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# Deployment Guide

What's New in Cassandra Configuration for 8.5.0?

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This page describes changes in Cassandra configuration between Genesys Co-browse 8.5.0 and 8.1.3.

## Overview of Changes in Cassandra Access and Management

- Co-browse server can now be interconnected with an external Cassandra cluster.
- Co-browse server now uses a new approach to configuring embedded Cassandra.
- Genesys Co-browse 8.5.0 splits the configuration of the embedded Cassandra node and the Co-browse keyspace.
- Genesys Co-browse configuration is now similar to configuration of GWE and UCS.
- Co-browse 8.5.0 now uses Cassandra 2.X. For supported versions of Cassandra, see [Genesys Co-browse in the Supported Operating Environment Reference Guide](#).

### Co-browse Keyspace Configuration

**Keyspace** specific options are kept in a dedicated configuration section, **cassandraKeyspace**. These options apply to both embedded and external Cassandra.

### Embedded Cassandra Configuration

#### Important

Starting in 8.5.0, Embedded Cassandra mode is deprecated in Genesys Co-browse; support for this mode will be discontinued in 9.0.

Co-browse server may act as a Cassandra node. The options to configure the embedded Cassandra service changed in 8.5.0. These options are now in a dedicated section, **cassandraEmbedded**.

## Cassandra Cluster Access Configuration

### Embedded Cassandra Access Configuration

When embedded Cassandra is **enabled**, the Co-browse server will always connect to the embedded Cassandra node when it needs to read or write data in the database. No additional configuration needed.

### External Cassandra Access Configuration

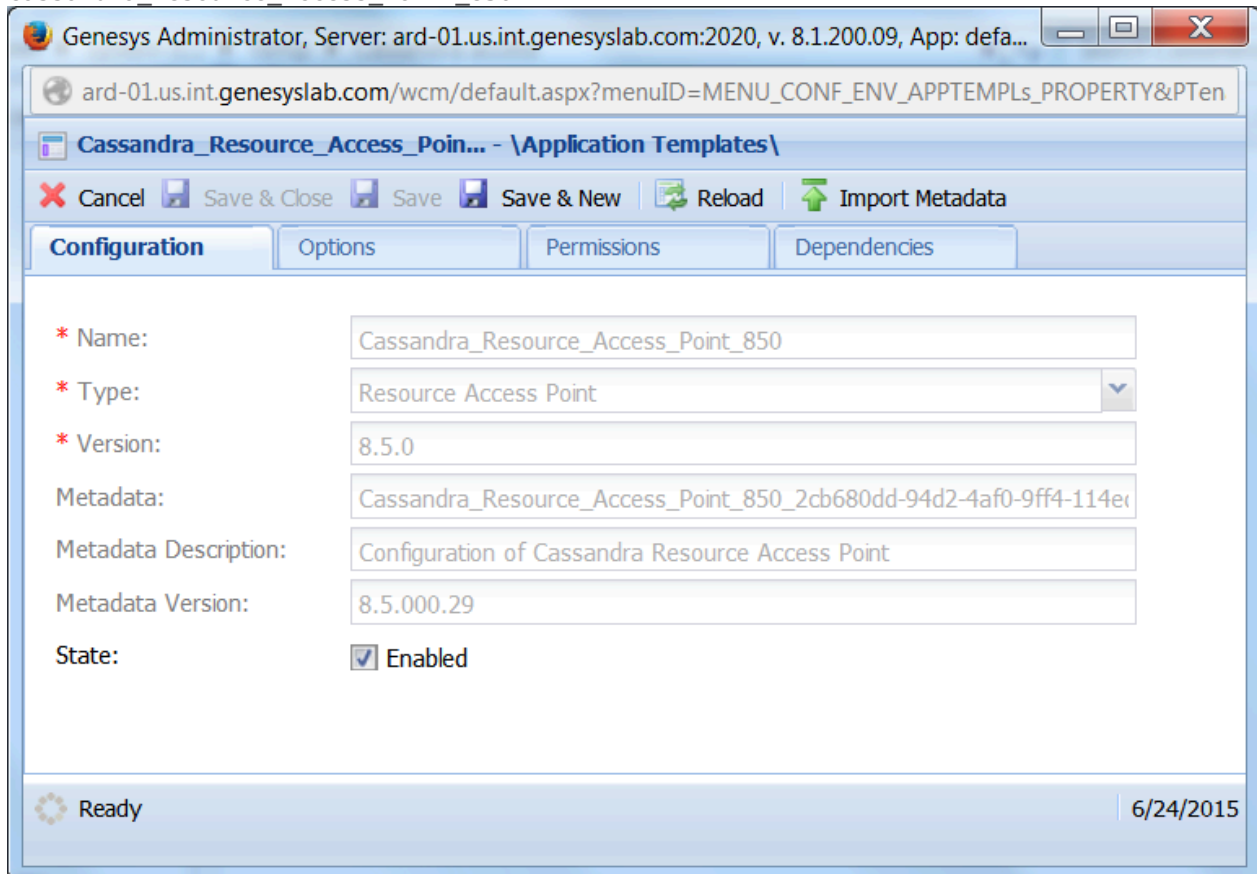
In Co-browse 8.5.0, you can use a dedicated Cassandra Resource Access Point in Configuration Server

to link a Co-browse server to an external Cassandra cluster.

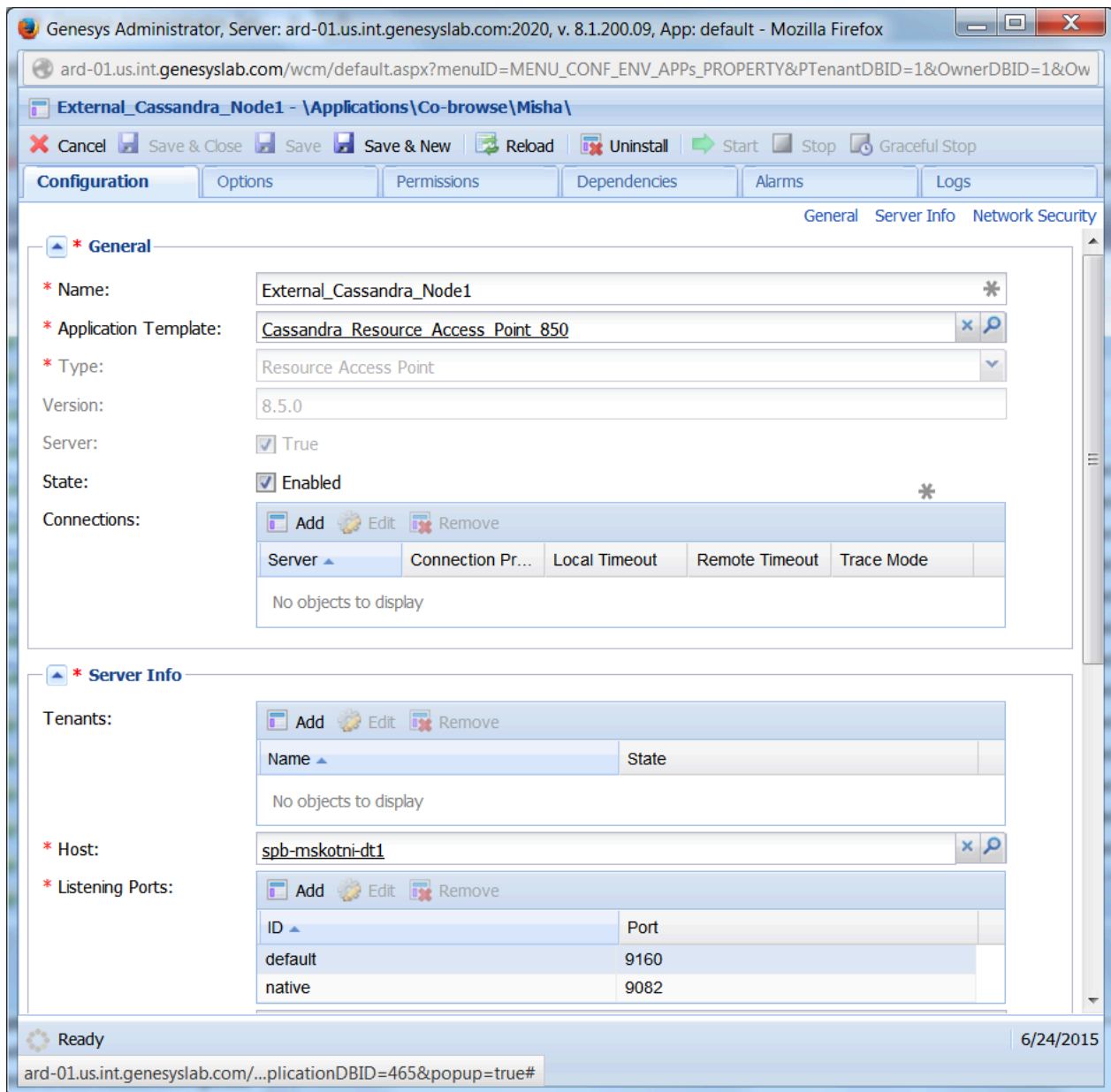
## Procedure: Create a Dedicated Cassandra Resource Access Point

### Start of Procedure

1. Import the templates `Cassandra_Resource_Access_Point_850.apd` and `Cassandra_Resource_Access_Point_850.xml`



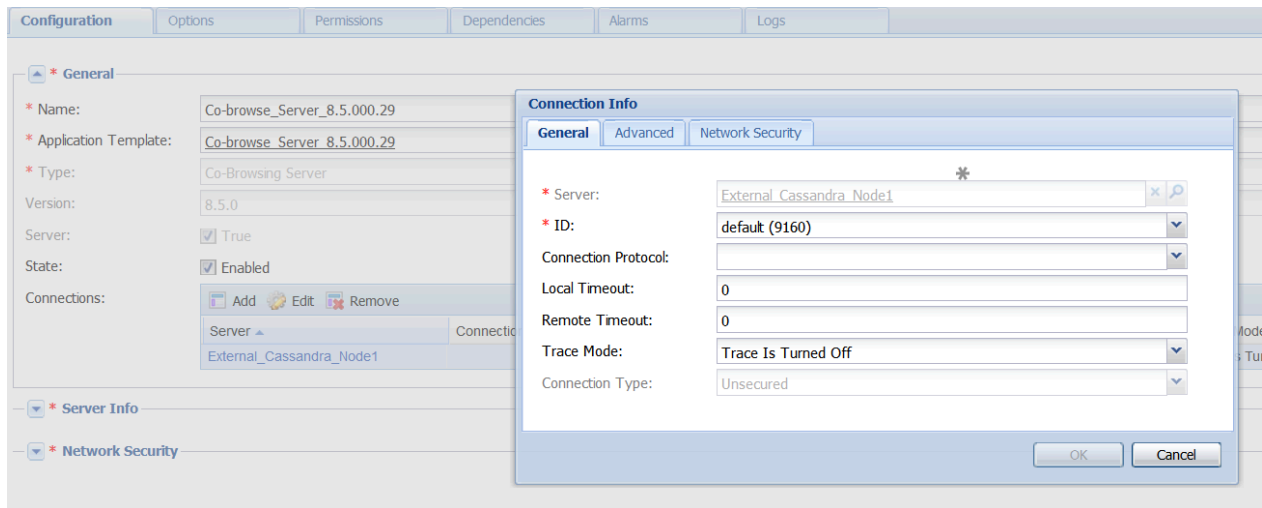
2. Using the imported application template from the previous step, create one Cassandra Resource Access Point(RAP) for each Cassandra node in an external Cassandra cluster that the Co-browse server needs to communicate with. Configure the following:
  1. For Host, specify the host of the external Cassandra Node
  2. Add a default port with the value of the rpc port the Cassandra node is using to listen for Thrift client connections. Optionally, specify rpc protocol for the port.
  3. Add a native port with the value of the CQL native port the Cassandra node is using to listen for CQL client connections. Optionally, specify native protocol for the port.



### 3. Configure Cassandra RAP Connections:

- 8.5.000:
  - Add Cassandra RAP connections to one or more of the Co-browse Server applications you created.
  - Set the enabled option to false in the **cassandraEmbedded** section of each Co-browse server application in the cluster.
- 8.5.001+:
  - Add Cassandra RAP connections to the Co-browse Cluster application object.
  - Set the enabled option to false in the **cassandraEmbedded** section of the Co-browse Cluster

application object.



Several connections with different Cassandra RAP applications ensures a redundancy of connections to the external Cassandra cluster. If one Cassandra node in the cluster fails, Co-browse server will be able to cooperate with the external Cassandra cluster through a different Cassandra node.

### End of Procedure

## Configuring a Cassandra Cluster

For more information on configuring a Cassandra Cluster, see [Configure a Cluster of Co-browse Servers](#).