarkLogic Server. The ideal split size is one that keeps all mlcp session threads busy. The default split size is 32M for local mode. Use the `-max_split_size`, `-thread_count`, and `-thread_count_per_split` options to tune your load.

By default, threads are assigned to splits in a round-robin fashion. For example, consider a loading 120 small documents of length 1M. Since the default split size is 32M, the load is broken into 4 splits. If `-thread_count` is 10, each split is assigned to at least 2 threads (`10 / 4 = 2`). The remaining 2 threads are each assigned to a split, so the number of threads per split are distributed as follows:

```
Split 1: 3 threads

Split 2: 3 threads

Split 3: 2 threads

Split 4: 2 threads
```

This distribution could result in two of the splits completing faster, leaving some threads idle. If you set `-max_split_size` to 12M, the load has 10 splits, which can be evenly distributed across the threads and may result in better thread utilization.

Prior to 10.0-4.2, mlcp uses 4 as the default thread count. For mlcp versions equal to or higher than 10.0-4.2, mlcp conducts initial polling to identify the available server threads on the port that handles mlcp requests. Mlcp then uses this value as the default thread count. Users can overwrite the default value by specifying `-thread_count` in the command line.

If `-thread_count` is less than the number of splits, the default behavior is one thread per split, up to the total number of threads. The remaining splits must wait until a thread becomes available.

NOTE

If you specify `-thread_count_per_split`, each input split will run with the specified number. The total number of thread count, however, is controlled by the newly calculated thread count or `-thread_count` if it is specified.

If MarkLogic Server is not I/O bound, then raising the thread count--and possibly threads per split--can improve throughput when the number of splits is small but each split is very large. This is often applicable to loading from zip files, aggregate files, and delimited text files. Note that if MarkLogic Server is already I/O bound in your environment, increasing the concurrency of writes will not necessarily improve performance.

4.13.5. Reducing Memory Consumption with Streaming

The streaming protocol allows you to insert a large document into the database without holding the entire document in memory. Streaming uploads documents to MarkLogic Server in 128k chunks.

Streaming content into the database usually requires less memory on the host running mlcp, but ingestion can be slower because it introduces additional network overhead. Streaming also does not take advantage of the mlcp built-in retry mechanism. If an error occurs that is normally retriable, the job will fail.

NOTE
Streaming is only usable when `-input_file_type` is `documents`. You cannot use streaming with delimited text files, sequence files, or archives.

To use streaming, enable the `-streaming` option. For example:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -username user -password password -host localhost \
    -port 8000 -input_file_path /my/dir -streaming
```

4.13.6. Improving Throughput with -split_input

If you are loading documents from very large files, you might be able to improve throughput using the `-split_input` option. When `-split_input` is true, mlcp attempts to break large input files that would otherwise be processed in a single split into multiple splits. This enables portions of the input file to be loaded by threads (local mode).

NOTE
This option can only be applied to composite input file types that logically produce multiple documents and for which mlcp can efficiently identify document boundaries, such as `delimited_text`. Not all composite file types are supported, and files containing multi-byte characters must be UTF-8-encoded. For details, see Import Command Line Options.

In local mode, `-split_input` is false by default.

The `-split_input` option affects local mode as follows: Suppose you are importing a very large delimited text file in local mode with `-split_input` set to false and the data processed as a single split. The work might be performed by multiple threads (depending on the job configuration), but these threads read records from the input file synchronously. This can cause some read contention. If you set `-split_input` to true, then each thread is assigned its own chunk of input, resulting in less contention and greater concurrency.

The number of subdivisions is determined by the formula `file-size` / max-`split`-size, so you should also consider tuning split size to match your input data characteristics. For example, if your data consists of 1 delimited text file containing 16M of data, you can observe the following interactions between `-split_input` and `-max_split_size`:

Input File Size	-split_input	Split Size	Number of Splits
16M	false	32M	1
16M	true	32M	1
16M	true	1M	16

Tuning the split size in this case potentially enables greater concurrency because the multiple splits can be assigned to different threads or tasks.

Split size is tunable using `-max_split_size`, `-min_split_size`, and block size. For details, see Tuning Split Size and Thread Count for Local Mode.

4.13.7. Concurrent mlcp Jobs

We do not recommend using concurrent mlcp jobs. Regardless of the version, mlcp does not support concurrent jobs if mlcp is importing from/exporting to the same data file. In addition, beginning in 10.0-4.2, each mlcp job uses the maximum number of threads available on the server as the default thread count. Therefore, using concurrent mlcp jobs will not improve performance, as one job is already using full concurrent capacity.

Here is more about threads and thread count:

- A command line option called `-max_threads` refers to the maximum number of threads that run mlcp. This command line option is optional.
- mlcp conducts initial polling to identify the available server threads on the port that handles mlcp requests. mlcp then uses half of this value as the default thread count.
- You can overwrite this calculated value by specifying `-thread_count` in the command line.
- If you specify `-threads_per_split`, each input split will run with the number you have specified. Note, however, that the total thread count is controlled by the newly calculated thread count or, if specified, `-thread_count`.

4.14. Transforming Content During Ingestion

You can create an XQuery or Server-Side JavaScript function and install it on MarkLogic Server to transform and enrich content before inserting it into the database. Your function runs on MarkLogic Server. You can use such functions with the mlcp `import` and `copy` commands.

4.14.1. Creating a Custom XQuery Transformation

The topics in this section describe how to implement a server-side content transformation function in XQuery.

Function Signature

A custom transformation is an XQuery function module that conforms to the following interface. Your function receives a single input document, described by `$content`, and can generate zero, one, or many output documents.

```
declare function yourNamespace:transform(
  $content as map:map,
  $context as map:map)
as map:map*
```

Input Parameters

The table below describes the input parameters to a transform function:

Parameter	Description
$content	Data about the original input document. The map contains the following keys: • `uri` **- The URI of the document being inserted into the database.** • `value` **- The contents of the input document, as a document node, binary node, or text node.**

Parameter	Description
$context	Additional context information about the insertion, such as tranformation-specific parameter values. The map can contain the following keys when your transform function is invoked: • `transform_param` **: The value passed by the client through the** `-transform_param` **option, if any. Your function is responsible for parsing and validation.** • `collections` **: Collection URIs specified by the** `-output_collections` **option. Value format: A sequence of strings.** • `permissions` **: Permissions specified by the** `-output_permissions` **option. Value format: A sequence of** `sec:permission` **elements, as produced by** `xdmp:permission`**.** • `quality` **: The document quality specified by the** `-output_quality` **parameter. Value format: An integer value.** • `temporalCollection` **: The temporal collection URI specified by the** `-temporal-collection` **parameter. Value format: A string.**

The type of node your function receives in the “value” property of `$content` depends on the input document type, as determined by mlcp from the `-document_type` option or URI extension. For details, see How mlcp Determines Document Type. The type of node your function returns in the “value” property should follow the same guidelines.

The table below outlines the relationship between document type and the node type your transform function should expect.

Document Type	“value” node type
XML	document-node
JSON	document-node
BINARY	binary-node
TEXT	text-node

The collections, permissions, quality, and temporal collection metadata from the mlcp command line is made available to your function so that you can modify or replace the values. If a given metadata category is not specified on the command line, the key will not be present in the input map.

Expected Output

Your function can produce more than one output document. For each document, your function should return a `map:map`. The `map:map` for an output document must use the same keys as the `$content` map (`uri` and `value`).

> **NOTE**
> Modifying the document URI in a transformation can cause duplicate URIs when combined with the `-fastload` option, so you should not use `-fastload` or `-output_directory` with a transformation module that changes URIs. For details, see Time vs. Correctness: Understanding -fastload Tradeoffs.

The documents returned by your transformation should be exactly as you want to insert them into the database. No further transformations are applied by the mlcp infrastructure. For example, a transform function cannot affect document type just by changing the URI. Instead, it must convert the document node. For details, see Example: Changing the URI and Document Type.

You can use the `context` parameter to specify collections, permissions, quality, and values metadata for the documents returned by your transform. Use the following keys and data formats for specifying various categories of metadata:

Context Map Key	Expected Value Format
collections	A sequence of strings containing collection URIs.
permissions	A sequence of `sec:permission` elements, each representing a capability and a role id. For details, see `xdmp:permission`.
quality	An integer value (or a string that can be converted to an integer).
metadata	A `map:map` containing key-value metadata.
temporalCollection	A string containing a temporal document collection URI.

For a description of the meaning of the keys, see Input Parameters.

If your function returns multiple documents, they will all share the metadata settings from the `context` parameter.

Example Implementation

The following example adds an attribute to incoming XML documents and leaves non-XML documents unmodified. The attribute value is specified on the mlcp command line, using the `-transform_param` option.

```
declare function example:transform(
  $content as map:map,
  $context as map:map
) as map:map*
{
  let $attr-value :=
   (map:get($context, "transform_param"), "UNDEFINED")[1]
  let $the-doc := map:get($content, "value")
  return
    if (fn:empty($the-doc/element()))
    then $content
    else
      let $root := $the-doc/*
      return (
        map:put($content, "value",
          document {
            $root/preceding-sibling::node(),
            element {fn:name($root)} {
              attribute { fn:QName("", "NEWATTR") } {$attr-value},
              $root/@*,
              $root/node()
            },
            $root/following-sibling::node()
          }
        ), $content
      )
};
```

For an end-to-end example of using this transform, see Example: Server-Side Content Transformation.

4.14.2. Creating a Custom JavaScript Transformation

The topics in this section describe how to implement a server-side content transformation function in Server-Side JavaScript.

Function Signature

A custom transformation is a JavaScript function module that conforms to the following interface. Your function receives a single input document, described by `$content`, and can generate zero, one, or many output documents.

```
function yourTransform(content, context)
```

Input Parameters

The `content` parameter is an object containing data about the original input document. The `content` parameter has the following form:

```
{ uri: string,
  value: node}
```

The type of node your function receives in `content.value` depends on the input document type, as determined by mlcp from the `-document_type` option or URI extension. For details, see How mlcp Determines Document Type. The type of node your function returns in the `value` property should follow the same guidelines.

The table below outlines the relationship between document type and the node type your transform function should expect (or return).

Document Type	"value" node type
XML	document-node
JSON	document-node
BINARY	binary-node
TEXT	text-node

The `context` parameter can contain context information about the insertion, such as any transform-specific parameters passed on the mlcp command line. The `context` parameter has the following form:

```
{ transform_param: string,  collections: [ string, ... ],
  permissions: [ object, ... ],
  quality: number,
  temporalCollection: string}
```

The following table describes the properties of the input parameters in more detail:

Parameter	Description
content	• `uri` **- The URI of the document being inserted into the database.** • `value` **- The contents of the input document, as a document node, binary node, or text node; see below.**
	• `transform_param` **- The value passed by the client through the** `-transform_param` **option, if any. Your function is responsible for parsing and validation of the input string.** • `collections` **: Collection URIs specified by the** `-output_collections` **option. Value format: An array of strings.** • `permissions` **: Permissions specified by the** `-output_permissions` **option. Value format: An array of permissions objects, as produced by** `xdmp.permission`**.** • `quality` **: The document quality specified by the** `-output_quality` **parameter. Value format: A number.** • `temporalCollection` **: The temporal collection URI specified by the** `-temporal-collection` **parameter. Value format: A string.**

The collections, permissions, quality, and temporal collection metadata from the mlcp command line is made available to your function so that you can modify or replace the values. If a given metadata category is not specified on the command line, the property will not be present in the `context` object.

Expected Output

Your function can produce more than one output document. For each document, your function should return a JavaScript object containing the same properties as the content input parameter (`uri` and `value`). When returning multiple document objects, put them in a Sequence.

The document content returned by your transformation should be exactly as you want to insert them into the database. No further transformations are applied by the mlcp infrastructure. For example, a transform function cannot affect document type just by changing the URI. Instead, it must convert the document node. For details, see Example: Changing the URI and Document Type.

You can modify the `context` input parameter to specify collections, permissions, quality, and values metadata for the documents returned by your transform. Use the following property names and data formats for specifying various categories of metadata:

Context Property	Expected Value Format
collections	An array of strings, each representing a collection URIs.
permissions	An array of permission objects, each containing a `capability` and a `roleId` property. For details, see `xdmp:permission`.
	An integer value (or a string that can be converted to an integer).
metadata	An object where each property represents a key-value metadata item.
temporalCollection	A string containing a temporal document collection URI.

For a description of the meaning of the keys, see Input Parameters.

If your function returns multiple documents, they will all share the metadata settings from the `context` parameter.

Example Implementation

The following example adds a property named “NEWPROP” to incoming JSON documents and leaves non-JSON documents unmodified. The property value is specified on the mlcp command line, using the `-transform_param` option.

```
// Add a property named "NEWPROP" to any JSON input document.
// Otherwise, input passes through unchanged.
function addProp(content, context)
{
  const propVal = (context.transform_param == undefined)
                 ? "UNDEFINED" : context.transform_param;
  if (xdmp.nodeKind(content.value) == 'document' &&
      content.value.documentFormat == 'JSON') {
    // Convert input to mutable object and add new property
    const newDoc = content.value.toObject();
    newDoc.NEWPROP = propVal;
    // Convert result back into a document
    content.value = xdmp.unquote(xdmp.quote(newDoc));
  }
  return content;
};
exports.addProp = addProp;
```

4.14.3. Implementation Guidelines

You should be aware of the following guidelines and limitations when implementing your transformation function:

- If you use a server-side transform with `-fastload` (or `-output_directory`, which enables `-fastload`), your transformation function only has access to database content in the same forest as the input document. If your transformation function needs general access to the database, do not use `-fastload` or `-output_directory`.

4.14.4. Installing a Custom Transformation

Install the XQuery library module containing your function into the modules database or modules root directory of the XDBC App Server associated with the destination database. For `import` operations, this is the App Server identified by `-host` and `-port` mlcp command line options. For `copy` operations, this is the App Server identified by `-output_host` and `-output_port` mlcp command line options.

Best practice is to install your libraries into the modules database of your XDBC App Server.
If you install your module into the modules database, MarkLogic Server automatically makes the

implementation available throughout your MarkLogic Server cluster. If you choose to install dependent libraries into the Modules directory of your MarkLogic Server installation, you must manually do so on each node in your cluster.

MarkLogic Server supports several methods for loading modules into the modules database:

- Run an XQuery or JavaScript query in Query Console. For example, you can run a query similar to the following to install a module using Query Console. Note: First select your modules database in the Query Console Content Source dropdown.

```
xquery version "1.0-ml";
xdmp:document-load("/space/mlcp/transform.xqy",
    <options xmlns="xdmp:document-load">
      <uri>/example/mlcp-transform.xqy</uri>
      <repair>none</repair>
      <permissions>{xdmp:default-permissions()}</permissions>
    </options>)
```

- If you use the App Server on port 8000 or have a REST API instance, you can use any of the following Client APIs:
- Java: `ResourceExtensionsManager.write`. For details, see Managing Dependent Libraries and Other Assets in the *Java Application Developer's Guide*.
- Node.js: `DatabaseClient.config.extlibs`. For details, see Managing Assets in the Modules Database in the *Node.js Application Developer's Guide*.
- REST: `PUT /v1/ext/{directories}/{asset}`. For details, see Managing Dependent Libraries and Other Assets in the *REST Application Developer's Guide*.

If you use the filesystem instead of a modules database, you can manually install your module into the Modules directory. Copy the module into `MARKLOGIC_INSTALL_DIR/Modules` or into a subdirectory of this directory. The default location of this directory is:

- Unix: `/opt/MarkLogic/Modules`
- Windows: `C:\Program Files\MarkLogic\Modules`

If your transformation function requires other modules, you should also install the dependent libraries in the modules database or the modules directory.

For a complete example, see Example: Server-Side Content Transformation.

4.14.5. Using a Custom Transformation

Once you install a custom transformation function on MarkLogic Server, you can apply it to your mlcp `import` or `copy` job using the following options:

- `-transform_module` - The path to the module containing your transformation. Required.
- `-transform_namespace` - The namespace of your transformation function. If omitted, no namespace is assumed.
- `-transform_function` - The local name of your transformation function. If omitted, the name `transform` is assumed.
- `-transform_param` - Optional additional string data to be passed through to your transformation function.

Take note of the following limitations:

- When `-fastload` is in effect, your transform function runs in the scope of a single forest (the forest mlcp determines is the appropriate destination for the file being inserted). This means if you change the document URI as part of your transform, you can end up creating documents with duplicate URIs.
- When you use a transform function, all the documents in each batch are transformed and inserted into the database as a single statement. This means, for example, that if the (transformed) batch

contain more than one document with the same URI, you will get an `XDMP-CONFLICTINGUPDATES` error.

The following example command assumes you previously installed a transform module with path `/example/mlcp-transform.xqy`, and that the function implements a `transform` function (the default function) in the namespace `http://marklogic.com/example`. The function expects a user-defined parameter value, supplied using the `-transform_param` option.

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -mode local -host mlhost -port 8000 \
    -username user -password password \
    -input_file_path /space/mlcp-test/data \
    -transform_module /example/mlcp-transform.xqy \
    -transform_namespace "http://marklogic.com/example" \
    -transform_param "my-value"
```

For a complete example, see Example: Server-Side Content Transformation.

4.14.6. Example: Server-Side Content Transformation

This example walks you through installing and using an XQuery or Server-Side JavaScript transform function to modify content ingested with mlcp. The example XQuery transform function modifies XML documents by adding an attribute named `NEWATTR`, with an attribute value specified on the mlcp command line. The example JavaScript transform function modifies JSON documents by adding a new property named `NEWPROP`, with a value specified on the mlcp command line.

This example assumes you have already created an XDBC App Server, configured to use "/" as the root and a modules database of Modules. Each part of the example is explained in its own section.

Create the Sample Input Files

This section walks you through creating sample input data to be ingested by mlcp. You can use other data.

1. Create a directory to hold the sample input data. For example:
   `$ mkdir /space/mlcp/txform/data`
2. Create a file named `txform.xml` in the sample data directory with the following contents:
   `<parent><child/></parent>`
3. Create a file named `txform.json` in the sample data directory with the following contents:
   `{ "key": "value" }`

Create the XQuery Transformation Module

If you prefer to work with a Server-Side JavaScript transform function, skip this section and go to Create the JavaScript Transformation Module.

This example module modifies XML input documents by adding an attribute named `NEWATTR`. Other input document types pass through the transform unmodified.

In a location other than the sample input data directory, create a file named `transform.xqy` with the following contents. For example, copy the following into `/space/mlcp/txform/transform.xqy`.

```
xquery version "1.0-ml";
module namespace example = "http://marklogic.com/example";
(: If the input document is XML, insert @NEWATTR, with the value
 : specified in the input parameter. If the input document is not
 : XML, leave it as-is.
 :)
declare function example:transform(
  $content as map:map,
  $context as map:map
) as map:map*
{
  let $attr-value :=
    (map:get($context, "transform_param"), "UNDEFINED")[1]
  let $the-doc := map:get($content, "value")
  return
    if (fn:empty($the-doc/element()))
    then $content
    else
      let $root := $the-doc/*
      return (
        map:put($content, "value",
          document {
            $root/preceding-sibling::node(),
            element {fn:name($root)} {
              attribute { fn:QName("", "NEWATTR") } {$attr-value},
              $root/@*,
              $root/node()
            },
            $root/following-sibling::node()
          }
        ), $content
      )
};
```

Create the JavaScript Transformation Module

If you prefer to work with an XQuery transform function, skip this section and go to Create the XQuery Transformation Module.

This example module modifies JSON input documents by adding an attribute named `NEWPROP`. Other input document types pass through the transform unmodified.

In a location other than the sample input data directory, create a file named `transform.sjs` with the following contents. For example, copy the following into `/space/mlcp/txform/transform.sjs`.

```
// Add a property named "NEWPROP" to any JSON input document.
// Otherwise, input passes through unchanged.
function addProp(content, context)
{
  var propVal = (context.transform_param == undefined)
                 ? "UNDEFINED" : context.transform_param;
  var docType = xdmp.nodeKind(content.value);
  if (xdmp.nodeKind(content.value) == 'document' &&
      content.value.documentFormat == 'JSON') {
    // Convert input to mutable object and add new property
    var newDoc = content.value.toObject();
    newDoc.NEWPROP = propVal;
    // Convert result back into a document
    content.value = xdmp.unquote(xdmp.quote(newDoc));
  }
  return content;
};
exports.transform = addProp;
```

Install the Transformation Module

This section walks you through installing the transform module(s) created in Create the XQuery Transformation Module or Create the JavaScript Transformation Module.

These instructions assume you use the XDBC App Server and Documents database pre-configured on port 8000. This procedure installs the module using Query Console. You can use another method.

For more detailed instructions on using Query Console, see the *Query Console User Guide*.

1. Navigate to Query Console in your browser: `http://yourhost:8000/qconsole/`
2. Create a new query by clicking the "+" at the top of the query editor.
3. Select XQuery in the Query Type dropdown.
4. Install the XQuery and/or JavaScript module by copying one of the following scripts into the new query. Modify the first parameter of `xdmp:document-load` to match the path to the transform module you previously created.
   a. To install the XQuery module, use the following script:

```
xquery version "1.0-ml";
xdmp:document-load("/space/mlcp/txform/transform.xqy",
    <options xmlns="xdmp:document-load">
      <uri>/example/mlcp-transform.xqy</uri>
      <repair>none</repair>
      <permissions>{xdmp:default-permissions()}</permissions>
    </options>)
```

   b. To install the JavaScript module, use the following script:

```
xquery version "1.0-ml";
xdmp:document-load("/space/mlcp/txform/transform.sjs",
    <options xmlns="xdmp:document-load">
      <uri>/example/mlcp-transform.sjs</uri>
      <repair>none</repair>
      <permissions>{xdmp:default-permissions()}</permissions>
    </options>)
```

5. Select the modules database of your XDBC App Server in the Content Source dropdown at the top of the query editor. If you use the XDBC App Server on port 8000, this is the database named Modules.
6. Click the Run button. Your module is installed in the modules database.
7. To confirm installation of your module, click the Explore button at the top of the query editor and note your module installed with URI `/example/mlcp-transform.xqy` or `/example/mlcp-transform.sjs`.

Apply the Transformation

To ingest the sample documents and apply the previously installed transformation, use a command similar to the following. Change the `username`, `password`, `host`, `port`, and `input_file_path` options to match your environment.

Use a command similar to the following if you installed the XQuery transform module:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -mode local -host mlhost -port 8000 \
    -username user -password password \
    -input_file_path /space/mlcp/txform/data \
    -transform_module /example/mlcp-transform.xqy \
    -transform_namespace "http://marklogic.com/example" \
    -transform_param "my-value"
```

Use a command similar to the following if you installed the JavaScript transform module:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -mode local -host mlhost -port 8000 \
    -username user -password password \
    -input_file_path /space/mlcp/txform/data \
    -transform_module /example/mlcp-transform.sjs \
    -transform_function transform \
    -transform_param "my-value"
```

mlcp should report creating two documents. Near the end of the mlcp output, you should see lines similar to the following:

```
... INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: OUTPUT_RECORDS: 2
... INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: Total execution time: 1 sec
```

Use Query Console to explore the content database associated with your XDBC App Server. Confirm that mlcp created 2 documents. If your input was in the directory `/space/mlcp/txform/data`, then the document URIs will be:

- `/space/mlcp/txform/data/txform.xml`
- `/space/mlcp/txform/data/txform.json`

If you use the XQuery transform, then exploring the contents of `txform.xml` in the database should show a NEWATTR attribute was inserted by the transform, with the value from `-transform_param`. The document contents should be as follows:

```
<parent NEWATTR="my-value">
  <child/>
</parent>
```

If you use the JavaScript transform, then exploring the contents of txform.json in the database should show a NEWPROP property was inserted by the transform, with the value from `-transform_param`. The document contents should be as follows:

```
{ "key": "value", "NEWPROP": "my-value"}
```

4.14.7. Example: Changing the URI and Document Type

This example demonstrates changing the type of a document from binary to XML and changing the document URI to match.

NOTE

Transforms that change the document URI should not be combined with the `-fastload` or `-output_directory` options as they can cause duplicate document URIs. For details, see Time vs. Correctness: Understanding -fastload Tradeoffs.

As described in How mlcp Determines Document Type, the URI extension and MIME type mapping are used to determine document type when you use `-document_type mixed`. However, transform functions do not run until after document type selection is completed. Therefore, if you want to affect document type in a transform, you must convert the document node, as well as optionally changing the output URI.

Suppose your input document set generates an output document URI with the unmapped extension ".1", such as `/path/doc.1`. Since "1" is not a recognized URI extension, mlcp creates a binary document node from this input file by default. The example transform function in this section intercepts such a document and transforms it into an XML document.

Note that if you define a MIME type mapping that maps the extension “1” to XML (or JSON) in your MarkLogic Server configuration, then mlcp creates a document of the appropriate type to begin with, and this conversion becomes unnecessary.

XQuery Implementation

This module detects input documents with URI suffixes of the form “.1” and converts them into XML documents with a “.xml” URI extension. Note that the transform does not snoop the content to ensure it is actually XML.

```
xquery version "1.0-ml";
module namespace example = "http://marklogic.com/example";
declare function example:mod_doc_type(
  $content as map:map,
  $context as map:map
) as map:map*
{
  let $orig-uri := map:get($content, "uri")
  return
  if (fn:substring-after($orig-uri, ".") = "1") then
    let $doc-type := xdmp:node-kind(map:get($content, "value"))
    return (
      (: change the URI to an xml suffix :)
      map:put($content, "uri",
        fn:concat(fn:substring-before($orig-uri, "."), ".xml")
      ),
      (: convert the input from binary node to xml document node :)
      if ($doc-type = "binary") then
        map:put(
          $content, "value",
          xdmp:unquote(xdmp:quote(map:get($content, "value")))
        )
      else (),
      $content
    )
  else $content
};
```

JavaScript Implementation

This module detects input documents with URI suffixes of the form “.1” and converts them into JSON documents with a “.json” URI extension. Note that the transform does not snoop the content to ensure it is actually JSON.

```
function modDocType(content, context)
{
  var uri = String(content.uri);
  var dot = uri.lastIndexOf('.');
  if (dot > 0) {
    var suffix = uri.slice(dot);
    if (suffix == '.1') {
      content.uri = uri.substring(0,dot+1) + 'json';
      if (xdmp.nodeKind(content.value) == 'binary') {
        // convert the content to a JSON document
        content.value = xdmp.unquote(xdmp.quote(content.value));
      }
    }
  }
  return content;
};
exports.transform = modDocType;
```

4.15. Controlling How mlcp Connects to MarkLogic Server

This section describes how mlcp connects to MarkLogic Server. It also describes the options you can use to modify the connection. For example, you can force mlcp to connect to MarkLogic Server through a load balancer only.

4.15.1. How mlcp Uses the Host List

You must specify at least one host with `-host` command line option. You can specify multiple hosts.

If any hostname listed in the value of the `-host` option is not resolvable by mlcp at the beginning of a job, then mlcp will abort the job with an `IllegalArgumentException`.

Assuming all hostnames are resolvable, mlcp uses the first of these hosts to gather information about the target database. If mlcp is unable to connect to the first host in the `-host` list, then mlcp will move on to the next host in the list. If mlcp cannot connect to any of the listed hosts, then the job will fail with an `IOException`.

If mlcp successfully retrieves a list of forest hosts, then mlcp subsequently connects directly to these hosts when distributing work across the cluster, whether or not these hosts are specified in the `-host` option. In this way, your job does not need to be aware cluster topology.

This behavior applies to the `import`, `export`, and `copy` commands. (For a copy job, you specify hosts through `-input_host` and `-output_host`, rather than `-host`.)

You can also restrict mlcp to just the hosts listed by the `-host` option. For details, see Restricting the Hosts That mlcp Uses to Connect to MarkLogic.

4.15.2. Restricting the Hosts That mlcp Uses to Connect to MarkLogic

You can restrict the hosts to which mlcp distributes work using the `-restrict_hosts` and `-host` command line options. You might find this option combination useful in situations such as the following:

- Limit the host working set to just the e-nodes in your cluster.
- The public and private DNS names of a host differ, such as can occur for an AWS instance.

NOTE
MarkLogic automatically sets `-restrict_hosts` to true when it detects the presence of a load balancer.

When `-restrict_hosts` is set to true, mlcp will only connect to the hosts listed in the `-host` option, rather than using the approach described in How mlcp Uses the Host List.

NOTE
Using `-restrict_hosts` will usually degrade the performance of an mlcp job because mlcp cannot distribute work as efficiently.

For example, if you're using mlcp with a load balancer between your client and your MarkLogic cluster, you can specify the load balancer with `-host` and set `-restrict_hosts` to true to prevent mlcp from attempting to bypass the load balancer and connect directly to the forest hosts.

You can restrict the mlcp host list when using the `import`, `export`, and `copy` commands. For import and export, use the `-host` and `-restrict_hosts options`. For copy, use `-input_host` and `-restrict_input_hosts` and/or `-output_host` and `-restrict_output_hosts`.

4.15.3. How -restrict_hosts Affects -fastload

You can use `-fastload` with `-restrict_hosts`. The performance improvement from `-fastload` will be less than if you did not use `-restrict_hosts`, but better than if you do not use `-fastload`. The usual cautions about `-fastload` apply; see Time vs. Correctness: Understanding -fastload Tradeoffs.

The `-fastload` and `-restrict_hosts` options interact as follows:

Without `-restrict_hosts`, mlcp figures out which hosts contains the destination forest for a document, and then connects directly to that host. When `-restrict_hosts` is true, a connection to the forest host might not possible. In this case, mlcp connects to an allowed e-node, and includes the detailed destination information along with the document. The destination details make an insertion faster than it would otherwise be.

4.15.4. mlcp Reverse Proxy Support Using Path-Based Routing

Starting in 11.1.0, mlcp supports connecting to MarkLogic server through a reverse proxy using path-based routing. The base paths need to be configured in the proxy configuration, which maps a base path to a specific port (MarkLogic Application Server).

These parameters are used with this feature:

- `-base_path`: URL that maps to a port on the destination MarkLogic application server.

  NOTE
  When `-base_path` is specified, `-restrict_hosts` will be automatically set to true. You also need to configure the reverse proxy to use the `SessionID` cookie generated by MarkLogic Server for session affinity. You might also need to enable session affinity or sticky sessions in your load balancer. The exact configuration steps depend on the proxy. See your proxy documentation for details.

- `-host`: URL of the reverse proxy.
- `-port`: URL of port that the reverse proxy listens to.

NOTE
Digest and certificate authentication are not currently supported when running behind a reverse proxy or a load balancer configured with path-based routing. Configure the MarkLogic app servers to use either basic auth over HTTPS or one of the other supported authentication mechanisms.

Example:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
mlcp.sh import -mode local -host proxy.marklogic.com \
   -base_path "/test/marklogic/app-services/" \
   -port 8080 \
   -username user \
   -password password \
   -document_type xml \
   -input_file_type delimited_text -delimiter ","
   -input_file_path input/
```

4.16. Failover Handling

Failover occurs when a forest or a host in a cluster becomes unavailable, due to events such as a forest restart or a host becoming unreachable. You can configure a database to use local or shared disk failover to attempt automatic recovery; for details see High Availability of Data Nodes With Failover in the *Scalability, Availability, and Failover Guide*.

NOTE

Failover support in mlcp is only available when running mlcp against MarkLogic 9 or later. With older MarkLogic versions, the job will fail if mlcp is connected to a host that becomes unavailable.

mlcp always attempts to connect to a new host during a failover event. mlcp can potentially recover from failover event in the following cases:

- If mlcp receives a connection error that indicates an e-node serving the database is down, mlcp attempts to select another host. For a job that is not running in fastload mode, mlcp selects the next host in its host list. For a fastload job, mlcp attempts to determine the replica forest and host and connect to that host.
- If mlcp receives a retriable error from MarkLogic, it will retry the operation with the same host. For example, a forest restart or a forest replica host going down can cause a retriable error.

If mlcp is able to re-establish a connection in these cases, then the job can continue. It is possible for some documents not to be imported, depending on the configuration of the job. mlcp can only retry the current batch.

- If `-transaction_size` is 1, then mlcp only needs to retry the current batch. In most cases, a successful failover will not cause any insertions to fail.
- If `-transaction_size` is greater than 1, then mlcp can only retry the current batch. Other batches in the same transaction cannot be retried. Some documents might not be inserted.
- Even if -transaction_size is 1, mlcp might fail to import all documents in the face of a failover event in some cases. For example:
- Failover does not succeed within 5 minutes. If it takes more than 5 minutes for MarkLogic to recover from the failure, then mlcp aborts the job and reports an error.

mlcp reports any documents that could not be inserted due to the failover.

The following messages are an example of mlcp output during a failover event. Timestamps have been elided.

1. A failure of some kind occurs, such as host going down. The exact error messages will depend on the type of failure. Notice that example errors below include a retriable exception.

```
...INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner: completed 41%
...WARNING [29] (AbstractRequestController.runRequest): Error parsing HTTP headers:
Premature EOF, partial header line read: ''
...WARN mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 981349710.122: Exception:Error parsing HTTP
headers: Premature EOF, partial header line read: ''
...WARNING [29] (AbstractRequestController.runRequest): Error parsing HTTP headers:
Premature EOF, partial header line read: ''
...WARN mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 981349710.122: Failed rolling back transaction
Error parsing HTTP headers: Premature EOF, partial header line read: ''
...WARNING [29] (AbstractRequestController.runRequest): Error parsing HTTP headers:
Premature EOF, partial header line read: ''
...ERROR mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 981349710.122: RetryableQueryException:XDMP-
XDQPDISC: XDQP connection disconnected, server=somehost
...ERROR mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 981349710.122: RetryableQueryException:XDMP-
XDQPDISC: XDQP connection disconnected, server=somehost
...ERROR mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 981349710.122: RetryableQueryException:XDMP-
XDQPDISC: XDQP connection disconnected, server=somehost
```

2. mlcp begins retrying the failed insertion. Errors may continue to occur because MarkLogic is still failing over.

```
...INFO mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 981349710.122: Retrying document insert
...WARN  mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 981349710.122: RetryableQueryException:SVC-
SOCCONN: Socket connect error: connect 172.18.130.117:7999: Connection refused
...INFO mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 981349710.122: Retrying document insert
...INFO mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 981349710.122: Retrying document insert
...INFO mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 981349710.122: Retrying document insert
...WARN mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 981349710.122: Exception:Connection refused
...WARN mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 981349710.122: Exception:Connection refused
...WARN mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 981349710.122: RetryableQueryException:SVC-
SOCCONN: Socket connect error: connect 172.18.130.117:7999: Connection refused
...WARN mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 981349710.122: RetryableQueryException:SVC-
SOCCONN: Socket connect error: connect 172.18.130.117:7999: Connection refused
...WARN mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 981349710.122: RetryableQueryException:SVC-
SOCCONN: Socket connect error: connect 172.18.130.117:7999: Connection refused
...WARN mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 981349710.122: RetryableQueryException:SVC-
SOCCONN: Socket connect error: connect 172.18.130.117:7999: Connection refused
```

3. Eventually, MarkLogic Server recovers, and the job continues normally.

4.17. mlcp Retry Mechanism When Commit Fails During Ingestion

When mlcp is used to ingest content into Data Hub Service (DHS), it frequently catches exceptions when the static e-node gets overloaded, or if the dynamic e-nodes are unavailable, as they come and go.

Before 10.0-5, when an mlcp commit failed during ingestion, due to the exceptions listed above, mlcp did not retry the batch. All the documents in the current batch would fail permanently. The mlcp retry mechanism has been added in 10.0-5 to make mlcp more robust and able to recover from these exceptions.

There are three circumstances that need to be considered:

- If `-batch_size` is 1 and `-transaction_size` is 1: mlcp uses `AUTO` transaction mode. Transactions automatically commit and rollback. mlcp will retry inserting the whole batch when it catches exceptions during commit.
- If `-batch_size` is larger than 1 and `-transaction_size` is 1: mlcp will use `UPDATE` transaction mode, and explicitly commits and rolls back. mlcp will retry loading the whole batch if the exceptions caught during commit are retriable. mlcp will retry when commit fails maximum 15 times. Between each retry, it sleeps for a certain amount of time. The interval varies from 0.5 seconds to 2 minutes, and it doubles every time mlcp retries. The total maximum sleep time sums up to ~16 minutes, which is tuned to wait for dynamic e-nodes to come up. In most cases, a successful retry will not cause any insertions to fail.

- If `-batch_size` is larger than 1 and `-transaction_size` is larger than 1: mlcp does not retry in this situation as the client only caches the current batch. All the documents in the current transaction will fail permanently.

mlcp only retries when the exceptions caught are retriable. Every time when mlcp retries, it attempts to select another host. When the exceptions are not retriable, or the retry doesn't succeed within ~16 minutes for the DHS cluster to recover, all the documents in the current batch will fail permanently and mlcp will log the failure.

When the current batch fails during inserting or committing, the failures will be logged on `WARN` level. Then if the exception is retriable, mlcp will retry inserting the whole batch, and the retry messages will be logged on `DEBUG` level. If the retry succeeds, the succeeding message will be logged on `INFO` level. If the exception is not retriable, or the maximum retry limit has been exceeded, the document/batch will fail permanently and will be logged on `ERROR` level.

Each log message has a batch number in the format of `xxxx.xxxx` (two integers separated by a dot) attached to it. The first integer represents the current thread number and the second represents the batch count local to the current thread. Globally, `xxxx.xxxx` is unique. This batch number makes it easier to track down and debug batch failures.

The following messages are an example of common exceptions caught when running mlcp with DHS cluster on AWS/Azure. These exceptions mostly happens when e-nodes are down or the static e-node gets overloaded. Timestamps have been removed from these examples.

```
...WARN contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch #88895712.638: Failed committing transaction:
Error parsing HTTP headers: Premature EOF, partial header line read: ''
...WARN mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch #88895712.638: QueryException:XDMP-XDQPDISC: XDQP
connection disconnected, server=somehost
...WARN contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch #1520482927.642: Failed committing
transaction: Server cannot accept request: Service Unavailable -- Stopping by SIGTERM
from pid 3121
...WARN mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch #1520482927.642:
com.marklogic.xcc.exceptions.XQueryException: XDMP-NOTXN: No transaction with identifier
11132444146034518336
[Session: user=admin, cb={default} [ContentSource: user=admin, cb={none} [provider:
SSLconn address=5bJZEjQ1L.z.marklogicsvc.com/52.224.204.231:8005, pool=0/64]]]
[Client: XCC/11.0-20200911, Server: XDBC/10.0-4]
```

NOTE

mlcp gets `XDMP-NOTXN` when the transaction has already been committed or rolled back.

The following messages are an example of mlcp output during a retry event. Timestamps have been removed.

```
...WARN contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch 1473219859.1010: Exception:Server cannot
accept request: Gateway Time-out
...WARN contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch 1473219859.1010: Failed during inserting
...DEBUG mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 1473219859.1010: Sleeping before
retrying...sleepTime=500ms
...DEBUG contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch 1473219859.1010: Retrying inserting batch,
attempts: 1/15
...INFO contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch 1473219859.1010: Retrying inserting batch is
successful
...WARN contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch 278973739.75: Failed committing transaction:
Error parsing HTTP headers: Connection timed out
...WARN contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch 918057596.3: Failed committing transaction:
Error parsing HTTP headers: Connection timed out
...WARN contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch 278973739.75: Failed during committing
...WARN contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch 918057596.3: Failed during committing
...WARN contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch 1763434846.80: Failed committing transaction:
Error parsing HTTP headers: Connection timed out
...WARN contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch 1763434846.80: Failed during committing
...WARN contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch 981349710.122: Failed committing transaction:
Error parsing HTTP headers: Connection timed out
...WARN contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch 981349710.122: Failed during committing
...WARN mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 278973739.75: Failed rolling back transaction: No
transaction
...DEBUG mapreduce.ContentWriter: com.marklogic.xcc.exceptions.XQueryException: XDMP-
NOTXN: No transaction with identifier 11132444146034518336
[Session: user=admin, cb={default} [ContentSource: user=admin, cb={none} [provider:
SSLconn address=5bJZEjQ1L.z.marklogicsvc.com/52.224.204.231:8005, pool=0/64]]]
[Client: XCC/11.0-20200911, Server: XDBC/10.0-4]
...DEBUG mapreduce.ContentWriter: Batch 278973739.75: Sleeping before
retrying...sleepTime=500ms
...WARN contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch 1978594827.298: QueryException: JS-FATAL:
xdmp:function(fn:QName(, transformInsertBatch), /MarkLogic/hadoop.sjs)($transform-module,
$transform-function, $uris, $values, $insert-options, $transform-option)
...WARN contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch 1978594827.298: Failed during inserting
...ERROR contentpump.TransformWriter: Batch 1978594827.298: Document failed
permanently: /space/data/iplocations/IP2LOCATION-LITE-DB5.CSV.gz-0-2798613 in file:/space/
data/iplocations/IP2LOCATION-LITE-DB5.CSV.gz at line 2798614
```

4.17.1. Limitations

There are two known limitations with the mlcp retry feature:

- When the input type is `archive`, mlcp is not able to retry loading metadata/naked properties when commit fails, since by design the client does not cache these inputs.
- Loading temporal documents may have issues. When mlcp commit fails and catches exceptions, it tries rolling back before retry loading the whole batch. However, the previous transaction may have made it to the server and mlcp will get `NOTXN` exception. This may create issues for temporal documents, since they may be inserted multiple times.

4.18. mlcp Auto-scaling with Data Hub Service

Before 10.0-6, mlcp import jobs ran with a fixed number of threads until completion. After 10.0-6, mlcp reactive auto-scaling capability for import jobs is enabled when running against Data Hub Service (DHS) hosted on AWS/Azure. The concurrency of mlcp now adjusts periodically based on the available server threads as the dynamic e-nodes come and go in DHS. This feature improves mlcp performance by leveraging the scaling feature of DHS.

4.18.1. How mlcp Adjusts Client Concurrency

When running an import job, mlcp periodically send polling requests to the server through the XCC layer to obtain the maximum server threads. When the DHS cluster adds more dynamic e-nodes, server has more available concurrency. Then mlcp decides whether to scale-out or scale-in, its own thread pool based on the result.

The following command line options can be used to tune this process:

- `-max_thread_percentage`: The percentage (between 0 and 100) of maximum available server threads mlcp will use to run import jobs.
- `-polling_period`: The time interval (in minutes) mlcp sends the polling requests to the server.
- `-polling_init_delay`: The initial delay (in minutes) before mlcp starts sending the polling requests.

4.18.2. How Other Command Line Options Affect Auto-scaling

The following existing command line options also affect the auto-scaling feature:

- `-thread_count` and `-thread_count_per_split`: When these two options are specified, mlcp will use a fixed number of threads and auto-scaling will not happen.
- `-max_threads`: When `-max_threads` is specified, mlcp will cap the maximum thread count, and auto-scaling cannot go beyond this number. This is to prevent the client-side from running out of memory as the DHS cluster may have a huge number of nodes. By default, `-max_threads` is not set.

4.18.3. How mlcp Assigns Threads in Auto-scaling Process

When mlcp scales-out or scales-in, new threads are assigned to or removed from the existing input splits using round-robin fashion, same as the logic discussed in Tuning Split Size and Thread Count for Local Mode.

4.18.4. mlcp Logs for Auto-scaling

When mlcp scales-out or scales-in, there will be a log message on INFO level to notify user about the scaling process. If the thread count has reached the maximum value, it will also be logged on INFO level. For every periodic polling, mlcp will log new available server threads on DEBUG level. If mlcp decides to scale-out or scale-in, the assigned or deducted threads for each input split will also be logged on DEBUG level.

The following messages are an example of common log messages a user may get in an auto-scaling process. Timestamps have been removed.

```
DEBUG contentpump.ThreadManager: Initial thread pool size: 32
DEBUG contentpump.ThreadManager: Thread pool will auto-scale based on available server
threads.
DEBUG contentpump.ThreadManager: Running with MultithreadedMapper. Initial thread count
for split #0: 11
DEBUG contentpump.ThreadManager: Running with MultithreadedMapper. Initial thread count
for split #1: 11
DEBUG contentpump.ThreadManager: Running with MultithreadedMapper. Initial thread count
for split #2: 10
INFO contentpump.LocalJobRunner:  completed 0%
DEBUG contentpump.ThreadManager: New available server threads: 32
DEBUG contentpump.ThreadManager: New available server threads: 32
DEBUG contentpump.ThreadManager: New available server threads: 16
INFO contentpump.ThreadManager: Thread pool is scaling-in. New thread pool size: 16
DEBUG contentpump.ThreadManager: Running with MultithreadedMapper. New thread count for
split #0: 6
DEBUG contentpump.ThreadManager: Running with MultithreadedMapper. New thread count for
split #1: 5
DEBUG contentpump.ThreadManager: Running with MultithreadedMapper. New thread count for
split #2: 5
DEBUG contentpump.ThreadManager: New available server threads: 16
```

4.19. Import Command Line Options

This section summarizes the command line options available with the mlcp `import` command. The following command line options define your connection to MarkLogic:

Option	Description
`-host` *`comma-list`*	Required. A comma-separated list of hosts through which mlcp can connect to the destination MarkLogic Server. You must specify at least one host. For more details, see How mlcp Uses the Host List.
`-password` *`string`*	Password for the MarkLogic Server user specified with `-username`. Required, unless using Kerberos authentication.
`-port` *`number`*	Port number of the destination MarkLogic Server. There should be an XDBC App Server on this port. Default: 8000.
`-username` *`string`*	MarkLogic Server user with which to import documents. Required, unless using Kerberos authentication.

The following table lists command line options that define the characteristics of the import operation:

Option	Description
`-aggregate_record_element` *`string`*	When splitting an aggregate input file into multiple documents, the name of the element to use as the output document root. Default: The first child element under the root element.
`-aggregate_record_namespace` *`string`*	The namespace of the element specified by `-aggregate_record_element_name`. Default: No namespace.
`-aggregate_uri_id` *`string`*	Deprecated. Use `-uri_id` instead. When splitting an aggregate input file into multiple documents, the element or attribute name within the document root to use as the document URI. Default: In local mode, `hashcode-seqnum`, where the hashcode is derived from the split number; in distribute mode, `taskid-seqnum`.
`-api_key` *`string`* [v11.1.0 and up]	User API Key unique to each MarkLogic Cloud user for obtaining session token. Required along with `-base_path` when connecting to MarkLogic Cloud. See Connecting mlcp to MarkLogic Cloud.
`-archive_metadata_optional` *`boolean`*	When importing documents from a database archive, whether or not to ignore missing metadata files. If this is `false` and the archive contains no metadata, an error occurs. Default: `false`.
`-base_path` *`string`* [v11.1.0 and up]	A base URL that maps to a port on the destination MarkLogic server when connecting through a reverse proxy.
`-batch_size` *`number`*	The number of documents to process in a single request to MarkLogic Server. Default: 100. Maximum: 200.
`-collection_filter` *`comma-list`*	A comma-separated list of collection URIs. Only usable with `-input_file_type forest`. mlcp extracts only documents in these collections. This option can be combined with other filter options. Default: Import all documents.
`-content_encoding` *`string`*	The character encoding of input documents when `-input_file_type` is `documents`, `aggregates`, `delimited_text`, or `rdf`. The option value must be a character set name accepted by your JVM; see `java.nio.charset.Charset`. Default: `UTF-8`. Set to `system` to use the platform default encoding for the host on which mlcp runs.
`-copy_collections` *`boolean`*	When importing documents from an archive, whether to copy document collections from the source archive to the destination. Only applies when `-input_file_type` is `archive` or `forest`. Default: true.
`-copy_metadata` *`boolean`*	When importing documents from an archive, whether to copy document key-value metadata from the source archive to the destination. Only applies when `-input_file_type` is `archive` or `forest`. Default: true.
`-copy_permissions` *`boolean`*	When importing documents from an archive, whether to copy document permissions from the source archive to the destination. Only applies with `-input_file_type archive`. Default: true.
`-copy_properties` *`boolean`*	When importing documents from an archive, whether to copy document properties from the source archive to the destination. Only applies with `-input_file_type archive`. Default: true.

Option	Description
`-copy_quality` *`boolean`*	When importing documents from an archive, whether to copy document quality from the source archive to the destination. Only applies when `-input_file_type` is `archive` or `forest`. Default: true.
`-database` *`string`*	The name of the destination database. Default: The database associated with the destination App Server identified by `-host` and `-port`.
`-data_type` *`comma-list`*	When importing content with `-input_file_type delimited_text` and `-document_type json`, use this option to specify the data type (string, number, or boolean) to give to specific fields. The option value must be a comma separated list of `name`, *datatype* pairs, such as “a,number,b,boolean”. Default: All fields have string type. For details, see Controlling Data Type in JSON Output.
`-delimited_root_name` *`string`*	When importing content with `-input_file_type delimited_text`, the local name of the document root element. Default: `root`.
`-delimited_uri_id` *`string`*	Deprecated. use `-uri_id` instead. When importing content `-input_file_type delimited_text`, the column name that contributes to the id portion of the URI for inserted documents. Default: The first column.
`-delimiter` *`character`*	When importing content with `-input_file_type delimited_text`, the delimiting character. Default: comma (,).
`-directory_filter` *`comma-list`*	A comma-separated list of database directory names. Only usable with `-input_file_type forest`. mlcp extracts only documents from these directories, plus related metadata. Directory names should usually end with “/”. This option can be combined with other filter options. Default: Import all documents.
`-document_type` *`string`*	The type of document to create when `-input_file_type` is `documents`, `sequencefile` or `delimited_text`. Accepted values: `mixed`(`documents` only), `xml`, `json`, `text`, `binary`. Default: `mixed` for `documents`, xml for `sequencefile`, and `xml` for `delimited_text`.
`-fastload` *`boolean`*	Whether or not to force optimal performance, even at the risk of creating duplicate document URIs. See Time vs. Correctness: Understanding -fastload Tradeoffs. Default: `false`.
`-filename_as_collection` *`boolean`*	Add each loaded document to a collection corresponding to the name of the input file. You cannot use this option when `-input_file_type` is `rdf` or `forest`. Useful when splitting an input file into multiple documents. If the filename contains characters not permitted in a URI, those characters are URI encoded. Default: `false`.
`-generate_uri` *`boolean`*	When importing content with `-input_file_type delimited_text`, or `-input_file_type delimited_json`, whether or not MarkLogic Server should automatically generate document URIs. Default: `false` for `delimited_text`, `true` for `delimited_json`. For details, see Default Document URI Construction.
`-input_compressed` *`boolean`*	Whether or not the source data is compressed. Default: false.
`-input_compression_codec` *`string`*	When `-input_compressed` is true, the code used for compression. Accepted values: `zip`, `gzip`.
`-input_file_path` *`string`*	A regular expression describing the filesystem location(s) to use for input. For details, see Regular Expression Syntax.
`-input_file_pattern` *`string`*	Load only input files that match this regular expression from the path(s) matched by `-input_file_path`. For details, see Regular Expression Syntax. Default: Load all files. This option is ignored when `-input_file_type` is `forest`.
`-input_file_type` *`type`*	The input file type. Accepted value: `aggregates`, `archive`, `delimited_text`, `delimited_json`, `documents`, `forest`, `rdf`, `sequencefile`. Default: `documents`.

Option	Description
`-keystore_password` *`string`*	Password to a Java KeyStore containing the User Private Key(s) and Certificate(s); if available mlcp will select the first available certificate from the KeyStore that satisfy the TLS Certificate Request from the MarkLogic Server. Can be passed along with the existing `-ssl` option.
`-keystore_path` *`string`*	Path to a Java KeyStore containing the User Private Key(s) and Certificate(s); if available mlcp will select the first available certificate from the KeyStore that satisfies the TLS Certificate Request from the MarkLogic Server. Can be passed along with the existing `-ssl` option.
`-max_split_size` *`number`*	When importing from files, the maximum number of bytes in one input split. Default: The maximum Long value (`Long.MAX_VALUE`).
`-max_thread_percentage`	The maximum percentage (integer between 0 and 100) of available server threads used by mlcp for import jobs. Default: 100.
`-max_threads`	The maximum number of threads that run mlcp. This command line option is optional.
`-min_split_size` *`number`*	When importing from files, the minimum number of bytes in one input split. Default: 0.
`-mode` *`string`*	Ingestion mode. Accepted values: `local`.
`-modules_root` *`string`*	The modules root path to use when applying a server-side transformation. Default: The modules root configured for the App Server. If you also use `-modules`, then this path specifies the modules root for that modules database.
`-modules` *`string`*	Specify the name of the modules database to use when applying a server-side transformation. Accepted values: `filesystem` or a modules database name. Default: The modules database associated with the App Server.
`-namespace` *`string`*	The default namespace for all XML documents created during loading.
`-options_file` *`string`*	Specify an options file pathname from which to read additional command line options. If you use an options file, this option must appear first. For details, see Options File Syntax.
`-output_cleandir` *`boolean`*	Whether or not to delete all content in the output database directory prior to loading. Default: `false`.
`-output_collections` *`comma-list`*	A comma separated list of collection URIs. Loaded documents are added to these collections.
`-output_directory` *`string`*	The destination database directory in which to create the loaded documents. If the directory exists, its contents are removed prior to ingesting new documents. Using this option enables `-fastload` by default, which can cause duplicate URIs to be created. See Time vs. Correctness: Understanding -fastload Tradeoffs.
`-output_graph` *`string`*	Only usable with `-input_file_type rdf`. For quad data, specifies the default graph for quads that do not include an explicit graph label. For other triple formats, specifies the graph into which to load all triples. For details, see Loading Triples.
`-output_language` *`string`*	The `xml:lang` to associate with loaded documents.
`-output_override_graph` *`string`*	Only usable with `-input_file_type rdf`. The graph into which to load all triples. For quads, overrides any graph label in the quads. For details, see Loading Triples.
`-output_partition` *`string`*	The name of the database partition in which to create documents. For details, see How Assignment Policy Affects Optimization, and Range Partitions or Query Partitions in *Administrating MarkLogic Server*.
`-output_permissions` *`comma-list`*	A comma separated list of `(role,capability)` pairs to apply to loaded documents. Default: The default permissions associated with the user inserting the document. Example: `-output_permissions role1,read,role2,update`
`-output_quality` *`string`*	The quality of loaded documents. Default: 0.

Option	Description
`-output_uri_prefix` *`string`*	Specify a prefix to prepend to the default URI. Used to construct output document URIs. For details, see Controlling Database URIs During Ingestion.
`-output_uri_replace` *`comma-list`*	A comma separated list of (`regex,string`) pairs that define string replacements to apply to the URIs of documents added to the database. The replacement strings must be enclosed in single quotes. For example, `-output_uri_replace "regex1,'string1',regext2,'string2'"`
`-output_uri_suffix` *`string`*	Specify a suffix to append to the default URI Used to construct output document URIs. For details, see Controlling Database URIs During Ingestion.
`-polling_init_delay`	The initial delay (in minutes) before mlcp starts sending polling request to check the available server threads. Default: 1.
`-polling_period`	The time interval (in minutes) mlcp sends polling request to check the current available server threads. Default: 1.
`-restrict_hosts` *`boolean`*	Restrict mlcp to connect to MarkLogic only through the hosts listed in the `-host` option. For more details, see Restricting the Hosts That mlcp Uses to Connect to MarkLogic.
`-split_input` *`boolean`*	Whether or not to divide input data into logical chunks to support more concurrency. Only supported when `-input_file_type` is one of the following: `delimited_text`. Default: `false` for local mode. Data that contains multi-byte characters must be UTF-8-encoded to use this option. For details, see Improving Throughput with -split_input.
`-ssl` *`boolean`*	Enable/disable SSL secured communication with MarkLogic. Default: false. If you set this option to true, your App Server must be SSL enabled. For details, see Connecting to MarkLogic Using SSL.
`-ssl_protocol` *`string`*	Specify the protocol that mlcp should use when creating an SSL connection to MarkLogic. You must include this option if you use the `-ssl` option to connect to an App Server configured to disable the MarkLogic default protocol (TLSv1.2). Allowed values: `tls`, `tlsv1`, `tlsv1.1`, `tlsv1.2`. Default: `TLSv1.2`.
`-streaming` *`boolean`*	Whether or not to stream documents to MarkLogic Server. Applies only when `-input_file_type` is `documents`.
`-temporal_collection` *`string`*	The temporal collection into which the temporal documents are to be loaded. For details on loading temporal documents into MarkLogic, see Using MarkLogic Content Pump (mlcp) to Load Temporal Documents in the *Temporal Developer's Guide*.
`-thread_count` *`number`*	The number of threads to spawn for concurrent loading. Instead of using 4 as the default thread count prior to 10.0-4.2, mlcp now conducts initial polling to identify the available server threads on the port that handles mlcp requests. mlcp then uses this value as the default thread count. Users can overwrite it by specifying `-thread_count` in the command line.
`-thread_count_per_split` *`number`*	The maximum number of threads that can be assigned to each split. If you specify `-thread_count_per_split`, each input split will run with the specified number. The total number of thread count, however, is controlled by the newly calculated thread count or `-thread_count` if it is specified.
`-tolerate_errors` *`boolean`*	NOTE: This option is deprecated, ignored, and will be removed in a future release. mlcp always behaves as if `-tolerate_errors` is true. Applicable only when `-batch_size` is greater than 1. When this option is true and batch size is greater than 1, if an error occurs for one or more documents during loading, only the erroneous documents are skipped; all other documents are inserted into the database. When this option is false or batch size is 1, errors during insertion can cause all the inserts in the current batch to be rolled back. Default: false.

Option	Description
`-transaction_size` *number*	The number of requests to MarkLogic Server per transaction. Default: 1. Maximum: 4000/*actualBatchSize*.
`-transform_function` *string*	The local name of a custom content transformation function installed on MarkLogic Server. Ignored if `-transform_module` is not specified. Default: `transform`. For details, see Transforming Content During Ingestion.
`-transform_module` *string*	The path in the modules database or modules directory of a custom content transformation function installed on MarkLogic Server. This option is required to enable a custom transformation. For details, see Transforming Content During Ingestion.
`-transform_namespace` *string*	The namespace URI of the custom content transformation function named by `-transform_function`. Ignored if `-transform_module` is not specified. Default: no namespace. For details, see Transforming Content During Ingestion.
`-transform_param` *string*	Optional extra data to pass through to a custom transformation function. Ignored if `-transform_module` is not specified. Default: no namespace. For details, see Transforming Content During Ingestion.
`-truststore_passwd` *string*	Password to a Java TrustStore containing any necessary CA Certificates needed to verify the TLS Server Authentication connection. If no TrustStore is provided the default TrustStore used by the existing `-ssl` parameter is used. Can be passed along with the existing `-ssl` option.
`-truststore_path` *string*	Path to a Java TrustStore containing any necessary CA Certificates needed to verify the TLS Server Authentication connection. If no TrustStore is provided the default TrustStore used by the existing `-ssl` parameter is used. Can be passed along with the existing `-ssl` option.
`-type_filter` *comma-list*	A comma-separated list of document types. Only usable with `-input_file_type forest`. mlcp imports only documents with these types. This option can be combined with other filter options. Default: Import all documents.
`-uri_id` *string*	Specify a field, XML element name, or JSON property name to use as the basis of the output document URIs when importing delimited text, aggregate XML, or line-delimited JSON data. With `-input_file_type aggregates` or `-input_file_type delimited_json`, the element, attribute, or property name within the document to use as the document URI. Default: None; the URI is based on the file name, as described in Default Document URI Construction. With `-input_file_type delimited_text`, the column name that contributes to the id portion of the URI for inserted documents. Default: The first column.
`-xml_repair_level` *string*	The degree of repair to attempt on XML documents in order to create well-formed XML. Accepted values: `default`, `full`, `none`. Default: `default`, which depends on the configured MarkLogic Server default XQuery version: In XQuery 1.0 and 1.0-ml the default is none. In XQuery 0.9-ml the default is full.

We do not recommend using concurrent mlcp jobs. Regardless of the version, mlcp doesn't support concurrent jobs if mlcp is importing from/exporting to the same data file. In addition, beginning in 10.0-4.2, each mlcp job uses the maximum number of threads available on the server as the default thread count (more about this can be found in the 10.0-4.2 release notes). Therefore, using concurrent mlcp jobs will not improve performance, as one job is already using full concurrent capacity.

5. Exporting Content from MarkLogic Server

You can export content in a MarkLogic Server database to files or an archive. Use archives to copy content from one MarkLogic Server database to another. Output can be written to the native filesystem.

For a list of export-related command line options, see Export Command Line Options.

You can also use mlcp to extract documents directly from offline forests. For details, see Using Direct Access to Extract or Copy Documents.

5.1. Exporting Documents as Files

Use the mlcp `export` command to export documents in their original format as files on the native filesystem. For example, you can export an XML document as a text file containing XML, or a binary document as a JPG image.

To export documents from a database as files:

1. Select the files to export. For details, see Filtering Document Exports.
   - To select documents in one or more collections, set `-collection_filter` to a comma separated list of collection URIs.
   - To select documents in one or more database directories, set `-directory_filter` to a comma separated list of directory URIs.
   - To select documents matching an XPath expression, use `-document_selector`. To use namespace prefixes in the XPath expression, define the prefix binding using `-path_namespace`.
   - To select documents matching a query, use `-query_filter`, alone or in combination with one of the other filter options. False positives are possible; for details, see Understanding When Filters Are Accurate.
   - To select all documents in the database, leave `-collection_filter`, `-directory_filter`, `-document_selector`, and `-query_filter` unset.
2. Set `-output_file_path` to the destination file or directory on the native filesystem.
3. To prettyprint exported XML when using local mode, set `-indented` to true.

Directory names specified with `-directory_filter` should end with “/”.

When using `-document_selector` to filter by XPath expression, you can define namespace prefixes using the `-path_namespace` option. For example:

```
-path_namespace 'ex1,http://marklogic.com/example,ex2,http://my/ex2'
-document_selector '/ex1:elem[ex2:attr > 10]'
```

NOTE
Document URIs are URI-decoded before filesystem directories or filenames are constructed for them. For details, see How URI Decoding Affects Output File Names.

For a full list of export options, see Export Command Line Options.

The following example exports selected documents in the database to the native filesystem directory `/space/mlcp/export/files`. The directory filter selects only the documents in `/plays`.

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh export -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password password -mode local -output_file_path \
    /space/mlcp/export/files -directory_filter /plays/
```

5.2. Exporting Documents to a Compressed File

Use the mlcp `export` command to export documents in their original format as files in a compressed ZIP file on the native filesystem.

To export documents from a database as files:

1. Select the files to export. For details, see Filtering Document Exports.
   - To select documents in one or more collections, set `-collection_filter` to a comma separated list of collection URIs.
   - To select documents in one or more database directories, set `-directory_filter` to a comma separated list of directory URIs.
   - To select documents matching an XPath expression, use `-document_selector`. To use namespace prefixes in the XPath expression, define the prefix binding using `-path_namespace`.
   - To select documents matching a query, use `-query_filter`, alone or in combination with one of the other filter options. False positives are possible; for details, see Understanding When Filters Are Accurate.
   - To select all documents in the database, leave `-collection_filter`, `-directory_filter`,`-document_selector`, and `-query_filter` unset.
2. Set `-output_file_path` to the destination directory on the native filesystem. This directory must not already exist.
3. Set `-compress` to `true`.
4. To prettyprint exported XML when using local mode, set `-indented` to true.

For a full list of export options, see Export Command Line Options.

The zip files created by export have filenames of the form `timestamp-`*`seqnum`*`.zip`.

The following example exports all the documents in the database to the directory `/space/examples/export` on the native filesystem.

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh export -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password password -mode local \
    -output_file_path /space/examples/export -compress true
$ ls /space/examples/export 20120823135307-0700-000000-XML.zip
```

5.3. Exporting to an Archive

Use the mlcp `export` command with an output type of `archive` to create a database archive that includes content and metadata. You can use the mlcp `import` command to copy the archive to another database or restore database contents.

To export database content to an archive file with mlcp:

1. Select the documents to export. For details, see Filtering Archive and Copy Contents.
   - To select documents in one or more collections, set `-collection_filter` to a comma separated list of collection URIs.
   - To select documents in one or more database directories, set `-directory_filter` to a comma separated list of directory URIs.
   - To select documents matching an XPath expression, use `-document_selector`. To use namespace prefixes in the XPath expression, define the prefix binding using `-path_namespace`.

- To select documents matching a query, use `-query_filter`, alone or in combination with one of the other filter options. False positives are possible; for details, see Understanding When Filters Are Accurate.
- To select all documents in the database, leave `-collection_filter`, `-directory_filter`, `-document_selector`, and `-query_filter` unset.

2. Set `-output_file_path` to the destination directory on the native filesystem. This directory must not already exist.
3. Set `-output_type` to `archive`.
4. If you want to exclude some or all document metadata from the archive:
   - Set `-copy_collections` to `false` to exclude document collections metadata.
   - Set `-copy_permissions` to `false` to exclude document permissions metadata.
   - Set `-copy_properties` to `false` to exclude document properties.
   - Set `-copy_quality` to `false` to exclude document quality metadata.
   - Set `-copy_metadata` to `false` to exclude document key-value metadata.

For a full list of export options, see Export Command Line Options.

The following example exports all documents and metadata to the directory `/space/examples/exported`. After export, the directory contains one or more compressed archive files.

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh export -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password password -mode local \
    -output_file_path /space/examples/exported -output_type archive
```

The following example exports only documents in the database directory `/plays/`, including their collections, properties, and quality, but excluding permissions:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh export -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password password -mode local \
    -output_file_path /space/examples/exported -output_type archive \
    -copy_permissions false -directory_filter /plays/
```

You can use the mlcp `import` command to import an archive into a database. For details, see Loading Content and Metadata from an Archive.

5.4. How URI Decoding Affects Output File Names

This discussion only applies when `-output_type` is `document`.

When you export a document to a file (or to a file in a compressed file), the output file name is based on the document URI. The document URI is decoded to form the file name. For example, if the document URI is `foo%20bar.xml`, then the output file name is `foo bar.xml`.

If the document URI does not conform to the standard URI syntax of RFC 3986, decoding may fail, resulting in unexpected file names. For example, if the document URI contains unescaped special characters then the raw URI may be used.

If the document URI contains a scheme, the scheme is removed. If the URI contains both a scheme and an authority, both are removed. For example, if the document URI is `file:foo/bar.xml`, then the output file path is `output_file_path/foo/bar.xml`. If the document URI is `http://marklogic.com/examples/bar.xml` (contains a scheme and an authority), then the output file path is `output_file_path/examples/bar.xml`.

If the document URI includes directory steps, then corresponding output subdirectories are created. For example, if the document URI is `/foo/bar.xml`, then the output file path is `output_file_path/foo/bar.xml`.

5.5. Controlling What is Exported, Copied, or Extracted

By default, mlcp exports all documents or all documents and metadata in the database, depending on whether you are exporting in document or archive format or copying the database. Several command line options are available to enable customization.

5.5.1. Filtering Document Exports

This section covers options available for filtering what is exported by the mlcp `export` command when `-output_type` is `document`.

By default, mlcp exports all documents in the database. That is, mlcp exports the equivalent of `fn:collection()`. The following options allow you to filter what is exported. These options are mutually exclusive.

- `-directory_filter` - export only the documents in the listed database directories. You cannot use this option with `-collection_filter` or `-document-selector`.
- `-collection_filter` - export only the documents in the listed collections. You cannot use this option with `-directory_filter` or `-document_selector`.
- `-document_selector` - export only documents selected by the specified XPath expression. You cannot use this option with `-directory_filter` or `-collection_filter`. Use `-path_namespace` to define namespace prefixes.
- `-query_filter` - export only documents matched by the specified cts query. You can use this option alone or in combination with a directory, collection or document selector filter. You can only use this filter with the `export` and `copy` commands. Results may not be accurate; for details, see Understanding When Filters Are Accurate.

NOTE

When filtering with a document selector, the XPath filtering expression should select fragment roots only. An XPath expression that selects nodes below the root is very inefficient.

When using -document_selector to filter by XPath expression, you can define namespace prefixes using the `-path_namespace` option. For example:

```
-path_namespace 'ex1,http://marklogic.com/example,ex2,http://my/ex2'
-document_selector '/ex1:elem[ex2:attr > 10]'
```

5.5.2. Filtering Archive and Copy Contents

This section covers options available for controlling what is exported by mlcp export when `-output_type` is `archive`, or what is copied by the mlcp `copy` command.

By default, all documents and metadata are exported/copied. The following options allow you to modify this behavior:

- `-directory_filter` - export/copy only the documents in the listed database directories, including related metadata. You cannot use this option with `-collection_filter` or `-document_selector`.
- `-collection_filter` - export/copy only the documents in the listed collections, including related metadata. You cannot use this option with `-directory_filter` or `-document_selector`.
- `-document_selector` - export/copy only documents selected by the specified XPath expression. You cannot use this option with `-directory_filter` or `-collection_filter`. Use `-path_namespace` to define namespace prefixes.

- `-query_filter` - export/copy only documents matched by the specified cts query. You can use this option alone or in combination with a directory, collection or document selector filter. Results may not be accurate; for details, see Understanding When Filters Are Accurate.
- `-copy_collections` - whether to include collection metadata
- `-copy_permissions` - whether to include permissions metadata
- `-copy_properties` - whether to include naked and document properties
- `-copy_quality` - whether to include document quality metadata
- `-copy_metadata` - whether to include document key-value metadata

If you set all the `-copy_*` options to `false` when exporting to an archive, the archive contains no metadata. When you import an archive with no metadata, you must set `-archive_metadata_optional` to `true`.

NOTE
When filtering with a document selector, the XPath filtering expression should select fragment roots only. An XPath expression that selects nodes below the root is very inefficient.

When using `-document_selector` to filter by XPath expression, you can define namespace prefixes using the `-path_namespace` option. For example:

```
-path_namespace 'ex1,http://marklogic.com/example,ex2,http://my/ex2'
-document_selector '/ex1:elem[ex2:attr > 10]'
```

5.5.3. Understanding When Filters Are Accurate

When you use `-directory_filter`, `-collection_filter`, or `-document_selector` without `-query_filter`, the set of documents selected by mlcp exactly matches your filtering criteria.

The query you supply with `-query_filter` is used in an unfiltered search, which means there can be false positives among the selected documents. When you combine `-query_filter` with `-directory_filter`, `-collection_filter`, or `-document_selector`, mlcp might select documents that do not meet your directory, collection, or path filter criteria.

The interaction between `-query_filter` and the other filtering options is similar to the following. In this example, the search can match documents that are not in the “parts” collection.

```
-collection_filter parts
-query_filter yourSerializedQuery
==> selects the documents to export similar to the following:
cts:search(
  fn:collection("parts"),
  yourQuery,
  ("unfiltered"))
```

For a complete example using `-query_filter`, see Example: Exporting Documents Matching a Query.

To learn more about the implications of unfiltered searches, see Fast Pagination and Unfiltered Searches in the *Query Performance and Tuning Guide*.

5.5.4. Example: Exporting Documents Matching a Query

This example demonstrates how to use `-query_filter` to select documents for export. You can apply the same technique to filtering the source documents when copying documents from one database to another.

The `-query_filter` option accepts a serialized XML cts:query or JSON cts.query as its value. For example, the following table shows the serialization of a cts word query, prettyprinted for readability:

Format	Example

XML	`<cts:word-query xmlns:cts="http://marklogic.com/cts">`
	`  <cts:text xml:lang="en">mark</cts:text>`
	`</cts:word-query>`

JSON	`{"wordQuery":{`
	`  "text":["huck"],`
	`  "options":["lang=en"]`
	`}}`

For details on how to obtain the serialized representation of a cts query, see Serializations of cts:query Constructors in the *Search Developer's Guide*.

Using an options file is recommended when using `-query_filter` because both XML and JSON serialized queries contain quotes and other characters that have special meaning to the Unix and Windows command shells, making it challenging to properly escape the query. If you use `-query_filter` on the command line, you must quote the serialized query and may need to do additional special character escaping.

For example, you can create an options file similar to the following. It should contain at least 2 lines: One for the option name and one for the serialized query. You can include other options in the file. For details, see Options File Syntax.

Format	Options File Contents

XML	`-query_filter`
	`<cts:word-query xmlns:cts="http://marklogic.com/cts"><cts:text xml:lang="en">mark</cts:text></`
	`cts:word-query>`

JSON	`-query_filter` `{"wordQuery":{"text":["huck"], "options":["lang=en"]}}`

If you save the above option in a file named "query_filter.txt", then the following mlcp command exports files from the database that contain the word "huck":

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh export -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password password -mode local -output_file_path \
    /space/mlcp/export/files -options_file query_filter.txt
```

You can combine `-query_filter` with another filtering option. For example, the following command combines the query with a collection filter. The command exports only documents containing the word "huck" in the collection named "classics":

```
$ mlcp.sh export -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password password -mode local -output_file_path \
    /space/mlcp/export/files -options_file query_filter.txt
    -collection_filter classics
```

NOTE

The documents selected by `-query_filter` can include false positives, including documents that do not match other filter criteria. For details, see Understanding When Filters Are Accurate.

The following example demonstrates generating a serialized XML `cts:and-query()` or JSON `cts.andQuery()` using the wrapper technique. Copy either example into Query Console, select the appropriate query type, and run it to see the output.

Language	Example

XQuery	`xquery version "1.0-ml";`
	`let $query := cts:and-query((`
	`  cts:word-query("mark"),`
	`  cts:word-query("twain")`
	`))`
	`let $q := xdmp:quote(`
	`  <query>{$query}</query>/*,`
	`  <options xmlns="xdmp:quote"><indent>no</indent></options>`
	`)`
	`return $q`
	`(: Output: (whitespace added for readability)`
	`<cts:and-query xmlns:cts="http://marklogic.com/cts">`
	`  <cts:word-query>`
	`  <cts:text xml:lang="en">mark</cts:text>`
	`  </cts:word-query>`
	`  <cts:word-query>`
	`  <cts:text xml:lang="en">twain</cts:text>`
	`  </cts:word-query>`
	`</cts:and-query>`
	`:)`

Server-Side JavaScript	`var wrapper =`
	`  { query:`
	`  cts.andQuery([`
	`  cts.wordQuery("huck"),`
	`  cts.wordQuery("tom")])`
	`  };`
	`xdmp.quote(wrapper.query.toObject())`
	`/* Output: (whitespace added for readability)`
	`{"andQuery":{`
	`  "queries":[`
	`  {"wordQuery":{"text":["huck"], "options":["lang=en"]}},`
	`  {"wordQuery":{"text":["tom"], "options":["lang=en"]}}`
	`  ]`
	`}}`
	`*/`

Notice that in the XQuery example, the `xdmp:quote()` “indent” option is used to disable XML prettyprinting, making the output better suited for inclusion on the mlcp command line:

```
xdmp:quote(
  <query>{$query}</query>/*,
  <options xmlns="xdmp:quote"><indent>no</indent></options>)
```

Notice that in the JavaScript example, it is necessary to call `toObject` on the wrapped query to get the proper JSON serialization. Using `toObject` converts the value to a JavaScript object which xdmp.quote will serialize as JSON.

```
xdmp.quote(wrapper.query.toObject())
```

If you want to test your serialized query before using it with mlcp, you can round-trip your XML query with `cts:search()` in XQuery or your JSON query with `cts.search()` or the JSearch API in Server-Side JavaScript, as shown in the following examples.

Language	Example

XQuery	`xquery version "1.0-ml";`
	`let $wrapper :=`
	`  <query>{`
	`  cts:and-query((`
	`  cts:word-query("tom"),`
	`  cts:word-query("huck")))`
	`  }</query>`
	`let $q := xdmp:quote(`
	`  $wrapper/*,`
	`  <options xmlns="xdmp:quote"><indent>no</indent></options>)`
	`return cts:search(`
	`  fn:doc(),`
	`  cts:query(xdmp:unquote($q)/*[1])`
	`)`

Language	Example

Server-Side JavaScript	`var wrapper =`
	`  { query:`
	`  cts.andQuery([`
	`  cts.wordQuery("huck"),`
	`  cts.wordQuery("tom")])`
	`  };`
	`var serializedQ = xdmp.quote(wrapper.query.toObject())`
	`cts.search(`
	`  cts.query(fn.head(xdmp.unquote(serializedQ)).root))`

Note that `xdmp:unquote()` returns a document node in XQuery, so you need to use XPath to address the underlying query element root node when reconstructing the query:

```
cts:query(xdmp:unquote($q)/*[1])
```

Similarly, `xdmp.unquote()` in JavaScript returns a `Sequence` on document nodes, so you must "dereference" both the iterator and the document node when reconstructing the query:

```
cts.query(fn.head(xdmp.unquote(serializedQ)).root)
```

5.5.5. Filtering Forest Contents

This section covers options available for filtering what is extracted from a forest when you use Direct Access. That is, when you use the mlcp `import` command with `-input_file_type forest` or the mlcp `extract` command.

By default, mlcp extracts all documents in the input forests. That is, mlcp extracts the equivalent of `fn:collection()`. The following options allow you to filter what is extracted from a forest with Direct Access. These options can be combined.

- `-type_filter`: Extract only documents with the listed content type (text, XML, or binary).
- `-directory_filter`: Extract only the documents in the listed database directories.
- `-collection_filter`: Extract only the documents in the listed collections.

For example, following combination of options extracts only XML documents in the collections named "2004" or "2005".

```
mlcp.sh extract -type_filter xml -collection_filter "2004,2005" ...
```

Similarly, the following options import only binary documents in the source database directory `/images/`:

```
mlcp.sh import -input_file_type forest \
    -type_filter binary -directory_filter /images/
```

When you use Direct Access, filtering is performed in the process that reads the forest files rather than being performed by MarkLogic Server. For example, in local mode, filters are applied by mlcp on the host where you run it.

In addition, filtering cannot be applied until after a document is read from the forest. When you import or extract files from a forest file, mlcp must "touch" every document in the forest.

For details, see Using Direct Access to Extract or Copy Documents.

5.5.6. Extracting a Consistent Database Snapshot

By default, when you export or copy database contents, content is extracted from the source database at multiple points in time. You get whatever is in the database when mlcp accesses a given document. If the database contents are changing while the job runs, the results are not deterministic relative to the starting time of the job. For example, if a new document is inserted into the database while an export job is running, it might or might not be included in the export.

If you require a consistent snapshot of the database contents during an export or copy, use the `-snapshot` option to force all documents to be read from the database at a consistent point in time. The submission time of the job is used as the timestamp. Any changes to the database occurring after this time are not reflected in the output.

If a merge occurs while exporting or copying a consistent snapshot, and the merge eliminates a fragment that is subsequently accessed by the mlcp job, you may get an `XDMP-OLDSTAMP` error. If this occurs, the documents included in the same batch or task may not be included in the export/copy result. If the source database is on MarkLogic Server 7 or later, you may be able to work around this problem by setting the merge timestamp to retain fragments for a time period longer than the expected running time of the job; for details, see Understanding and Controlling Database Merges in *Administrating MarkLogic Server*.

5.6. Redacting Content During Export or Copy Operations

Redaction is the process of eliminating or obscuring portions of a document when retrieving the document from MarkLogic. For example, you can eliminate or mask sensitive personal information such as credit card numbers, phone numbers, or email addresses from documents. You can only redact document content, not document properties.

NOTE
Using redaction requires the Advanced Security License option.

Redaction support in MarkLogic is covered in detail in Redacting Document Content in the *Application Developer's Guide*. This section describes how to use mlcp as the redaction driver.

5.6.1. Basic Steps for Redacting Documents

Use the `-redaction` option of mlcp to apply redaction rules to an export or copy operation. This option accepts a comma-separated list of redaction rule collection URIs. For example:

```
-redaction "pii-rules,sec-rules"
```

Before you can use redaction, you must install one or more redaction rule sets in the Schemas database. For details on defining and installing redaction rules, see Redacting Document Content in the *Application Developer's Guide*.

Preparing to redact documents with mlcp requires the following steps. For a complete example, see Example: Using mlcp for Redaction.

1. Install one or more redaction rules in the Schemas database. Each rule must be part of at least one collection. For details, see Defining Redaction Rules and Installing Redaction Rules in the *Application Developer's Guide*.
2. If you create a rule that uses a user-defined redaction function, install the implementation of your redaction function in the modules database associated with the App Server you will connect to using mlcp. For details, see User-Defined Redaction Functions in the *Application Developer's Guide*.
3. Add the `-redaction` option to your mlcp command line. For example, the following command applies the rules in the collections "pii-rules" and "sec-rules" to all exported documents.

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh export -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password password -mode local -output_file_path \
    /space/mlcp/export/files -directory_filter /people/ \
    -redaction "pii-rules,sec-rules"
```

The `-redaction` option works similarly for copy operations. For details, see Redacting Content During a Copy.

The user who extracts redacted documents must have read permissions on the source documents and the rules but need not be able to modify the rule collection or rule definitions. For details, see Security Considerations in *Application Developer's Guide*.

The following behaviors apply when exceptional conditions occur. You should be aware of these behaviors so you understand when content might not be redacted as expected:

- If a rule collection is empty, mlcp issues a warning and continues with the job.
- If any of the rules contain errors, an error is reported and mlcp aborts the export or copy operation.
- If a rule is valid, but an error occurs when applying the rule, the rule is skipped for the current document and a warning is logged. The job continues.

5.6.2. Example: Using mlcp for Redaction

This example walks you through using mlcp to install and apply redaction rules based on the built-in redaction functions. For a similar example using XQuery and Query console, see Example: Getting Started With Redaction in the *Application Developer's Guide*.

It uses rules based on built-in redaction functions. For an example of using user-defined redaction functions, see User-Defined Redaction Functions in the *Application Developer's Guide*.

Creating a Work Area

This example assumes the following directory hierarchy:

```
redact-gs/
  data/
  rules/
```

The `data/` directory will hold the source documents. The `rules/` directory will hold redaction rules. The example walks you through populating these directories and uploading the contents to MarkLogic using mlcp in preparation for exporting a set of redacted documents with mlcp.

Create the required directories on Linux by running the following command in a location of your choosing:

```
$ mkdir -p redact-gs/data redact-gs/rules
```

Create the required directories on Windows by running the following command in a location of your choice:

```
>mkdir redact-gs\data redact-gs\rules
```

Installing the Source Documents

When you complete this exercise, the Documents database should contain the following documents. The documents are inserted into a collection named "gs-samples" for easy reference.

- `/redact-gs/sample1.xml`
- `/redact-gs/sample2.json`

Follow the steps in this procedure to install two sample documents in the Documents database.

1. Change directory to the data directory you created in Creating a Work Area. You should be in your `redact-gs/data` directory.
2. Copy the following text into a file named `sample1.xml`:

```
<personal>
  <name>Little Bopeep</name>
  <summary>Seeking lost sheep. Please call 123-456-7890.</summary>
  <id>12-3456789</id>
</personal>
```

3. Copy the following text into a file name `sample2.json`:

```
{"personal": {
  "name": "Jack Sprat",
  "summary": "Free nutrition advice! Call (234)567-8901 now!",
  "id": "45-6789123"
}}
```

4. Run the following mlcp command to insert the sample documents into the Documents database. Modify the connection details as needed to match your environment.

```
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 \
    -username user -password password -mode local \
    -input_file_path . \
    -output_uri_replace ".*/redact-gs/data/,'/redact-gs/'" \
    -output_collections "gs-samples"
```

You can use Query Console to explore the Documents database and confirm the upload.

The use of `-output_uri_replace` on the import command line replaces the portion of the default URI that is based on the filesystem location with the fixed directory prefix “/rules/gs”. For more details, see Controlling Database URIs During Ingestion.

Installing the Redaction Rules

Rules must be installed in the schemas database associated with your content database. Rules must also be part of a collection before you can use them. This section installs rules in the Schemas database, which is the default schemas database associated with the Documents database.

When you complete this exercise, the Schemas database should contain the following documents. The documents are inserted into a rule collection named “gs-rules”. Rules must be in a rule collection before you can apply them.

- `/rules/gs/redact-phone.xml`
- `/rules/gs/conceal-id.json`

The rules installed in this step use the redact-us-phone and conceal built-in redaction functions. For details on these and other built-in redaction functions, see Built-in Redaction Function Reference in the *Application Developer’s Guide*.

Follow the steps in this procedure to install two sample rules in the Schemas database. For an explanation of what the rules do, see Understanding the Example Rules.

1. Change directory to the `rules` directory you created in Creating a Work Area. You should be in your `redact-gs/rules` directory.
2. Copy the following text into a file named `redact-phone.xml`.

```
<rule xml:lang="zxx" xmlns="http://marklogic.com/xdmp/redaction">
  <description>Obscure phone numbers.</description>
  <path>//summary</path>
  <method>
    <function>redact-us-phone</function>
  </method>
  <options>
    <level>partial</level>
  </options>
</rule>
```

3. Copy the following text into a file name `conceal-id.json`:

```
{ "rule": {
    "description": "Remove customer ids.",
    "path": "//id",
    "method": { "function": "conceal" }
}}
```

4. Run the following mlcp command to insert the rules into the Schemas database. Modify the connection details as needed to match your environment.

```
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 \
    -username user -password password -mode local \
    -database Schemas -input_file_path . \
    -output_uri_replace ".*/redact-gs/rules/,'/rules/gs/'" \
    -output_collections "gs-rules"
```

You can use Query Console to explore the Schemas database and confirm the upload.

The use of `-output_uri_replace` on the import command line replaces the portion of the default URI that is based on the filesystem location with the fixed directory prefix `/rules/gs`. For more details, see Controlling Database URIs During Ingestion.

Understanding the Example Rules

The XML rule installed in Installing the Redaction Rules has the following form:

```
<rule xml:lang="zxx" xmlns="http://marklogic.com/xdmp/redaction">
  <description>Obscure phone numbers.</description>
  <path>//summary</path>
  <method>
    <function>redact-us-phone</function>
  </method>
  <options>
    <level>partial</level>
  </options>
</rule>
```

The rule elements have the following effect:

- `description` - Optional metadata for informational purposes.
- `path` - Apply the redaction function specified by the rule to nodes selected by the path expression “//summary”.
- `method` - Use the built-in redaction function `redact-us-phone` to redact the value in a `summary` XML element or JSON property. By default, this function replaces all digits in a phone number by the character “#”. You can tell this is a built-in function because `method` has no `module` child.
- `options` - Pass a `level` parameter value of “partial” to redact-us-phone, causing the function to leave the last 4 digits of the value unchanged.

The expected result of applying this rule is that any text in the value of a node named “summary” that matches the pattern of a US phone number will be replaced. The replacement value uses the “#” number to replace all but the last 4 digits. For example, a value such as 123-456-7890 is redacted to ###-###-7890. For more details, see redact-us-phone in the *Application Developer’s Guide*.

The JSON rule installed in Installing the Redaction Rules has the following form:

```
{ "rule": {
    "description": "Remove customer ids.",
    "path": "//id",
    "method": { "function": "conceal" }
}}
```

The rule properties have the following effect:

- `description` - Optional metadata for informational purposes.

- `path` - Apply the redaction function specified by the rule to nodes selected by the path expression `//id`.
- `method` - Use the built-in redaction function `conceal` to redact the `id` XML element or JSON property. This function will hide the nodes selected by `path`. You can tell this is a built-in function because `method` has no `module` child.

The expected result of applying this rule is to remove nodes named `id`. For example, if `//id` selects and XML element or JSON property, the element or property does not appear in the redacted output. Note that, if `//id` selects array items in JSON, the items are eliminated, but the `id` property might remain, depending on the structure of the document. For more details, see conceal in the *Application Developer's Guide*.

Applying the Redaction Rules

Run the following command from your `redact-gs/` directory to export redacted versions of the sample documents. Modify the connection details as needed to match your environment. A collection filter (`-collection_filter "gs-samples"`) is used to select the documents for redaction and export.

```
$ mlcp.sh export -host localhost -port 8000 \
    -username user -password password -mode local \
    -collection_filter "gs-samples" \
    -output_file_path ./output/ \
    -redaction "gs-rules"
```

Running the export command saves the redacted documents to an `output/` sub-directory. You should have the following filesystem hierarch. The "extra" redact-gs sub-directory is created by mlcp because the document URIs are of the form `/redact-s/`*filename*.

```
redact-gs/
  output/
    redact-gs/
      sample1.xml
      sample2.json
```

The following table shows the result of redacting the XML sample document. Notice that the telephone number in the `summary` element has been partially redacted by the `redact-us-phone` function. Also, the `id` element has been completely hidden by the `conceal` function. The affected parts of the content are highlighted in the table.

Stage	XML Content

Original Document	`<personal>`
	`  <name>Little Bopeep</name>`
	`  <summary>Seeking lost sheep. Please call 123-456-7890.</summary>`
	`  <id>12-3456789</id></personal>`

Redacted Result	`<personal>`
	`  <name>Little Bopeep</name>`
	`  <summary>Seeking lost sheep. Please call ###-###-7890.</summary>`
	`</personal>`

The following table shows the result of redacting the JSON sample document. Notice that the telephone number in the `summary` property has been partially redacted by the `redact-us-phone` function. Also, the `id` property has been completely hidden by the `conceal` function. The affected parts of the content are highlighted in the table.

Stage	JSON Content

Original Document	`{"personal": {`
	`  "name": "Jack Sprat",`
	`  "summary": "Free nutrition advice! Call (234)567-8901 now!",`
	`  "id": "45-6789123"`
	`}}`

Redacted Result	`{"personal": {`
	`  "name": "Jack Sprat",`
	`  "summary": "Free nutrition advice! Call (###)###-8901 now!"`
	`}}`

To redact documents when copying them between databases rather than exporting them, add the `-redaction` option to the mlcp copy command line.

5.7. Export Command Line Options

This section summarizes the command line options available with the mlcp `export` command. The following command line options define your connection to MarkLogic:

Option	Description
`-host` *`comma-list`*	Required. A comma separated list of hosts through which mlcp can connect to the destination MarkLogic Server. You must specify at least one host. For more details, see How mlcp Uses the Host List.
`-password` *`string`*	Password for the MarkLogic Server user specified with `-username`. Required, unless using Kerberos authentication.
`-port` *`number`*	Port number of the source MarkLogic Server. There should be an XDBC App Server on this port. Default: 8000.
`-username` *`string`*	MarkLogic Server user from which to export documents. Required, unless using Kerberos authentication.

The following table lists command line options that define the characteristics of the `export` operation:

Option	Description
`-api_key` *`string`* [v11.1.0 and up]	User API Key unique to each MarkLogic Cloud user for obtaining session token. Required along with `-base_path` when connecting to MarkLogic Cloud. See Connecting mlcp to MarkLogic Cloud.
`-base_path` *`string`* [v11.1.0 and up]	A base URL that maps to a port on the destination MarkLogic server when connecting through a reverse proxy.
`-collection_filter` *`comma-list`*	A comma-separated list of collection URIs. mlcp exports only documents in these collections, plus related metadata. This option may not be combined with `-directory_filter` or `-document_selector`. Default: All documents and related metadata.
`-compress` *`boolean`*	Whether or not to compress the output document. Only applicable when `-output_type` is `document`. Default: `false`.
`-content_encoding` *`string`*	The character encoding of output documents when `-input_file_type` is `documents`. The option value must be a character set name accepted by your JVM; see `java.nio.charset.Charset`. Default: `UTF-8`. Set to `system` to use the platform default encoding for the host on which mlcp runs.
`-copy_collections` *`boolean`*	When exporting documents to an archive, whether or not to copy collections to the destination. Default: `true`.
`-copy_metadata` *`boolean`*	When exporting documents to an archive, whether or not to copy key-value metadata to the destination. Default: `true`.
`-copy_permissions` *`boolean`*	When exporting documents to an archive, whether or not to copy document permissions to the destination. Default: `true`.
`-copy_properties` *`boolean`*	When exporting documents to an archive, whether or not to copy properties to the destination. Default: `true`.
`-copy_quality` *`boolean`*	When exporting documents to an archive, whether or not to copy document quality to the destination. Default: `true`.
`-database` *`string`*	The name of the source database. Default: The database associated with the source App Server identified by `-host` and `-port`.
`-directory_filter` *`comma-list`*	A comma-separated list of database directory names. mlcp exports only documents from these directories, plus related metadata. Directory names should usually end with “/”. This option may not be combined with `-collection_filter` or `-document_selector`. Default: All documents and related metadata.

Option	Description
`-document_selector` *`string`*	Specifies an XPath expression used to select which documents are exported from the database. The XPath expression should select fragment roots. This option may not be combined with `-directory_filter` or `-collection_filter`. Default: All documents and related metadata.
`-indented` *`boolean`*	Whether to pretty-print XML output. Default: `false`.
`-keystore_password` *`string`*	Password to a Java KeyStore containing the User Private Key(s) and Certificate(s); if available mlcp will select the first available certificate from the KeyStore that satisfy the TLS Certificate Request from the MarkLogic Server. Can be passed along with the existing `-ssl` option.
`-keystore_path` *`string`*	Path to a Java KeyStore containing the User Private Key(s) and Certificate(s); if available mlcp will select the first available certificate from the KeyStore that satisfy the TLS Certificate Request from the MarkLogic Server. Can be passed along with the existing `-ssl` option.
`-max_split_size` *`number`*	The maximum number of document fragments processed per split. Default: 20000 in local mode.
`-max_threads`	The maximum number of threads that run mlcp. This command line option is optional.
`-mode` *`string`*	Export mode. Accepted values: `local`.
`-options_file` *`string`*	Specify an options file pathname from which to read additional command line options. If you use an options file, this option must appear first. For details, see Options File Syntax.
`-output_file_path` *`string`*	Destination directory where the archive or documents are saved. The directory must not already exist.
`-output_type` *`string`*	The type of output to produce. Accepted values: `document`, `archive`. Default: `document`.
`-output_type` *`string`*	Specifies one or more namespace prefix bindings for namespace prefixes usable in path expressions passed to `-document_selector`. The list items should be alternating pairs of prefix names and namespace URIs, such as `'pfx1,http://my/ns1,pfx2,http://my/ns2'`.
`-query_filter` *`string`*	Specifies a query to apply when selecting documents for export. The argument must be the XML serialization of a cts:query or JSON serialization of a cts.query. Only documents matching the query are considered for export; false positives are possible. For details, see Controlling What is Exported, Copied, or Extracted.
`-redaction` *`comma-list`*	Apply one or more redaction rule collections. The argument must be a comma-separated list of rule collection URIs. The rule collections must be installed in the schemas database. For details and example, see Redacting Content During Export or Copy Operations and Redacting Document Content in the *Application Developer's Guide*.
`-restrict_hosts` *`boolean`*	Restrict mlcp to connect to MarkLogic only through the hosts listed in the `-host` option. Default: false (no restriction). For more details, see Restricting the Hosts That mlcp Uses to Connect to MarkLogic.
`-snapshot` *`boolean`*	Whether or not to export a consistent point-in-time snapshot of the database contents. Default: `false`. When `true`, the job submission time is used as the database read timestamp for selecting documents to export. For details, see Extracting a Consistent Database Snapshot.
`-ssl` *`boolean`*	Enable/disable SSL secured communication with MarkLogic. Default: false. If you set this option to true, your App Server must be SSL enabled. For details, see Connecting to MarkLogic Using SSL.
`-ssl_protocol` *`string`*	Specify the protocol mlcp should use when creating an SSL connection to MarkLogic. You must include this option if you use the `-ssl` option to connect to an App Server configured to disable the MarkLogic default protocol (TLSv1.2). Allowed values: `tls`, `tlsv1`, `tlsv1.1`, `tlsv1.2`. Default: `TLSv1.2`.

Option	Description
`-thread_count` *number*	The number of threads to spawn for concurrent exporting. The total number of threads spawned by the process can be larger than this number, but this option caps the number of concurrent sessions with MarkLogic Server. Only available in `local` mode. Default: 4.
`-truststore_passwd` *string*	Password to a Java TrustStore containing any necessary CA Certificates needed to verify the TLS Server Authentication connection. If no TrustStore is provided the default TrustStore used by the existing `-ssl` parameter is used. Can be passed along with the existing `-ssl` option.
`-truststore_path` *string*	Path to a Java TrustStore containing any necessary CA Certificates needed to verify the TLS Server Authentication connection. If no TrustStore is provided the default TrustStore used by the existing `-ssl` parameter is used. Can be passed along with the existing `-ssl` option.

6. Copying Content between Databases

Use the mlcp `copy` command to copy content and associated metadata from one MarkLogic Server database to another when both are reachable on the network. You can also copy data from offline forests to a MarkLogic Server database. For details, see Using Direct Access to Extract or Copy Documents.

6.1. Basic Steps

To copy one database to another with mclp:

1. Set `-input_host`, `-input_port`, `-input_username`, and `-input_password` to identify the source MarkLogic Server instance and user.
2. Set `-output_host`, `-output_port`, `-output_username`, and `-output_password` to identify the destination MarkLogic Server instance and user.
3. Select what documents to copy. For details, see Filtering Archive and Copy Contents.
   - To select documents in one or more collections, set `-collection_filter` to a comma separated list of collection URIs.
   - To select documents in one or more database directories, set `-directory_filter` to a comma separated list of directory URIs.
   - To select documents matching an XPath expression, use `-document_selector`. To use namespace prefixes in the XPath expression, define the prefix binding using `-path_namespace`.
   - To select document matching a query, use `-query_filter`. You can use this option alone or in combination with a directory, collection or document selector filter. False positives are possible; for details, see Understanding When Filters Are Accurate.
   - To select all documents in the database, leave `-collection_filter`, `-directory_filter`, `-document_selector`, and `-query_filter` unset.
4. If you want to exclude some or all source document metadata:
   - Set `-copy_collections` to `false` to exclude document collections metadata.
   - Set `-copy_permissions` to `false` to exclude document permissions metadata.
   - Set `-copy_properties` to `false` to exclude document properties.
   - Set `-copy_quality` to `false` to exclude document quality metadata.
   - Set `-copy_metadata` to `false` to exclude document key-value metadata.
5. If you want to add or override document metadata in the destination database:
   - Set `-output_collections` to add destination documents to a collection.
   - Set `-output_permissions` to add permissions to destination documents.
   - Set `-output_quality` to set the quality of destination documents.
6. If you want the destination documents to have database URIs different from the source URIs, set `-output_uri_replace`, `-output_uri_prefix`, and/or `-output_uri_suffix`. For details, see Controlling Database URIs During Ingestion.

For a complete list of mlcp copy command options, see Copy Command Line Options.

6.2. Examples

This example copies all documents and their metadata from the source database to the destination database:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh copy -mode local -input_host srchost -input_port 8000 \
    -input_username user1 -input_password password1 \
    -output_host desthost -output_port 8010 -output_username user2 \
    -output_password password2
```

This example copies selected documents, excluding the source permissions and adding the documents to 2 new collections in the destination database:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh copy -mode local -input_host srchost -input_port 8000 \
    -input_username user1 -input_password password1 \
    -output_host desthost -output_port 8000 -output_username user2 \
    -output_password password2 -copy_permissions false \
    -output_collections shakespeare,plays
```

This example copies data from one MarkLogic Server database to another while connecting through a reverse proxy:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh copy -mode local -input_host proxy.marklogic.com -input_port 8080 \
    -input_username user1 -input_password password1 \
    -input_base_path "/test/marklogic/app-services/" \
    -output_host proxy.marklogic.com -output_port 8080 \
    -output_username user2 -output_password password2 \
    -output_base_path "/test/marklogic/mlcp/"
```

For an example of using -query_filter, see Example: Exporting Documents Matching a Query.

[v11.1.0 and up] This example copies data between MarkLogic Server databases hosted on MarkLogic Cloud:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh copy -mode local -input_host "cloud.marklogic.com" -input_port 443 \
    -input_api_key "K3kiInmmnIV72pOCkHmWXg==" \
    -input_base_path "/test/marklogic/input/" \
    -output_host "cloud.marklogic.com" \
    -output_port 443 \
    -output_api_key "yquPg5b0PPN9n9FnEjPo3w==" \
    -output_base_path "/test/marklogic/output/"
```

6.3. Redacting Content During a Copy

Redaction is the process of eliminating or obscuring portions of a document when retrieving the document from MarkLogic. For example, you can eliminate or mask sensitive personal information such as credit card numbers, phone numbers, or email addresses from documents. You can only redact document content, not document properties.

Redaction is performed as documents are read from the source database. For example, if you copy documents between databases in two different MarkLogic installations, the unredacted content never leaves the source installation.

Redaction support in MarkLogic is covered in detail in Redacting Content During Export or Copy Operations and Redacting Document Content in the *Application Developer's Guide*.

Use the `-redaction` option to apply redaction rules during a copy. For example, the following command applies the redaction rules in the rule collections “hipaa-rules" and “biz-rules” to the source documents in the collection "my_docs" before copying them to the destination database.

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh copy -mode local -input_host srchost -input_port 8000 \
    -input_username user1 -input_password password1 \
    -output_host desthost -output_port 8000 -output_username user2 \
    -output_password password2 -collection_filter my_docs \
    -redaction "hipaa-rules,biz-rules"
```

For more details, see Redacting Content During Export or Copy Operations.

6.4. Copy Command Line Options

This section summarizes the command line options available with the mlcp `copy` command. The following command line options define your connection to MarkLogic:

Option	Description
`-input_host` *`comma-list`*	Required. A comma-separated list of hosts through which mlcp can connect to the source database. You must specify at least one host. For more details, see How mlcp Uses the Host List.
`-input_password` *`string`*	Password for the MarkLogic Server user specified with `-input_username`. Required, unless using Kerberos authentication.
`-input_port` *`number`*	Port number of the source MarkLogic Server. There should be an XDBC App Server on this port. Default: 8000.
`-input_username` *`string`*	MarkLogic Server user with which to export documents. Required, unless using Kerberos authentication.
`-output_host` *`comma-list`*	Required. A comma separated list of hosts through which mlcp can connect to the destination database. You must specify at least one host. For more details, see How mlcp Uses the Host List.
`-output_password` *`string`*	Password for the MarkLogic Server user specified with `-output_username`. Required, unless using Kerberos authentication.
`-output_port` *`number`*	Port number of the destination MarkLogic Server. There should be an XDBC App Server on this port. Default: 8000.
`-output_username` *`string`*	MarkLogic Server user with which to import documents to the destination. Required, unless using Kerberos authentication.

The following table lists command line options that define the characteristics of the copy operation:

Option	Description
`-batch_size` *`number`*	The number of documents to load per request to MarkLogic Server. Default: 100. Maximum: 200.
`-collection_filter` *`comma-list`*	A comma-separated list of collection URIs. mlcp exports only documents in these collections, plus related metadata. This option may not be combined with `-directory_filter`. Default: All documents and related metadata.
`-copy_collections` *`boolean`*	Whether to copy document collections from the source database to the destination database. Default: `true`.
`-copy_metadata` *`boolean`*	Whether to copy document key-value metadata from the source database to the destination database. Default: `true`.
`-copy_permissions` *`boolean`*	Whether to copy document permissions from the source database to the destination database. Default: `true`.
`-copy_properties` *`boolean`*	Whether to copy document properties from the source database to the destination database. Default: `true`.
`-copy_quality` *`boolean`*	Whether to copy document quality from the source database to the destination database. Default: `true`.
`-directory_filter` *`comma-list`*	A comma-separated list of database directories. mlcp exports only documents from these directories, plus related metadata. Directory names should usually end with "/". This option may not be combined with `-collection_filter`. Default: All documents and related metadata.
`-document_selector` *`string`*	Specifies an XPath expression used to select which documents are extracted from the source database. The XPath expression should select fragment roots. This option may not be combined with `-directory_filter` or `-collection_filter`. Default: All documents and related metadata.
`-fastload` *`boolean`*	Whether or not to force optimal performance, even at the risk of creating duplicate document URIs. See Time vs. Correctness: Understanding -fastload Tradeoffs. Default: `false`.
`-input_api_key` *`string`* [v11.1.0 and up]	MarkLogic Cloud user API key with which to export documents. Required along with `-input_base_path` when connecting to MarkLogic Cloud. See Connecting mlcp to MarkLogic Cloud.
`-input_base_path` *`string`* [v11.1.0 and up]	A base URL that maps to a port on the source MarkLogic server when connecting through a reverse proxy.

Option	Description
`-input_database` *`string`*	The name of the source database. Default: The database associated with the source App Server identified by `-input_host` and `-input_port`.
`-input_ssl` *`boolean`*	Enable/disable SSL secured communication with the input App Server. Default: false. If you set this option to true, your App Server must be SSL enabled. For details, see Connecting to MarkLogic Using SSL.
`-input_ssl_protocol` *`string`*	Specify the protocol mlcp should use when creating an SSL connection to the input App Server. You must include this option if you use the `-input_ssl` option to connect to an App Server configured to disable the MarkLogic default protocol (TLSv1.2). Allowed values: `tls`, `tlsv1`, `tlsv1.1`, `tlsv1.2`. Default: `TLSv1.2`.
`-max_split_size` *`number`*	The maximum number of document fragments processed per split. Default: 20000 in local mode.
`-mode` *`string`*	Copy mode. Accepted values: `local`. Default: `local`.
`-mode` *`string`*	A base URL that maps to a port on the destination MarkLogic server when connecting through a reverse proxy.
`-options_file` *`string`*	Specify an options file pathname from which to read additional command line options. If you use an options file, this option must appear first. For details, see Options File Syntax.
`-output_api_key` *`string`* [v11.1.0 and up]	MarkLogic Cloud user API key with which to import documents. Required along with `-output_base_path` when connecting to MarkLogic Cloud. See Connecting mlcp to MarkLogic Cloud.
`-output_base_path` *`string`* [v11.1.0 and up]	A base URL that maps to a port on the destination MarkLogic server when connecting through a reverse proxy.
`-output_collections` *`comma-list`*	A comma separated list of collection URIs. Output documents are added to these collections.
`-output_database` *`string`*	The name of the destination database. Default: The database associated with the destination App Server identified by `-output_host` and `-output_port`.
`-output_partition` *`string`*	The name of the database partition in which to create documents. Required when using range assignment policy. For details, see How Assignment Policy Affects Optimization and Range Partitions in *Administrating MarkLogic Server*.
`-output_permissions` *`string`*	A comma separated list of `(role,capability)` pairs to apply to loaded documents. Default: The default permissions associated with the user inserting the document. Example: `-output_permissions role1,read,role2,update`
`-output_quality` *`string`*	The quality to assign to output documents.
`-output_ssl` *`boolean`*	Enable/disable SSL secured communication with the output App Server. Default: false. If you set this option to true, your App Server must be SSL enabled. For details, see Connecting to MarkLogic Using SSL.
`-output_ssl_protocol` *`string`*	Specify the protocol mlcp should use when creating an SSL connection to the output App Server. You must include this option if you use the `-output_ssl` option to connect to an App Server configured to disable the MarkLogic default protocol (TLSv1.2). Allowed values: `tls`, `tlsv1`, `tlsv1.1`, `tlsv1.2`. Default: `TLSv1.2`.
`-output_uri_prefix` *`string`*	Specify a prefix to prepend to the default URI. Used to construct output document URIs. For details, see Controlling Database URIs During Ingestion.
`-output_uri_replace` *`comma-list`*	A comma-separated list of `(regex,string)` pairs that define string replacements to apply to the URIs of documents added to the database. The replacement strings must be enclosed in single quotes. For example, `-output_uri_replace "regex1,'string1',regext2,'string2'"`
`-output_uri_suffix` *`string`*	Specify a suffix to append to the default URI Used to construct output document URIs. For details, see Controlling Database URIs During Ingestion.
`-path_namespace` *`comma-list`*	Specifies one or more namespace prefix bindings for namespace prefixes usable in path expressions passed to `-document_selector`. The list items should be alternating pairs of prefix names and namespace URIs, such as `'pfx1,http://my/ns1,pfx2,http://my/ns2'`.

Option	Description
`-query_filter` *`string`*	Specifies a query to apply when selecting documents to be copied. The argument must be the XML serialization of a cts:query or JSON serialization of a cts.query. Only documents in the source database that match the query are considered for copying. For details, see Controlling What is Exported, Copied, or Extracted. False postives are possible; for details, see Understanding When Filters Are Accurate.
`-redaction` *`comma-list`*	Apply one or more redaction rule collections. The argument must be a comma-separated list of rule collection URIs. The rule collections must be installed in the schemas database on the source MarkLogic installation. For details and example, see Redacting Content During Export or Copy Operations and Redacting Document Content in the *Application Developer's Guide*.
`-restrict_input_hosts` *`boolean`*	Restrict mlcp to connect to the source database only through the hosts listed in the `-input_host` option. Default: false (no restriction). For more details, see Restricting the Hosts That mlcp Uses to Connect to MarkLogic.
`-restrict_output_hosts` *`boolean`*	Restrict mlcp to connect to the destination database only through the hosts listed in the `-output_host` option. Default: false (no restriction). For more details, see Restricting the Hosts That mlcp Uses to Connect to MarkLogic.
`-snapshot` *`boolean`*	Whether or not to use a consistent point-in-time snapshot of the source database contents. Default: `false`. When `true`, the job submission time is used as the database read timestamp for selecting documents to export. For details, see Extracting a Consistent Database Snapshot.
`-temporal_collection` *`string`*	A temporal collection into which the documents are to be loaded in the destination database. For details on loading temporal documents into MarkLogic, see Using MarkLogic Content Pump (MLCP) to Load Temporal Documents in the *Temporal Developer's Guide*.
`-thread_count` *`number`*	The number of threads to spawn for concurrent copying. The total number of threads spawned by the process can be larger than this number, but this option caps the number of concurrent sessions with MarkLogic Server. Only available in `local` mode. Default: 4.
`-transaction_size` *`number`*	When loading documents into the destination database, the number of requests to MarkLogic Server in one transaction. Default: 1. Maximum: 4000/*actualBatchSize*.
`-transform_function` *`string`*	The local name of a custom content transformation function installed on MarkLogic Server. Ignored if `-transform_module` is not specified. Default: `transform`. For details, see Transforming Content During Ingestion.
`-transform_module` *`string`*	The path in the modules database or modules directory of a custom content transformation function installed on MarkLogic Server. This option is required to enable a custom transformation. For details, see Transforming Content During Ingestion.
`-transform_namespace` *`string`*	The namespace URI of the custom content transformation function named by `-transform_function`. Ignored if `-transform_module` is not specified. Default: no namespace. For details, see Transforming Content During Ingestion.
`-transform_param` *`string`*	Optional extra data to pass through to a custom transformation function. Ignored if `-transform_module` is not specified. Default: no namespace. For details, see Transforming Content During Ingestion.

7. Using Direct Access to Extract or Copy Documents

Direct Access enables you to bypass MarkLogic Server and extract documents from a database by reading them directly from the on-disk representation of a forest. This feature is best suited for accessing documents in archived, offline forests.

7.1. When to Consider Using Direct Access

Direct Access enables you to extract documents directly from an offline or read-only forest without going through MarkLogic Server. A forest is the internal representation of a collection of documents in a MarkLogic database; for details, see Understanding Forests in *Administrating MarkLogic Server*. A database can span multiple forests on multiple hosts.

Direct Access is primarily intended for accessing archived data that is part of a tiered storage deployment; for details, see Tiered Storage in *Administrating MarkLogic Server*. You should only use Direct Access on a forest that is offline or read-only; for details, see Limitations of Direct Access.

For example, if you have data that ages out over time such that you need to retain it, but you do not need to have it available for real time queries through MarkLogic Server, you can archive the data by taking the containing forests offline, but still access the contents using Direct Access.

Use Direct Access with mlcp to access documents in offline and read-only forests in the following ways:

- The mlcp `extract` command to extracts archived documents from a database as flat files. This operation is similar to exporting documents from a database to files, but it does not require a source MarkLogic Server instance. For details, see Choosing between Export and Extract.
- The mlcp `import` command with `-input_file_type forest` imports archived documents as to another database as live documents. A destination MarkLogic Server instance is required, but no source instance.

Since Direct Access bypasses the active data management performed by MarkLogic Server, you should not use it on forests receiving document updates. Additional restrictions apply. For details, see Limitations of Direct Access.

7.2. Limitations of Direct Access

You should only use Direct Access on a forest that meets one of the following criteria:

- The forest is offline and not in an error state. A forest is offline if the availability is set to offline, or the forest or the database to which it is attached is disabled. For details, see Taking Forests and Partitions Online and Offline in *Administrating MarkLogic Server*.
- The forest is online, but the `updates-allowed` state of the forest is `read-only`. For details, see Setting the updates-allowed State on Partitions in *Administrating MarkLogic Server*.

The following additional limitations apply to using Direct Access:

- Accessing documents with Direct Access bypasses security roles and privileges. The content is protected only by the filesystem permissions on the forest data.
- Direct Access cannot take advantage of indexing or caching when accessing documents. Every document in each participating forest is read, even when you use filtering criteria such as `-directory_filter` or `-type_filter`. Filtering can only be applied after reading a document off disk.
- Direct Access skips property fragments.
- Direct Access skips documents partitioned into multiple fragments. For details, see Fragments in *Administrating MarkLogic Server*.
- Older versions of mlcp might not be able to read forest data from MarkLogic 9 or later. For best results, use the version of mlcp that corresponds to your MarkLogic version.

When you use Direct Access, mlcp skips any forest (or a stand within a forest) that is receiving updates or that is in an error state. Processing continues even when some documents are skipped.

When you use mlcp with Direct Access, your forest data must be reachable from the host(s) processing the input. In local mode, the forests must be reachable from the host on which you execute mlcp.

If mlcp accesses large or external binaries with Direct Access, then the reachability requirement also applies to the large data directory and any external binary directories. Furthermore, these directories must be reachable along the same path as when the forest was online.

7.3. Choosing between Export and Extract

You can use the `export` and `extract` commands to save content in a MarkLogic database to files on the native file system. You should usually use `export` rather than `extract`. The `extract` command is best suited for archive data in offline or read-only forests. Otherwise, use the `export` command.

The `extract` command places no load on MarkLogic Server. The `export` command offloads most of the work to your MarkLogic cluster. Thus, `export` honors document permissions, takes advantage of database indexes, and can apply transformations and filtering at the server. By contrast, `extract` bypasses security (other than file permissions on the forest files), must access all document sequentially, and applies a limited set of filters on the client.

The `export` command offers a richer set of filtering options than `extract`. In addition, `export` only accesses the documents selected by your options, while `extract` must scan the entirety of each input forest, even when extracting selected documents.

For more information, see the following topics:

- Exporting Documents as Files
- Extracting Documents as Files

7.4. Extracting Documents as Files

Use the mlcp `extract` command to extract documents from archival forest files to files on the native filesystem. For example, you can extract an XML document as a text file containing XML, or a binary document as a JPG image.

To extract documents from a forest as files:

1. Set `-input_file_path` to the path to the input forest directory(s). Specify multiple forests using a comma-separated list of paths.
2. Select the documents to extract. For details, see Filtering Forest Contents.
   - To select documents in one or more collections, set `-collection_filter` to a comma separated list of collection URIs.
   - To select documents in one or more database directories, set `-directory_filter` to a comma separated list of directory URIs.
   - To select documents by document type, set `-type_filter` to a comma separated list of document types.
   - To select all documents in the database, leave `-collection_filter`, `-directory_filter`, and `-type_filter` unset.
3. Set `-output_file_path` to the destination file or directory on the native filesystem. This directory must not already exist.
4. Set `-mode` to `local`: Your input forests must be reachable from the host where you execute mlcp.
5. If you want to extract the documents as files in compressed files, set `-compress` to `true`.

Filtering options can be combined. Directory names specified with `-directory_filter` should end with “/”. All filters are applied on the client, so every document is accessed, even if it is filtered out of the output document set.

NOTE
Document URIs are URI-decoded before filesystem directories or filenames are constructed for them. For details, see How URI Decoding Affects Output File Names.

For a full list of `extract` options, see Extract Command Line Options.

The following example extracts selected documents from the forest files in `/var/opt/MarkLogic/Forests/example` to the native filesystem directory `/space/mlcp/extracted/files`. The directory filter selects only the input documents in the database directory `/plays`.

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh extract -mode local \
    -input_file_path /var/opt/MarkLogic/Forests/example \
    -output_file_path /space/mlcp/extracted/files \
    -directory_filter /plays/
```

7.5. Importing Documents from a Forest into a Database

Use the following procedure to load all the files in a native forest directory and its sub-directories. To load selected files, see Filtering Documents Loaded from a Directory. For more details on the command line options used in this procedure, see Import Command Line Options.

1. Set `-input_file_path` to the path to the input forest directory(s). Specify multiple forests using a comma-separated list of paths.
   - To select documents in one or more collections, set `-collection_filter` to a comma separated list of collection URIs.
   - To select documents in one or more database directories, set `-directory_filter` to a comma separated list of directory URIs.
   - To select documents by document type, set `-type_filter` to a comma separated list of document types.
   - To select all documents in the database, leave `-collection_filter`, `-directory_filter`, and `-type_filter` unset.
2. Set `-input_file_type` to `forest`.
3. Specify the connection information for the destination database using `-host`, `-port`, `-username`, and `-password`.
4. Select the files to extract from the input forest. For details, see Filtering Forest Contents. Filtering options can be used together.
5. If you want to exclude some or all of the document metadata in the forests:
   - Set `-copy_collections` to `false` to exclude document collections metadata.
   - Set `-copy_quality` to `false` to exclude document quality metadata.
   - Set `-copy_metadata` to `false` to exclude key-value metadata.
6. Set `-mode` to `local` (This is the default mode): Your input forests and the destination MarkLogic Server instance must be reachable from the host where you run mlcp.

By default, an imported document has a database URI based on the input file path. You can customize the URI using options. For details, see Controlling Database URIs During Ingestion.

The following example command loads the documents in the forests in `/var/opt/MarkLogic/Forests/example`:

```
# Windows users, see Modifying the Example Commands for Windows
$ mlcp.sh import -host localhost -port 8000 -username user \
    -password password -input_file_type forest \
    -input_file_path /var/opt/MarkLogic/Forests/example
```

7.6. Extract Command Line Options

This section summarizes the command line options available with the mlcp `extract` command. An extract command requires the `-input_file_path` and `-output_file_path` options. That is, an extract command has the following form:

```
mlcp.sh extract -input_file_path forest-path \
    -output_file_path dest-path ...
```

The following table lists command line options that define the characteristics of the extraction:

Option	Description
`-collection_filter` *`comma-list`*	A comma-separated list of collection URIs. mlcp extracts only documents in these collections. This option can be combined with other filter options. Default: All documents.
`-compress` *`boolean`*	Whether or not to compress the output. mlcp might generate multiple compressed files. Default: `false`.
`-directory_filter` *`comma-list`*	A comma-separated list of database directory names. mlcp extracts only documents from these directories, plus related metadata. Directory names should usually end with "/". This option can be combined with other filter options. Default: All documents and related metadata.
`-max_split_size` *`number`*	The maximum number of document fragments processed per split. Default: 50000.
`-mode` *`string`*	Export mode. Accepted values: `local`.
`-options_file` *`string`*	Specify an options file pathname from which to read additional command line options. If you use an options file, this option must appear first. For details, see Options File Syntax.
`-output_file_path` *`string`*	Destination directory where the documents are saved. The directory must not already exist.
`-thread_count` *`number`*	The number of threads to spawn for concurrent exporting. The total number of threads spawned by the process can be larger than this number, but this option caps the number of concurrent sessions with MarkLogic Server. Only available in `local` mode. Default: 4.
`-type_filter` *`comma-list`*	A comma-separated list of document types. mlcp extracts only documents with these types. This option can be combined with other filter options. Allowed documentypes: `xml`, `text`, `binary`. Default: All documents.

8. Troubleshooting

This section includes tips for debugging some common problems.

8.1. Checking Your Runtime Environment

You can use the mlcp `version` command to generate a report of key software versions mlcp detects in your runtime environment. This is useful for confirming your path and other environment settings create the environment you expect or mlcp requires.

For example, the command below reports the version of mlcp, and the Java JRE that mlcp will use at runtime, plus the versions of MarkLogic supported by this version of mlcp.

```
$ mlcp.sh version
ContentPump version: 8.0
Java version: 1.7.0_45
Supported MarkLogic versions: 6.0 - 8.0
```

Note that not all features of mlcp are supported by all versions of MarkLogic, even within the reported range of supported versions. For example, if MarkLogic version X introduces a new feature that is supported by mlcp, that doesn't mean you can use mlcp to work with the feature in MarkLogic version X-1.

8.2. Resolving Connection Issues

All mlcp command lines include host and port information for connecting to MarkLogic Server. This host must be reachable from the host where you run mlcp.

In addition, mlcp connects directly to hosts in your MarkLogic Server cluster that contain forests of the target database. Therefore, all the hosts that serve a target database must be reachable from the host where mlcp runs (local mode).

mlcp gets the lists of participating hosts by querying your MarkLogic Server cluster configuration. If a hostname returned by this query is not resolvable, mlcp will not be able to connect, which can prevent document loading.

If you think you might have connection issues, enable debug level logging to see details on name resolution and connection failures. For details, see Enabling Debug-Level Messages.

8.3. Enabling Debug-Level Messages

You can enable debug-level log messages to see detailed debugging information about what mlcp is doing. Debug logging generates many messages, so you should not enable it unless you need it to troubleshoot a problem.

To enable debug logging:

For versions of mlcp 10 earlier than 10.0-8.2:

1. Edit the file `MLCP_INSTALL_DIR/conf/log4j.properties`. For example, if mlcp is installed in `/opt/mlcp`, edit `/opt/mlcp/conf/log4j.properties`.
2. In `log4j.properties`, set the properties `log4j.logger.com.marklogic.mapreduce` and `log4j.logger.com.marklogic.contentpump` to `DEBUG`. For example, include the following:

   ```
   log4j.logger.com.marklogic.mapreduce=DEBUG
   log4j.logger.com.marklogic.contentpump=DEBUG
   ```

   You may find these property settings are already at the end of `log4j.properties` but are commented out. Remove the leading # to enable them.

In 10.0-8.2, we migrated log4j to log4j2 due to security vulnerabilities. For mlcp 10 versions 10.0-8.2 and later:

1. Edit the file `MLCP_INSTALL_DIR/conf/log4j2.xml`. For example, if mlcp is installed in `/opt/mlcp`, edit `/opt/mlcp/conf/log4j2.xml`.
2. In `log4j2.xml`, set the level to `DEBUG` for logger `com.marklogic.mapreduce` and `com.marklogic.contentpump`. For example, include the following:

```
<Logger name="com.marklogic.mapreduce" level="DEBUG" additivity="false">
  <AppenderRef ref="Console"/>
</Logger>
<Logger name="com.marklogic.contentpump" level="DEBUG" additivity="false">
  <AppenderRef ref="Console"/>
</Logger>
```

   You may find these property settings are already in `log4j2.xml` but are commented out. Remove the leading `<!--` and `-->` to enable them.

8.4. Error: Could not find or load main class com.marklogic.contentpump.ContentPump

The cause of the following error is usually running `mlcp.sh` on Windows under Cygwin, which is not a supported configuration.

```
Error: Could not find or load main class
com.marklogic.contentpump.ContentPump
```

You should always use `mlcp.bat` on Windows.

8.5. No or Too Few Files Loaded During Import

If `ATTEMPTED_INPUT_RECORD_COUNT` is non-zero and `SKIPPED_INPUT_RECORD_COUNT` is zero, then errors may have occurred on the server side or your combination of options may be inconsistent. For example:

- The input type is `documents`, and the document type is set to (or determined to be) XML, but the input file fails to parse properly as XML. Correct the error in the input data and try again.
- You set `-input_file_path` to a location containing compressed files, but you did not set `-input_compressed` and `-input_compression_codec`. In this case, mlcp will load the compressed files as binary documents rather than creating documents from the contents of the compressed files.
- You set `-document_type` to a value inconsistent with the input data referenced by `-input_file_path`.

If `ATTEMPTED_INPUT_RECORD_COUNT` is non-zero and `SKIPPED_INPUT_RECORD_COUNT` is non-zero, then there are probably formatting errors in your input that mlcp detected on the client. Correct the input errors and try again. For example:

- A syntax error was encountered while splitting an aggregate XML file into multiple pieces of document content.
- A delimited text file contains records (lines) with an incorrect number of column values or with no value for the URI id column.

If mlcp reports an `ATTEMPTED_INPUT_RECORD_COUNT` of 0, then the tool found no input documents meeting your requirements. If there are errors or warnings, correct them and try again. If there are no errors, then the combination of options on your command line probably does not select any suitable documents. For example:

- You set `-input_compressed -input_compression_codec zip`, but `-input_file_path` references a location that contains no ZIP files.

- You set `-input_compressed` ,and you set `-input_file_path` to a location containing compressed files, but you failed to set `-input_compression_codec`.

8.6. Unable to load realm info from SCDynamicStore

Depending on your JVM version, you might see the message `Unable to load realm info from SCDynamicStore` when using mlcp if your system has Kerberos installed and `krb5.conf` doesn't explicitly list the realm information. You can safely ignore this message.

8.7. Warning That a Job Remains Running

If you interrupt an mlcp job before it completes, such as by entering Ctrl-C, the job might continue running.

In local mode, an interrupted job will shutdown gracefully as long as it can finish within 30 seconds.

If mlcp cannot gracefully shut down the job, you might see the following warning:

```
WARN contentpump.ContentPump: Job yourJobName status remains RUNNING
```

9. Technical support

Progress Software provides technical support according to the terms detailed in your Software License Agreement or End User License Agreement.

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