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Introduction

About This Guide

This guide describes best practices and recommended procedures for deploying Oracle Enterprise Single Sign-On Logon Manager (ESSO-LM) with an LDAP directory. Readers of this guide should be experienced system administrators and have a solid understanding of LDAP directories and related concepts, such as directory schema, structure, and security.

Oracle highly recommends that you read this guide before planning the deployment of ESSO-LM as it will familiarize you with the recommended preparation and deployment steps, as well as advise you how to avoid short- and long-term problems. By following the recommendations in this and other *ESSO-LM Best Practices* guides, you will implement an optimal ESSO-LM configuration.

How This Guide Is Organized

For your convenience, this guide is divided into the following parts:

Part 1: Deployment Best Practices – Introduces you to ESSO-LM and describes best practices for planning and performing deployment on an LDAP directory. Topics include designing the ESSO-LM sub-tree for optimal performance vs. accurate template delivery, and best practices for configuring ESSO-LM for synchronization with the directory.

Part 2: Deployment Procedures – Contains the required deployment and configuration procedures, such extending the directory schema and configuring ESSO-LM for synchronization with an LDAP directory.

Part 3: Appendices – Contains reference material supplementing the earlier sections of the guide, as well as troubleshooting instructions for the most common directory synchronization issues.

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Terms and Acronyms

The following table describes the terms and acronyms used throughout this guide:

Term or Acronym	Description
LDAP	Lightweight Directory Access Protocol
OU	Organizational Unit
ESSO-LM	Oracle Enterprise Single Sign-on Logon Manager
ESSO-KM	Oracle Enterprise Single Sign-on Kiosk Manager
Agent	ESSO-LM client-side software
Console	ESSO-LM Administrative Console

Accessing ESSO-LM Documentation

We continually strive to keep ESSO-LM documentation accurate and up to date. For the latest version of this and other ESSO-LM documents, visit http://download.oracle.com/docs/cd/E21040_01/index.htm.

Part 1: Deployment Best Practices

This part describes best practices for deploying ESSO-LM with an LDAP directory. It contains the following sections:

- [Overview of ESSO-LM](#)
- [Designing the ESSO-LM Directory Sub-Tree](#)
- [Global Agent Settings vs. Administrative Overrides](#)
- [Recommended Global Agent Settings](#)
- [Recommended Administrative Overrides](#)

Overview of ESSO-LM

Oracle Enterprise Single Sign-On Logon Manager is a secure and easily deployable single sign-on solution that acts as a middle layer between the user and the target applications. Users need to authenticate only once; ESSO-LM automatically detects and handles all subsequent requests for user credentials.

ESSO-LM at a Glance

ESSO-LM uses client-side intelligence to respond to requests for user credentials from Windows, Web, and mainframe applications using a wide variety of industry-standard authentication methods and services. Credentials can either be stored locally or in a central repository such as Active Directory, ADAM, AD LDS, an LDAP directory, a file system, or an SQL database. Add-on modules extend the core ESSO-LM functionality with features such as self-service password reset, remote credential provisioning, and the creation of fully-contained, pre-configured packages that can be deployed automatically or by end-users.

ESSO-LM provides out-of-the-box support for authentication methods such as passwords, biometrics, and smart cards, and services such as Windows password, PKI, and LDAP. ESSO-LM does not require any modifications to authentication services, or a custom Windows GINA, to provide the benefits of single sign-on. In addition to technologies supported out of the box, ESSO-LM can be customized through standard APIs to support less-common technologies. Figure 1 gives a brief overview of the ESSO-LM architecture.
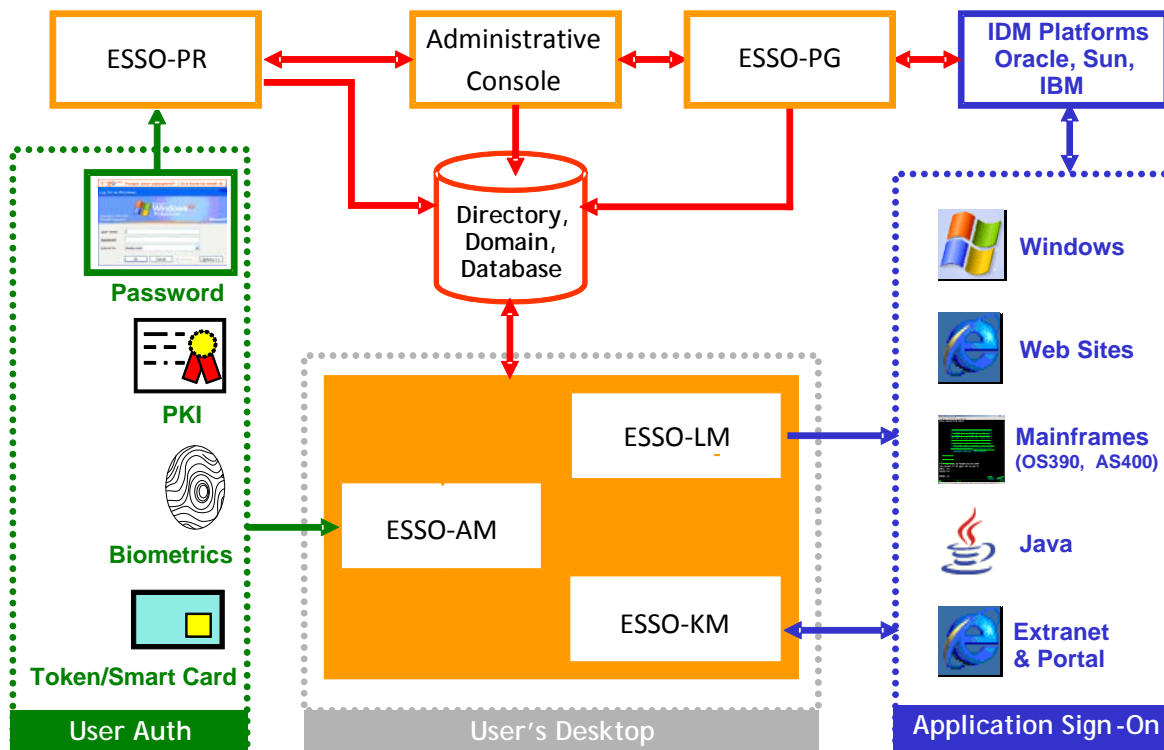
Figure 1 ESSO-LM architecture at a glance

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ESSO-LM and LDAP Environments

You have the choice to deploy ESSO-LM in a directory environment, which enables the delivery of single sign-on capability to any machine on the network through central storage of application credentials, templates, and policies. Users synchronize with the directory to download these items and update their credential stores with new or changed usernames and passwords.

Adding ESSO-LM to your existing directory environment provides the following benefits:

- ESSO-LM leverages the existing user accounts, groups, and native directory permissions (ACLs) without the need to manage these items separately or synchronize them with another directory or database.
- ESSO-LM data is automatically protected by your existing backup and disaster recovery plans.
- No dedicated servers or server-side processes are required; ESSO-LM's scalability and performance depend solely on the capacity and robustness of your existing directory infrastructure.
- Administrators are not burdened with additional administrative tasks or the need to learn new tools or concepts. Delegated administration of ESSO-LM is achieved through the native capabilities of the directory.

A directory also enables the organization of ESSO-LM templates and policies into a highly visual hierarchy. While you can use a flat model if your environment calls for it, a properly set-up hierarchy can help maintain top directory, Agent, and network performance, as well as simplify ESSO-LM administration by permitting more efficient access control.

How ESSO-LM Extends Your Directory Schema

Before ESSO-LM can store data in your directory, you must instruct ESSO-LM to extend the directory schema. The schema extension consists of adding four object classes and setting the appropriate permissions so that objects of those types can be created, read, modified, and deleted. Existing classes and attributes are **not** modified in any way.

> **Note:** Schema extension is a post-installation procedure. For instructions, see Preparing the Directory for ESSO-LM. Oracle highly recommends that you perform a schema health check (as described by Microsoft best practices) before performing the schema extension.

For detailed information on the schema extensions made by ESSO-LM, see the following appendices:

- Appendix A: Minimum Administrative Rights for ESSO-LM Directory Objects
- Appendix B: ESSO-LM Directory Classes and Attributes

How ESSO-LM Synchronizes with Your Directory

The ESSO-LM Agent uses the LDAP synchronizer plug-in to communicate with your LDAP directory. When properly configured, synchronization occurs whenever one of the following events takes place:

- The ESSO-LM Agent starts.
- Application credentials are added, modified, or deleted by the end-user.
- The machine running the Agent acquires an IP address or its existing IP address changes (if ESSO-LM is configured to respond to these events).
- The auto-synchronize interval elapses (if configured).
- The user initiates synchronization via the Agent's "Refresh" function.

During synchronization, the ESSO-LM Agent traverses the ESSO-LM sub-tree and loads the contents of the sub-containers to which the current user has been granted access; it also synchronizes any credentials that have been added, modified, or deleted since the last synchronization.

> **Note:** Since ESSO-LM does not support server auto-location nor use Windows credentials when authenticating to an LDAP directory other than Active Directory or ADAM, end-users will be prompted to authenticate to the directory in addition to authenticating to Windows and ESSO-LM. In certain scenarios, it is possible to eliminate this extra prompt. See Selecting and Configuring an Authenticator for more information.

How ESSO-LM Handles and Stores Application Credentials

ESSO-LM encrypts application credentials using a unique key generated when the user completes the First-Time Use (FTU) wizard. The credentials remain encrypted at all times, including in the Agent's local cache, the directory, and while in transit over the network. ESSO-LM only decrypts credentials (to memory, never to disk) when a configured application requests logon, and wipes the target memory location as soon as the logon request completes. The amount of data ESSO-LM stores per enabled application and per user is trivial (measurable in bytes and small kilobytes).

> **Note:** Oracle highly recommends enabling SSL support so that the credentials sent by the user to the directory during authentication are encrypted. If SSL is not enabled, those credentials will be sent in clear text and can be intercepted by a packet sniffer. For more information, see Do Not Disable SSL Support.

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Benefits of Load-Balancing a ESSO-LM Deployment

When a directory server fails, ESSO-LM will attempt to contact the next one on its server list. If no servers on the list can be reached, synchronization becomes unavailable until the problem is remedied. If your environment calls for more than one physical directory server, Oracle highly recommends using a load balancer that will evenly and automatically distribute the requests coming from the network among the servers behind it. If a machine goes offline, the rest can temporarily absorb its workload, providing failover transparency to the end-user and adequate time to bring the faulty machine back online.

Further Reading

An in-depth discussion of the ESSO-LM software architecture is beyond the scope of this guide.
To obtain Oracle white papers containing additional information, contact your Oracle representative.

Designing the ESSO-LM Directory Sub-Tree

ESSO-LM gives you the freedom to set up the directory structure to best fit the needs of your organization. Specifically, you have the choice to store your data in a flat model, or create a hierarchy. While a flat model works fine for small deployments, growing and large deployments should utilize a hierarchy from the very beginning. The exact structure of your sub-tree will depend on the following factors:

- Number of users
- Number of applications you want ESSO-LM to support
- Robustness of the existing infrastructure
- Structure of your organization.

Guidelines for Structuring the ESSO-LM Sub-Tree

Oracle recommends that you set up your sub-tree as a hierarchy by following the guidelines below:

- Use OUs to group templates and policies by category, such as department or division, according to the structure of your organization.
- Control access at the OU level.
- Disable inheritance and grant no user rights at the ESSO-LM root container, unless your environment dictates otherwise.

When set up this way, a hierarchy provides the following benefits:

- **Highly visual and self-documenting tree structure.** When you view your sub-tree in a directory browser, the sub-tree structure is self-descriptive and easy to follow.
- **No unwanted inheritance of rights.** Users will not natively inherit rights to sub-OUs that you do not want them to access. This eliminates the need to explicitly deny unwanted access rights that are being passed down the tree.
- **Robust network, Agent, and directory performance.** Typically, users who download large numbers of templates and policies generate more network traffic and a higher load on the directory than users who only download items relevant to their jobs. Grouping conserves your environment's resources and improves Agent response time.
- **Distributed administrative tasks.** Your templates are organized into easily controllable sets, and access rights determine who can manage which templates. You also have the ability to implement rights-based version control of your templates.
- **Low administrative overhead.** Controlling access at the template level requires setting permissions for each individual template via the ESSO-LM Administrative Console; controlling access at the OU level is achieved via delegated administration using Microsoft and third-party management tools.

Figure 2 depicts a sample ESSO-LM sub-tree whose design reflects the above best practices.

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Users
LDAP directory user container – stores the directory user accounts (name varies by vendor). On a Sun Directory, this container is called **People**, but it is *not* in any way related to the ESSO-LM **People** OU shown below.

vGOLocator
vGOLocator object – **a pointer object that links the user account to the user's application credentials stored in the ESSO-LM People OU shown below.** When an LDAP user logs in, ESSO-LM traverses the tree up, starting at the user object, looking for **vGOLocator**. Once **vGOLocator** is found, it supplies ESSO-LM with the location of the user's credential data.

ESSO
ESSO-LM sub-tree root. You must create a separate sub-tree within the directory's master tree to store ESSO-LM data.

People
People container – stores objects that hold each user's application credentials. It must **not** be altered once ESSO-LM has been deployed.

SSOConfig
ESSO-LM configuration object ("root") container – stores application templates and policies. Disable inheritance and grant no user rights at this level. Grant access to sub-OUs instead.

Development

Staging

Production
Compartmentalization allows version control of templates and policies as they pass through the development workflow. Keep a shadow copy in the originating container each time a template or policy is passed from development to staging, and eventually deployed into production.

CompanyWide
Company-wide sub-OU – all users can access this sub-OU.

CompanyWideApp1

CompanyWide PasswordPolicy1

Sacramento
Sacramento sub-OU – only Sacramento users and admins can access this sub-OU.

SacramentoApp1

SacramentoPwdPolicy1

Portland
Portland sub-OU – only Portland users and admins can access this sub-OU.
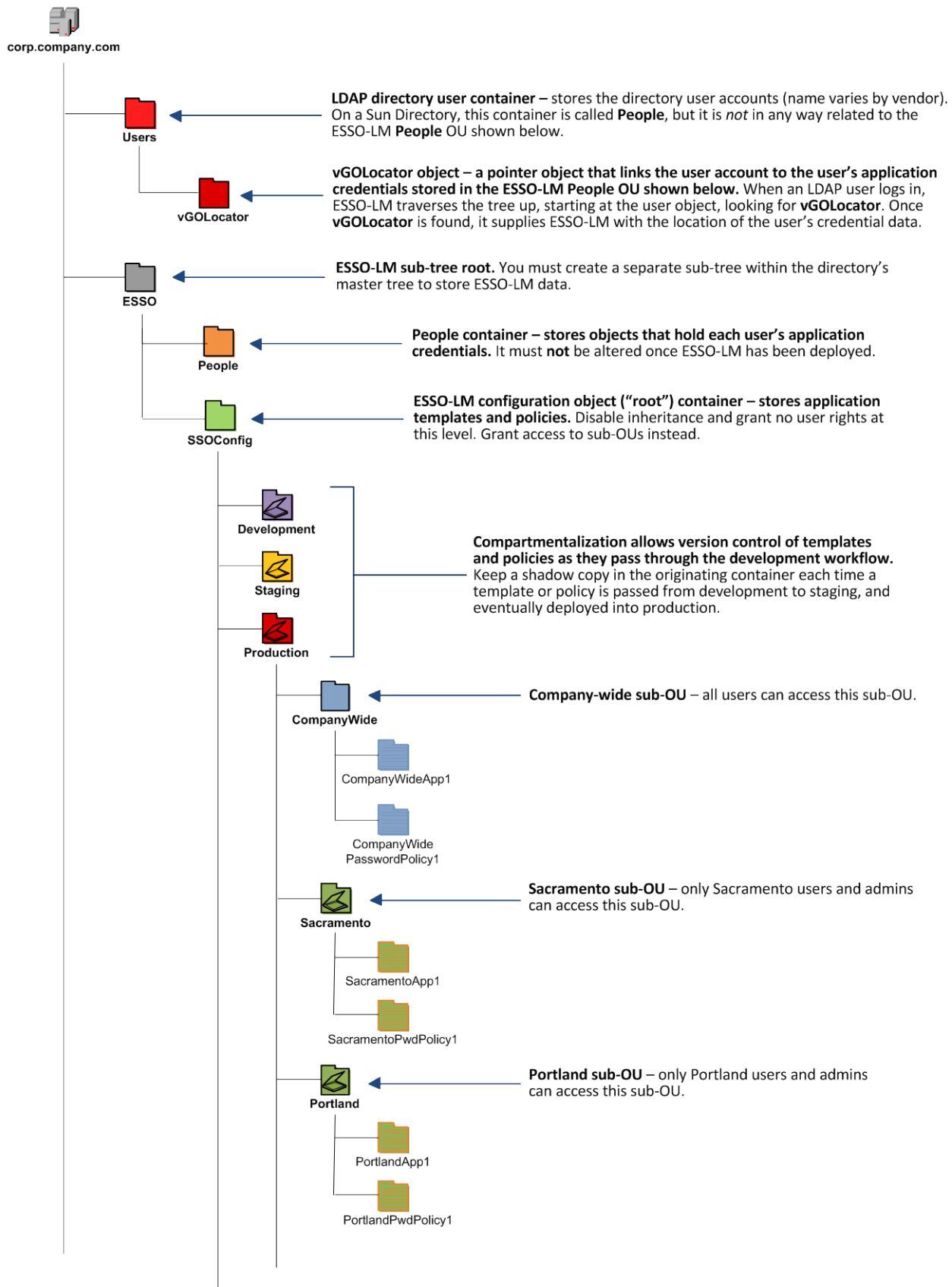
PortlandApp1

PortlandPwdPolicy1

Figure 2 Recommended ESSO-LM sub-tree design

In our sample scenario, users from the Portland division do not need access to applications used by the Sacramento division, and vice versa; therefore, each division's templates and policies live in dedicated sub-OUs under the root and one division cannot access another division's sub-OU. In the end, your environment will dictate the specifics of your implementation.

> **Note:** To permit ESSO-LM to store templates and policies in individual OUs, you must [enable the use of configuration objects](#).

If you are starting out with a flat model, but expect the number of users and provisioned applications to grow, create a sub-container under the root and use it to store your templates and policies as a flat file until you are ready to transition to a hierarchy. Monitor the performance of your environment as you add more users and provision more applications, and transition to a hierarchy sooner rather than later to minimize the required effort. When transitioning to a hierarchy, use the existing container as your new ESSO-LM root container and create sub-OUs underneath it.

Special Directory Objects Required by E SSO-LM

To successfully synchronize with an LDAP directory, ESSO-LM requires that the following directory objects are configured before attempting synchronization:

- **People OU.** When deploying ESSO-LM with a directory other than Active Directory, application credentials cannot be stored under user objects. Instead, credentials are stored in flat format inside a special OU called `People`. You must create this OU as described in [Creating the People OU](#).

  > **Note:** This OU is *not* in any way related to the `People` container used by Sun Directory Server to store LDAP user accounts.
  >
  > **Note:** Do *not* place the `People` OU inside the ESSO-LM configuration object container (`SSOConfig`). Doing so will cause ESSO-LM to parse the credentials of every ESSO-LM user when loading templates, placing a significant, unnecessary load on the directory.

- **vGOLocator object.** This object links an LDAP user account to the user's application credentials stored in the `People` OU. When the user logs in, ESSO-LM traverses the tree up from the user's object until the `vGOLocator` object is found. The `vGOLocator` object provides ESSO-LM with the path to the `People` OU.

  > **Note:** Oracle recommends placing this object inside your directory user accounts container, as shown in the diagram on page 13. If necessary, it can also be placed in the root of the directory tree, although this option is not recommended. At the very least, `vGOLocator` must be placed at the same level as the container that holds your user accounts.

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Version Control and Pre-Flight Testing of Templates and Policies

Oracle recommends that you create dedicated sub-OUs for each stage of your workflow: development, staging, and production, as shown in . This way you will be able to:

- Track changes made to templates and policies as they pass through the workflow and enter production by keeping shadow copies each time templates and policies move from one workflow stage to the next.
- Roll back to a previous version of a template or policy if need arises.
- Control who can work on which templates and policies at each workflow stage. In particular, you should strictly enforce rules governing who can put a template or a policy into production.

Always test every application template and administrative override in a contained environment before you deploy it to end-users. Testing helps you stage your changes and resolve any potential issues that would be much more costly to resolve were they to occur in production. Testing is particularly critical in large deployments: if you push out a misconfigured template or an incorrect administrative override network-wide, access to mission-critical applications may be lost enterprise-wide.

When setting up a contained test environment, create a dedicated test container to which only members of your development group will have access. Then, point the test ESSO-LM Agent(s) at this container and place your templates and administrative overrides in it. Once you confirm that the templates and policies are functioning as intended, move them to the target production container.

If you decide not to keep shadow copies of your templates after you test them, move them from the test container to target production containers as follows:

1. Pull down the template from the directory.
2. Create a local backup of the template.
3. Push the duplicate into the new location within the directory.
4. Delete the template from its original location.

Precautions for Configuring Object Access Control Lists (ACLs) Using the Console

When you modify an object's Access Control List (ACL) using the Console, the connection string (repository host name or IP) used to connect to the repository is treated by the Console as a unique repository identifier and recorded in the object. The Console is thus unable to distinguish between two unique repositories and two methods to connect to the same repository.

Because of this, if you use different connection strings for the same repository, e.g. an IP address and host name, the changes made to an object from one session to the next will be lost. To work around this issue in an LDAP environment, always use the same connection string (IP address *or* host name) when modifying object ACLs through the Console.

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Precautions for Upgrading the Agent and Console

To maintain template and settings compatibility throughout your environment, you should always use a version of the Console matching the oldest version of the Agent still deployed in production. Due to template schema changes between releases, older Agents may exhibit unexpected behavior when supplied a template created or modified by a newer version of the Console. For this reason, if you are upgrading to a newer release of ESSO-LM, Oracle highly recommends that you do not upgrade your Console until all deployed Agent installations have been upgraded.

Note: Even if you do not make any changes to a template, it is still rewritten using the currently installed Console's data schema when you push the template back to the repository.

Global Agent Settings vs. Administrative Overrides

The behavior of the ESSO-LM Agent, including its interaction with the directory, is governed by settings configured and deployed to the end-user machine by the ESSO-LM administrator using the ESSO-LM Administrative Console. The settings fall into one of the following categories:

- **Global Agent settings** are the "local policy" for the Agent; they are stored in the Windows registry on the end-user machine and are included in the ESSO-LM MSI package to provide the Agent with an initial configuration during deployment. Global Agent settings are stored in `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\Passlogix` (32-bit systems) or `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Wow6432Node\Software\Passlogix` (64-bit systems).

  > **Caution:** Users able to modify the HKLM hive can alter their global Agent settings and thus change the behavior of the Agent from the one originally intended.
  > To ensure that a setting will not be changed by the end-user, deploy it through an **administrative override**.

- **Administrative overrides** take precedence over the global Agent settings stored in the Windows registry and constitute the "domain" policy for the Agent. Overrides are downloaded from the central repository by the Agent during synchronization and stored in the Agent's encrypted and tamperproof local cache, which makes them immune to end-user alterations. When role/group security is enabled, administrative overrides can be applied on a per-user or per-group basis; they can also be applied enterprise-wide to enforce configuration consistency for all users.

  > **Note:** Be conservative when planning your administrative overrides. Fewer overrides mean less data to store and transfer, and thus more efficient synchronization with the central repository. Reducing the number of overrides also simplifies troubleshooting by eliminating unknowns, as administrative overrides cannot be viewed on the end-user machine.

Global Agent settings together with administrative overrides constitute the *complete* configuration policy for the Agent. The rest of this guide describes the recommended optimal configuration and complements the information found in the other *ESSO-LM Best Practices* guides.

> **Warning:** Settings such as domain names and user object paths should always be thoroughly tested before deployment and not deployed as administrative overrides unless absolutely necessary. A simple mistake, such as a mistyped domain name, can render end-user workstations unable to synchronize with the directory, in which case you will not be able to propagate a correction through the Console – changes will have to be made to user machines using other tools.

depicts a typical view of the ESSO-LM Administrative Console set up for synchronization with an LDAP directory.
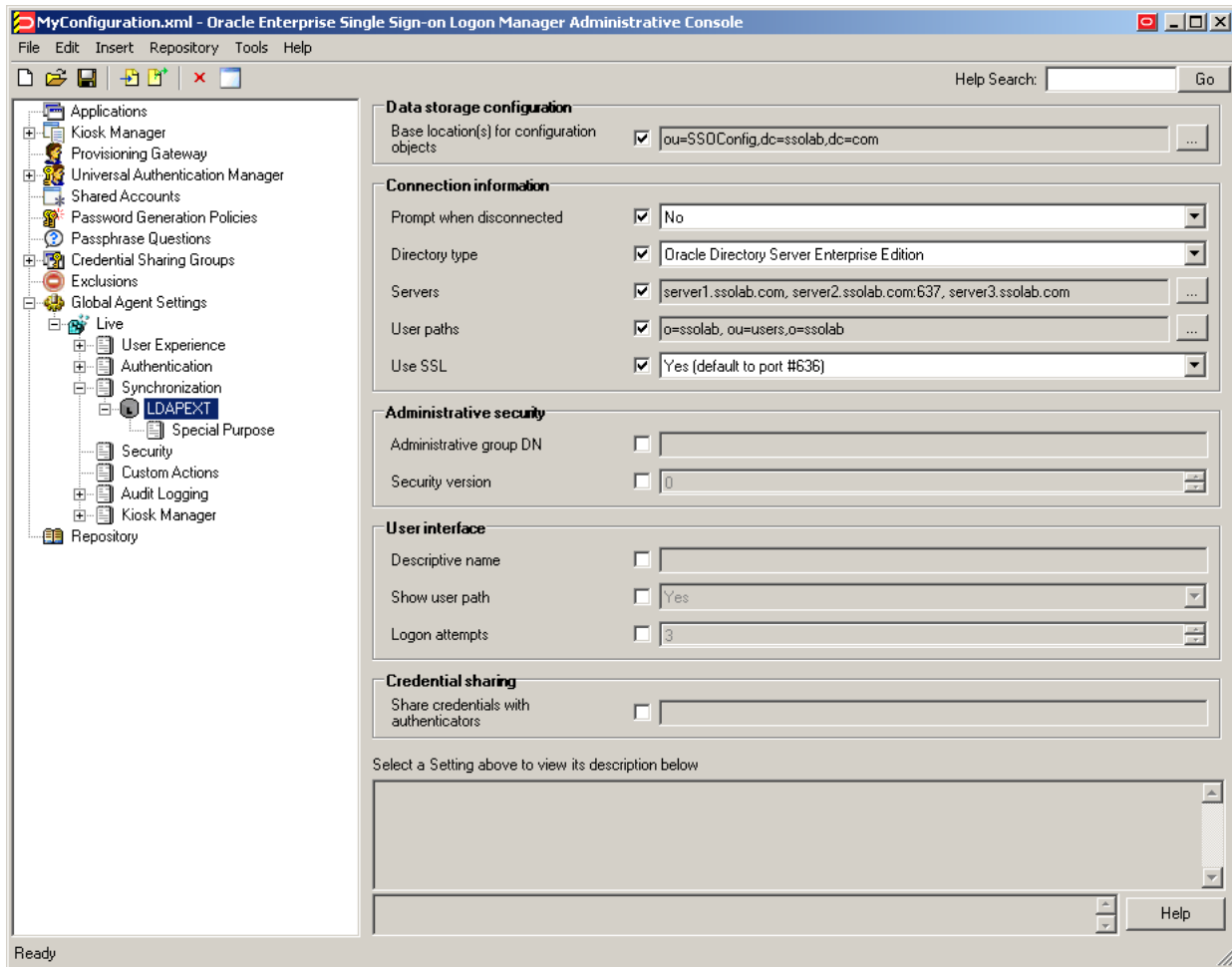
Figure 3 The ESSO-LM Administrative Console

The next section describes best practices for configuring ESSO-LM for synchronization with LDAP. If you need additional information on settings described in this guide, see the online help included with the Console.

Note: Before you begin, make sure that the ESSO-LM Agent and the LDAP synchronizer plug-in are installed on your machine; otherwise, AD settings will not be displayed in the Console. For installation instructions, see the installation guide for your version of ESSO-LM.

Tip: In a development or staging environment, disable the option **Check for publisher's certificate revocation** in Internet Explorer to eliminate a delay when the Console starts and your machine is not connected to the Internet. (The delay is caused by Internet Explorer attempting to look up the server's certificate and timing out when a certificate authority cannot be reached.) Do not disable this option on production machines.

The best practice for settings not described in this and other *ESSO-LM Best Practices* guides is to leave them at their default values, unless your environment dictates otherwise. The default value is

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automatically in effect whenever the check box for the setting in the ESSO-LM Administrative Console is *not* checked. The value is visible in the inactive field next to the check box.

Recommended Global Agent Settings

This section lists Oracle-recommended best-practice global Agent settings. Configure the settings as described below and include them in the customized ESSO-LM MSI package. (For instructions on creating the package, see the guide *Best Practices: Configuring ESSO-LM for Mass Deployment*.)

Select the Correct Repository Type

Before you begin configuring ESSO-LM's synchronization settings, you must inform ESSO-LM which supported directory you are using. This allows ESSO-LM to correctly interpret the repository structure and store its data without interfering with the repository's built-in data structures.

The available choices are:

- Unspecified LDAP Directory (default)
- Generic LDAP Directory
- Novell eDirectory
- Oracle Directory Server Enterprise Edition
- IBM Tivoli Directory Server
- Oracle Internet Directory
- Siemens DirX Directory Server

Note: If your repository is not listed above, select **Unspecified LDAP Directory** (default) from the drop-down list for backwards compatibility in upgrade scenarios; otherwise select **Generic LDAP Directory**.

Located in: Global Agent Settings → Live → Synchronization → LDAPExt

| Directory type | ☑ | Oracle Directory Server Enterprise Edition | ▼ |

To set: Select the check box, then select your repository from the drop-down list.

Configure a Server List with Desired Failover Order

In LDAP environments, server URLs must be explicitly provided to ESSO-LM. Oracle highly recommends using at least two physical directory servers and placing them behind a load balancer for automatic, transparent failover. If you choose not to use a load balancer, arrange the server URLs in order of geographic proximity to the end-user so that the performance hit due to physical distance between the end-user and the next available server is minimized. For more information on load balancing, see Load-Balancing an ESSO-LM Deployment.

Located in: Global Agent Settings → Live → Synchronization → LDAPExt

| Servers | ☑ | server1.ssolab.com, server2.ssolab.com:637, server3.ss | ... |

To set: Select the check box, click the (**…**) button, and enter the desired values (one per line) as shown below. When you are finished, click **OK**.


```
"Servers"                                              ×

server1.ssolab.com
server2.ssolab.com:687
server3.ssolab.com




        OK          Cancel          Help
```

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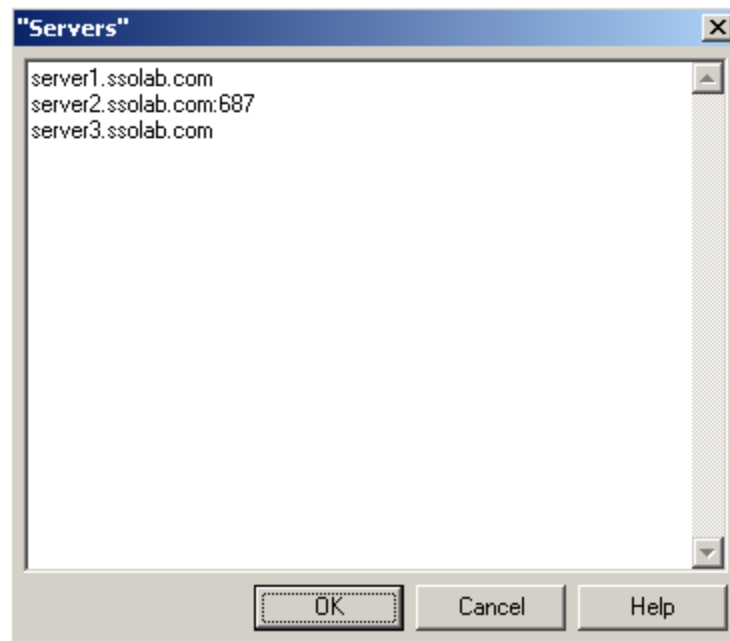
Specify the Path to the ESSO-LM Configuration Objects

You must specify the location of the ESSO-LM root container (which stores ESSO-LM configuration objects) for ESSO-LM to store data in Active Directory.

Located in: Global Agent Settings → Live → Synchronization → LDAPEXT

| Base location(s) for configuration objects | ☑ | ou=SSOConfig,dc=ssolab,dc=com | ... |

To set: Select the check box, click the (**...**) button, and enter the desired value.
When you are finished, click **OK**.

Use Configuration Objects

When deployed with an LDAP directory, ESSO-LM supports the use of directory objects for storing user and configuration data, allowing hierarchical storage, as well as role/group-based access control for individual containers, templates, and policies as described in Designing the ESSO-LM Directory Sub-Tree. If you disable this feature, ESSO-LM will store all template and configuration data as a single flat file in the ESSO-LM root container.

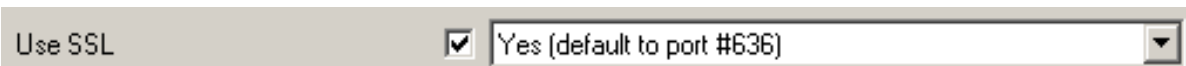**Located in:** Global Agent Settings → Live → Synchronization

| Use configuration objects | ☑ | Yes | ▼ |

To enable: Select the check box, then select **Yes** from the drop-down list.

Enable SSL Support

By default, the ESSO-LM LDAP synchronizer ships with SSL support disabled. Oracle highly recommends that you enable SSL support so that credentials passed between the user and the directory during LDAP authentication are encrypted. (When SSL is disabled, the credentials are passed as clear text and can be intercepted using a network sniffer.)

Located in: Global Agent Settings → Live → Synchronization → LDAPEXT

| Use SSL | ☑ | Yes (default to port #636) | ▼ |

To enable (if disabled): Deselect the check box.

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Specify the Path(s) to User Accounts

You must specify the location of the container(s) holding user accounts in your directory. If your directory stores user accounts in multiple locations, you can specify multiple paths. Follow the guidelines below when configuring this option:
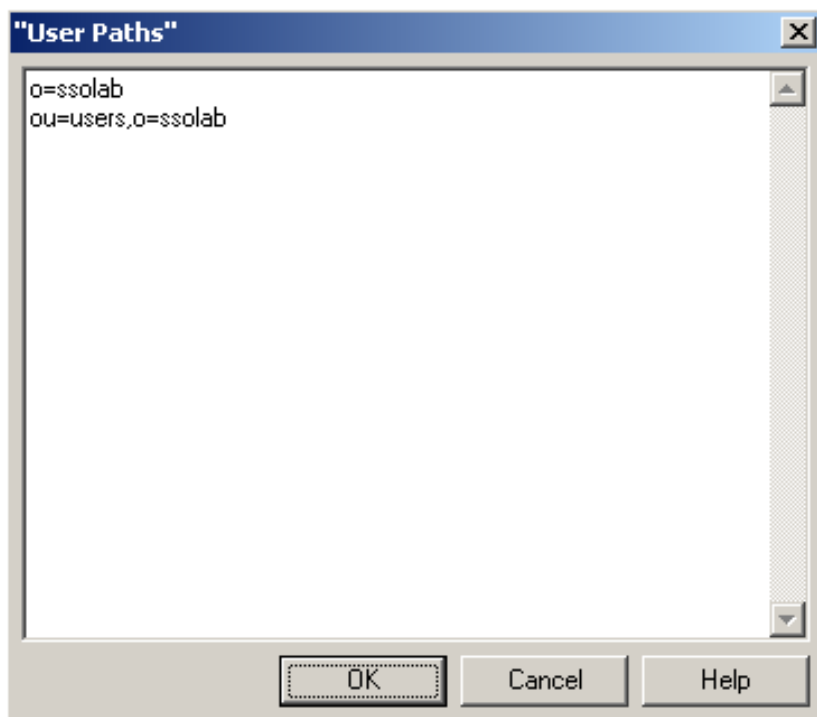
- When the Enable Directory Search for Users option is enabled, do not specify the directory root as a value here. Doing so will cause ESSO-LM to parse the entire directory if a user enters an invalid user name.
- When specifying paths, be as specific as possible to avoid extra account searches if the path you specify happens to be too broad. On the other hand, if the number of locations is excessive, it can help to specify a common parent container here to reduce the complexity of your configuration.

Located in: Global Agent Settings → Live → Synchronization → LDAPEXT

| User paths | ☑ | o=ssolab, ou=users,o=ssolab | ... |

To let ESSO-LM search for user accounts: deselect the check box (default setting).

To set: Select the check box, click the (**…**) button, and enter the desired values (one per line), as shown below. When you are finished, click **OK**.

Enable Directory Search for Users

If you do not want to specify exact paths to user accounts in your directory (for example, if they are spread out over a large number of locations), enable this option to allow ESSO-LM to search for user accounts within one or more locations set in Specify the Path(s) to User Accounts.

Located in: Global Agent Settings → Live → Synchronization → LDAPEXT → Special Purpose

Enable directory search for users	☑	Yes ▼

To set: Select the check box, then select **Yes** from the drop-down menu.

Set the Naming Attribute String

If you are using Novel eDirectory, you must set the value of the **Naming attribute string** option to `cn`. For other LDAP directories, consult your directory team to find out how to configure this option.

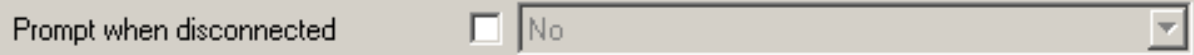**Located in:** Global Agent Settings → Live → Synchronization → LDAPEXT → Special Purpose

Naming attribute string	☑	cn

To set: Select the check box, then enter the desired value.

Decide Whether to Prompt the User when Disconnected from the Directory

Use the **Prompt when disconnected** option to decide whether ESSO-LM should prompt the user to re-authenticate to the directory upon authentication failure or disconnection. Oracle recommends that you leave this setting at its default value of **No**; doing so will avoid unnecessary confusion and helpdesk calls.

Located in: Global Agent Settings → Live → Synchronization → LDAPEXT

Prompt when disconnected	☐	No ▼

To set: Select the check box, then select the appropriate option from the drop-down list.

This option is directly related to the **Credentials to use** option described above and has no effect if **Allow disconnected operation** is set to **No**.

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Share LDAP Synchronizer Credentials with Authenticators

In certain scenarios, you can reduce the number of authentication prompts end users receive by sharing the LDAP synchronization credentials with one or more authenticators. See Selecting and Configuring an Authenticator.

Located in: Global Agent Settings → Live → Synchronization → LDAPEXT

Share credentials with authenticators	☑	LDAPAuth,MSAuth

To set: Select the check box, then enter the names of target authenticators, separated by commas.

Use the following authenticator identification strings, depending on the authenticator(s) in use:

Authenticator	Identification String
Windows v1	`WinAuth`
Windows v2	`MSAuth`
LDAP v1	`LDAP`
LDAP v2	`LDAPAuth`

Add the LDAP Synchronizer to the Synchronizer Order List

Ensure that the LDAP (`LDAPEXT`) synchronizer plug-in is present and enabled in the **Synchronizer Order** list if at least one of the following is true for your environment:

- ESSO-LM is synchronizing with more than one repository.
- ESSO-LM is using roaming synchronization.
- ESSO-KM is installed in your environment.

> **Note:** Instructions for configuring ESSO-LM for multi-repository and roaming synchronization, as well as installing and configuring ESSO-KM, are beyond the scope of this guide. For more information, see the documentation for your version of ESSO-LM and/or ESSO-KM.

Located in: Global Agent Settings → Live → Synchronization

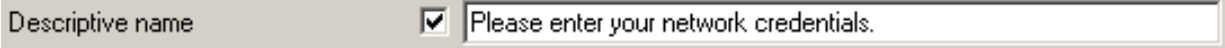| Synchronizer order	☑	LDAPEXT,ROAMSyncExt	...

To set: Select the check box, then click the (**...**) button. In the list that appears, select the checkbox next to **LDAPEXT** and click **OK**. Use the up/down arrows to set synchronization order as necessary.

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Set the Authentication Prompt Window Title

Oracle recommends that you use this option to give the directory authentication prompt a descriptive title so that end users know what credentials to enter when the prompt appears.

Located in: Global Agent Settings → Live → Synchronization → LDAPEXT

Descriptive name	☑	Please enter your network credentials.

To set: Select the check box, then enter the desired text.

Make the ESSO-LM Agent Wait for Synchronization on Startup

To ensure that users always have the most recent credentials, application templates, password policies, and administrative overrides, configure the Agent to wait for synchronization on startup. When this option is enabled, the Agent checks whether the directory is online. If the directory is online, the Agent does not respond to application logon requests until it successfully synchronizes with the directory. If the directory is offline, the Agent does not attempt to synchronize and starts immediately.

Located in: Global Agent Settings → Live → Synchronization

Wait for synchronization at startup	☑	Yes ▼

To set: Select the check box, then select **Yes** from the drop-down list.

Use Optimized Synchronization

Optimized synchronization instructs the ESSO-LM Agent to synchronize only credentials that have changed since the last synchronization. Do one of the following, depending on your environment:

- Enable this option to improve synchronization performance on deployments with large numbers of credentials per user.
- Disable this option to improve synchronization performance on deployments with fewer than five credentials per user and large number of templates downloaded per user.

Located in: Global Agent Settings → Live → Synchronization

Optimize synchronization	☐	Yes ▼

Use the default value (**Yes**) unless your environment requires otherwise.

Restrict Disconnected Operation

During deployment, configure the ESSO-LM Agent not to run if a connection to the directory cannot be established. This will prevent users from completing the First-Time Use (FTU) wizard when the Agent is not connected to the directory and no local cache is present. By not allowing the Agent to run when the directory is not available, you avoid a common situation in which a second set of encryption keys is created when a user completes the FTU wizard while disconnected from the directory.

> **Note:** See the guide *ESSO-LM Best Practices: Configuring the ESSO-LM Agent* for more information on this required best practice.

Located in: Global Agent Settings → Synchronization

Allow disconnected operation	☑	No ▼

To set: Select the check box, then select **No** from the drop-down list.

Recommended Administrative Overrides

Directory synchronization settings, such as domain names and object paths, should not be deployed as administrative overrides. (See Global Agent Settings vs. Administrative Overrides for an explanation.) The recommended best-practice overrides are described in the guide *ESSO-LM Best Practices: Configuring the ESSO-LM Agent*.

Part 2: Deployment Procedures

This part describes the most important procedures for deploying ESSO-LM with an LDAP directory.
It contains the following sections:

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Overview of the Deployment Process

This section provides a brief high-level overview of the ESSO-LM deployment process an LDAP directory. Make sure you have read all of the preceding sections of this document before proceeding with deployment. Deploying ESSO-LM with an LDAP directory requires you to:

1. Obtain the following documents:
   - The latest version of this document
   - *ESSO-LM Best Practices: Configuring the ESSO-LM Agent*
   - *ESSO-LM Best Practices: Packaging ESSO-LM for Mass Deployment*
   - *Installation and Setup* guide for your version of ESSO-LM
2. Install the ESSO-LM Agent and the ESSO-LM Administrative Console on a machine within your domain, as described in the installation guide for your version of ESSO-LM. Make sure you select the LDAP Synchronizer plug-in when installing the Agent.
3. Complete the steps in Preparing the Directory for ESSO-LM:
   a. Extend the directory schema with ESSO-LM classes and attributes.
   b. Create the `People` OU, which will store each user's application credentials.
   c. Create the `vGOLocator` object.
   d. Create the configuration object container and the desired tree structure.
4. Configure ESSO-LM as follows:
   a. Complete the steps in Selecting and Configuring an Authenticator.
   b. Complete the steps in Configuring the LDAP Synchronizer.
   c. Configure the options described in Recommended Global Agent Settings in this guide.
   d. Configure the options described in the guide *ESSO-LM Best Practices: Configuring the ESSO-LM Agent*.
   e. Test your configuration, as described in Testing the ESSO-LM Configuration.

   > **Note:** For detailed descriptions of the settings in question, see the Console's online help. The online help is available via the Console's **Help** menu.

5. On a test machine, do the following:
   - Create a pilot set of core templates and policies.
   - Finalize the end-user experience by testing each core template, global Agent setting, and administrative override that will be deployed into production.
6. Create a custom MSI package and deploy it to end-user machines by completing the steps in the guide *Best Practices: Packaging ESSO-LM for Mass Deployment*.
7. Create, test, and deploy the remaining application templates. See the *ESSO-LM Best Practices* guides *Template Configuration and Diagnostics* for the target application type (Windows, Web, or mainframe) for in-depth information on provisioning different types of applications.

Preparing the Directory for ESSO-LM

This section describes the basic procedures for preparing the directory for use with ESSO-LM. The preparation consists of extending your directory schema with ESSO-LM classes and attributes, allowing ESSO-LM to store credentials under respective user objects, and creating the desired tree structure. Before starting this procedure, make sure that you have installed the ESSO-LM Administrative Console, as described in the *Installation and Setup* guide for your version of ESSO-LM.

Step 1: Extending the Schema

1. Start the ESSO-LM Administrative Console. By default, the shortcut to the console is located in **Start → Programs → Oracle → ESSO-LM Console**.

   > **Note:** In a development or staging environment, disable the option **Check for publisher's certificate revocation** in Internet Explorer to eliminate a delay when the Console starts and your machine is not connected to the Internet. (The delay is caused by Internet Explorer attempting to look up the server's certificate and timing out when a certificate authority cannot be reached.) Do not disable this option on production machines.

2. In the Console, select **Extend Schema** from the **Repository** menu. The Console displays the "Connect to Repository" dialog.

3. In the **Server Name** field, enter a fully qualified IP address, hostname, or NetBIOS name of your schema master domain controller.
4. In the **Repository Type** drop-down list, select the desired LDAP directory type.
5. Enter the port number on which your directory is listening for connections. The default ports are 636 for SSL connections and 389 for non-SSL connections.
6. (Optional) If your network has been configured to use SSL, select the **Use secure channel (SSL)** option; otherwise, deselect it. (See Configure SSL Support for more information.)
7. In the **Username/ID** and **Password** fields, enter the credentials of the account you want ESSO-LM to use to connect to the directory. Depending on your environment, you may need to include the corresponding domain name as part of the user name, for example: `DOMAIN\user`.

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8. Click **OK** and wait for the Console to perform the schema extension. The Console displays a status dialog showing the progress. When the schema has been successfully extended, a confirmation message appears in the status dialog:
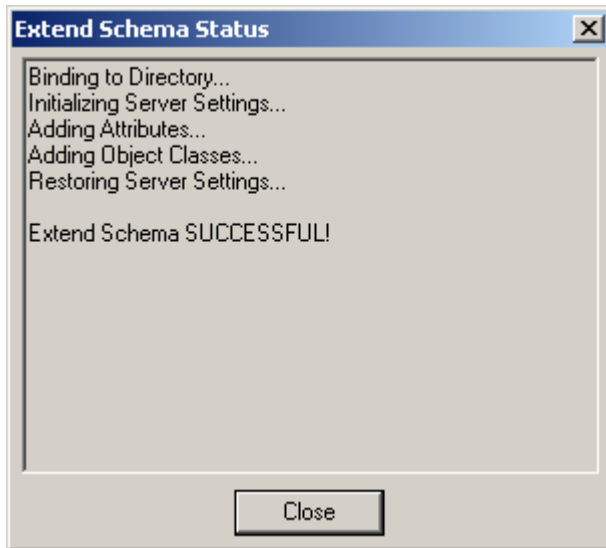

9. Click **Close**.

## Step 2: Creating the ESSO-LM Sub-Tree Root and the Configuration Object Container

> **Note:** While it is possible to use an existing container for storing ESSO-LM data, doing so may impair directory performance. Oracle highly recommends that you create a dedicated container as the sub-tree root.

1. In the ESSO-LM Administrative Console, select the **Repository** node in the tree.
2. Click the **Click here to connect** link in the right-hand pane. The Console displays the "Connect to Repository" dialog.
3. Fill in the fields as explained in steps 3–7 on page 29 and click **OK** to connect.

4. Create the container that will serve as the ESSO-LM sub-tree root:

   a. In the tree, right-click the desired parent container and select **New Container** from the context menu, as shown below:
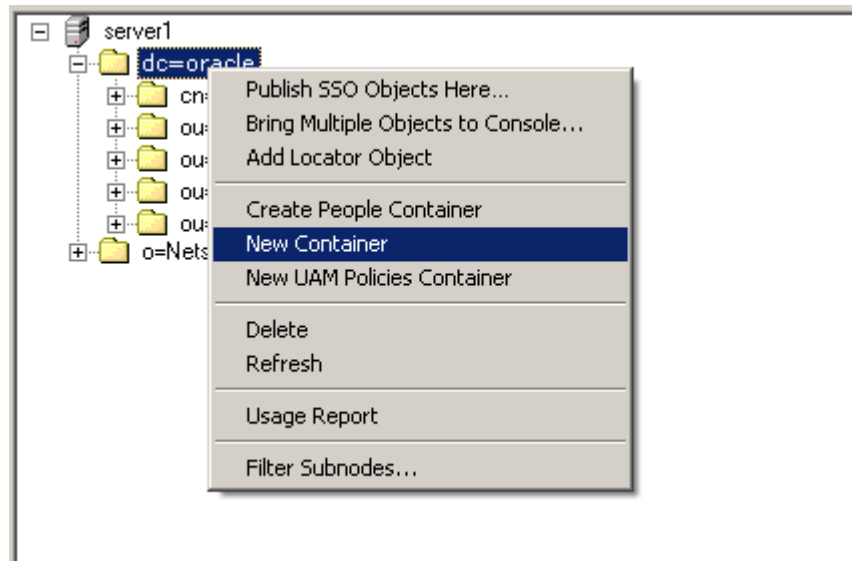
   The Console displays the "New Container" dialog:
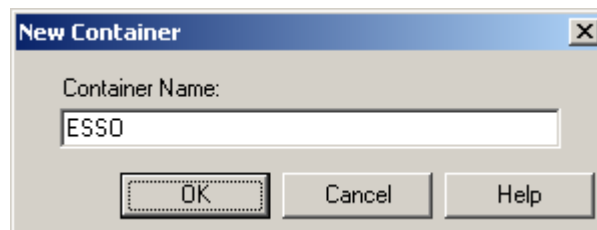
   b. In the "New Container" dialog, enter the desired name and click **OK**.

   Note: Unless your environment calls for a specific name this container, Oracle recommends that you use the default name, `ESSO`.

5. Create the ESSO-LM configuration object container (`SSOConfig`):
   a. In the tree, right-click ESSO-LM sub-tree root and select **New Container** from the context menu, as shown below:
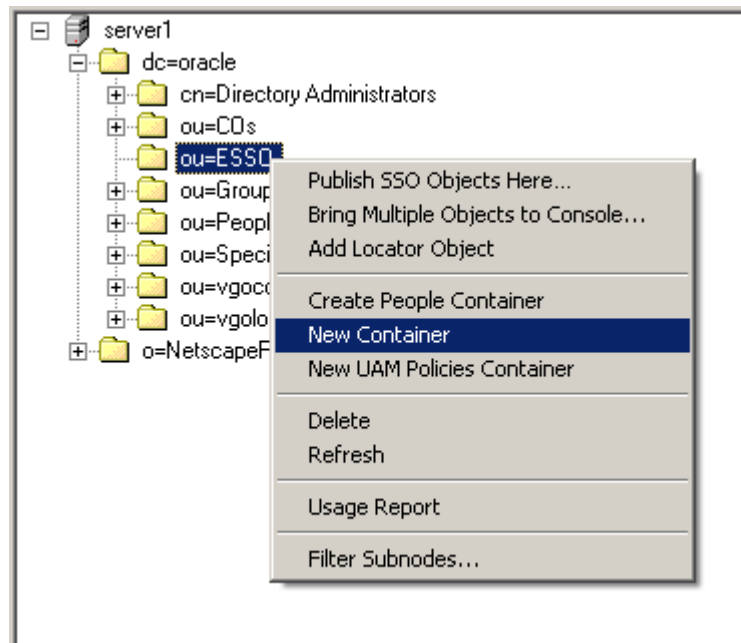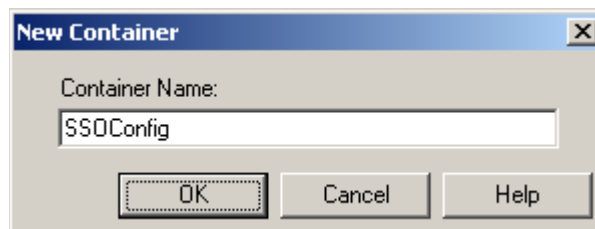

   b. The Console displays the "New Container" dialog:

   c. In the "New Container" dialog, enter the desired name and click **OK**.

> **Note:** Unless your environment calls for a specific name for this container, Oracle recommends that you use the default name, `SSOConfig`.

6. Repeat step 5 to create any additional containers you may need.

Step 3: Creating the `People` OU

You must create the `People` OU that will hold application credentials for ESSO-LM users. Oracle recommends placing the `People` OU inside the ESSO-LM sub-tree root.

> **Note:** Do *not* place the `People` OU inside the ESSO-LM configuration object container (`SSOConfig`). Doing so will cause ESSO-LM to parse the credentials of every ESSO-LM user when loading templates, placing a significant, unnecessary load on the directory.
>
> **Note:** Sun Directory Server stores user accounts in a container named `People` in the root of the directory. You must not use that container to store ESSO-LM application credentials; instead, create the ESSO-LM `People` OU in another parent container.

To create the `People` OU:

1. In the ESSO-LM Administrative Console, select the **Repository** node in the tree.
2. Click the **Click here to connect** link in the right-hand pane. The Console displays the "Connect to Directory" dialog. Fill in the fields as explained in steps 3–7 on page 29 and click **OK** to connect.
3. In the tree, right-click the root of the ESSO-LM sub-tree, and select **Create People Container**.
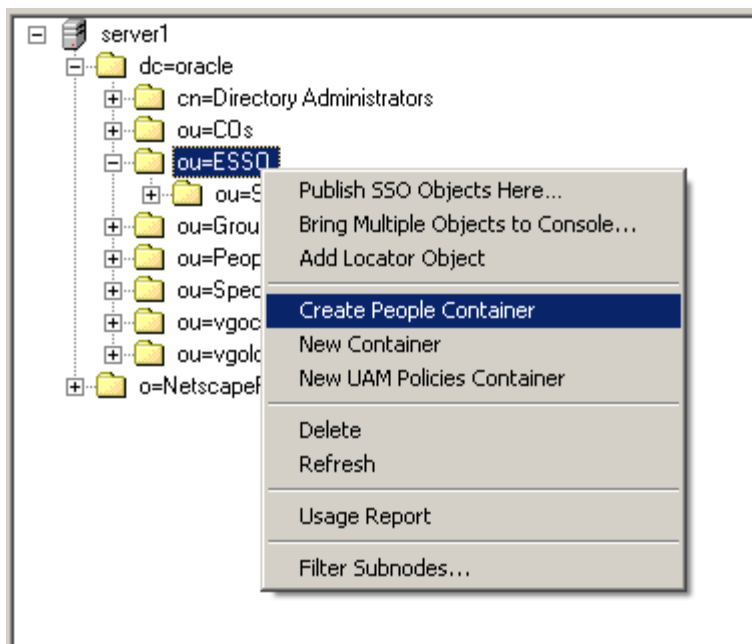
4. Verify that the `People` OU now exists at the target location.
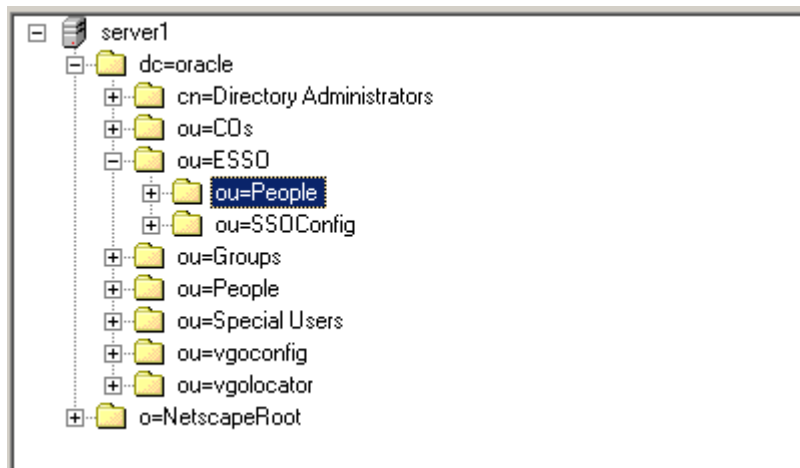
If the `People` OU does not appear after you complete the above steps, or if you receive errors indicating naming violations or other problems in the directory, consult the vendor documentation for your directory for possible causes and remedies.

## Step 4: Creating the `vGOLocator` Pointer Object

Once you have created the `People` OU, you must create the `vGOLocator` pointer object that will link user accounts to user application credentials stored in the `People` OU.

> **Note:** You *must* create the `vGOLocator` object at least at the same level as the container that holds user accounts. Ideally, `vGOLocator` should exist inside the directory's user accounts container.

To create the `vGOLocator` object:

1. In the ESSO-LM Administrative Console, select the **Repository** node in the tree.
2. Click the **Click here to connect** link in the right-hand pane. The Console displays the "Connect to Repository" dialog. Fill in the fields as explained in steps 3–7 on page 31 and click **OK** to connect.

3. In the tree, right-click your directory's user account container (`dc=oracle,ou=People` in our Sun Directory Server-based example) and select **Add Locator Object** from the context menu, as shown below:
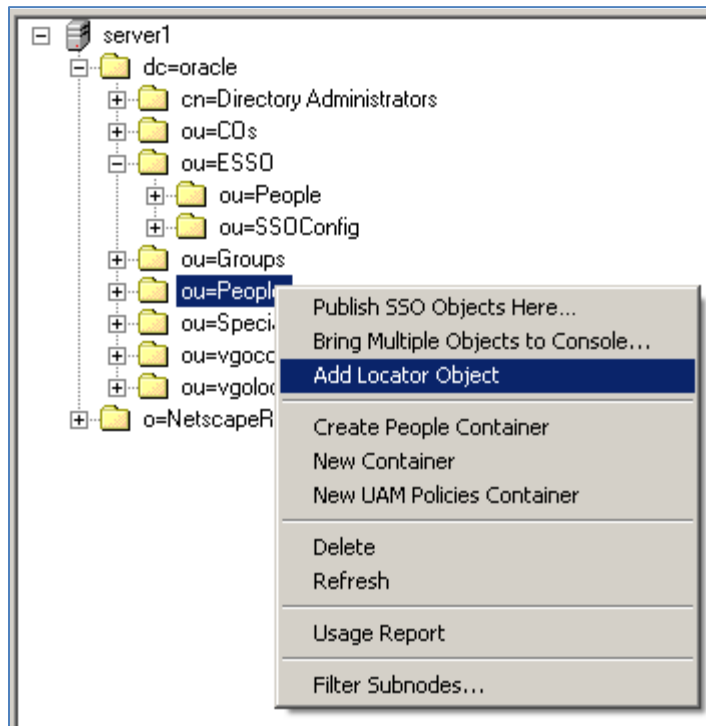
4. In the "Add Locator Object" dialog that appears, do the following:
   a. In the **Name** field, enter `default`.
   b. In the **Forwarding Location** field, enter the full path to the container that holds the `People` OU. (Alternatively, you may navigate to and select the target container using the tree.)
   c. Click **OK**.
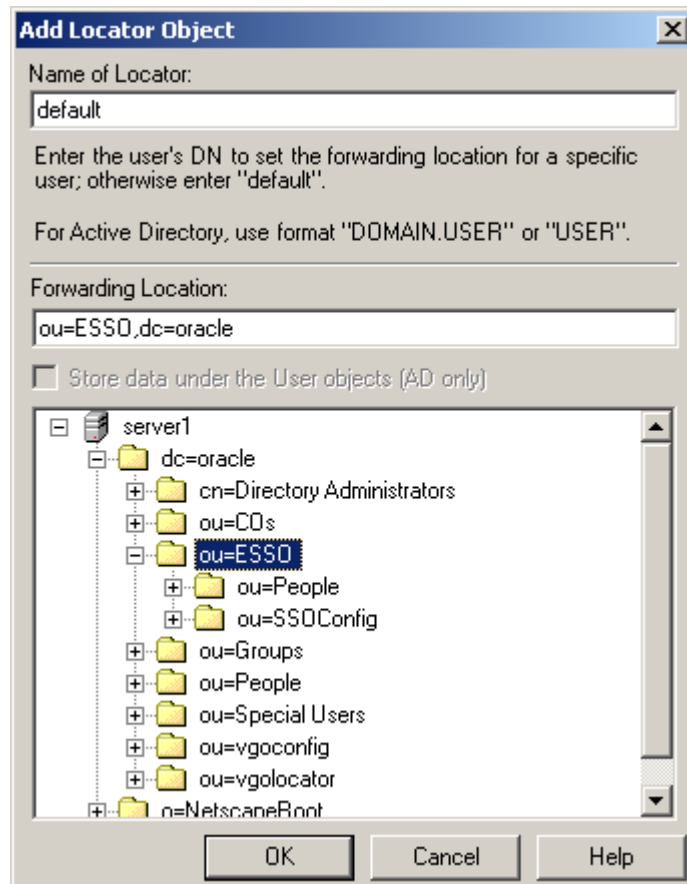
5. Verify that the `vGOLocator` object appears at the destination location.
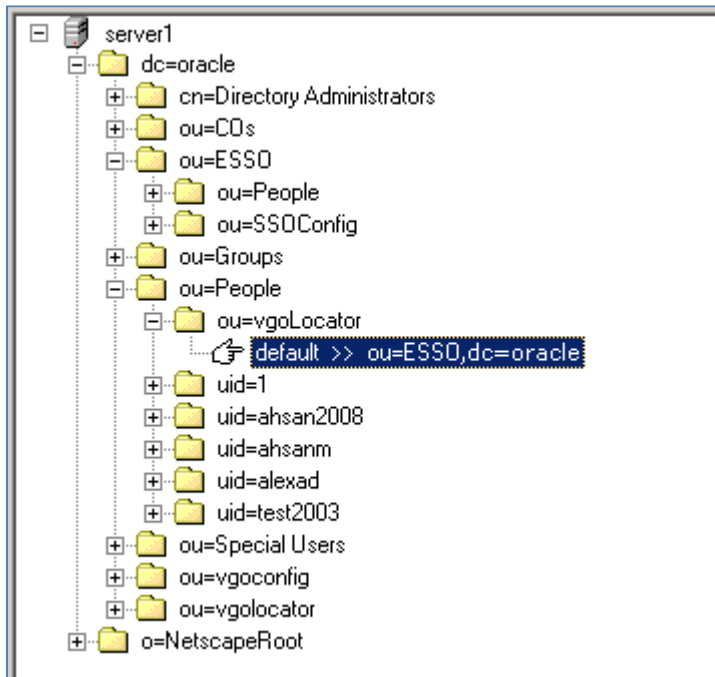
Selecting and Configuring an Authenticator

An authenticator is necessary to uniquely authenticate the user to ESSO-LM. In an LDAP environment, you have the choice to select one of the following authenticators, based on your configuration:

- **Windows Password Authenticator (Version 2).** Oracle highly recommends using this authenticator, as it allows to eliminate authentication prompts when the following conditions are met (see Share LDAP Synchronizer Credentials with Authenticators for more information):
  - The user has an Active Directory or NT domain account.
  - The LDAP directory credentials are synchronized with Active Directory or the NT domain.
- **LDAP Authenticator (Version 2).** Use this authenticator if you cannot uniquely identify the user based on the machine logon, for example in kiosk or other environments where users are logged in generically, or when the user has no Active Directory or NT domain account. Users will receive additional authentication prompts in this scenario unless their synchronization and user credentials are identical (see Share LDAP Synchronizer Credentials with Authenticators for more information).

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Configuring the LDAP Synchronizer

After you have prepared LDAP for ESSO-LM, you must configure the LDAP synchronizer for your environment. Configure these settings on your "template" client machine and include them in the MSI package you will use to deploy ESSO-LM to end-users. Before starting this procedure, make sure that the ESSO-LM Administrative Console and the ESSO-LM Agent (including the LDAP synchronizer plug-in) are installed.

> **Note:** Do not include application templates in the MSI package as they will not function in a directory-synchronized environment. The ability to include templates directly in the MSI package is for specialized use only. Instead, push them to the directory for automatic retrieval by the ESSO-LM Agent.

1. Launch the ESSO-LM Administrative Console.
2. In the left-hand pane, right click the **Global Agent Settings** node, then select **Import → From Live HKLM** from the context menu. The Console imports the current Agent settings from the Windows registry.
3. Configure the Agent as described in Recommended Global Agent Settings and Recommended Administrative Overrides.

   > **Note:** When the check box next to a setting is unchecked, the default value for the setting (shown grayed-out to the right of the check box) is in effect.

4. Save your configuration to an XML file for future reference. From the **File** menu, select **Save**, enter the desired file name, and click **Save**. If you change your settings, you can load this XML file into the Console to revert back to your original choices.
5. From the **Tools** menu, select **Write Global Agent Settings to HKLM**. The Console writes your changes to the registry and restarts the Agent.
6. Continue to the next section to complete the configuration of ESSO-LM.

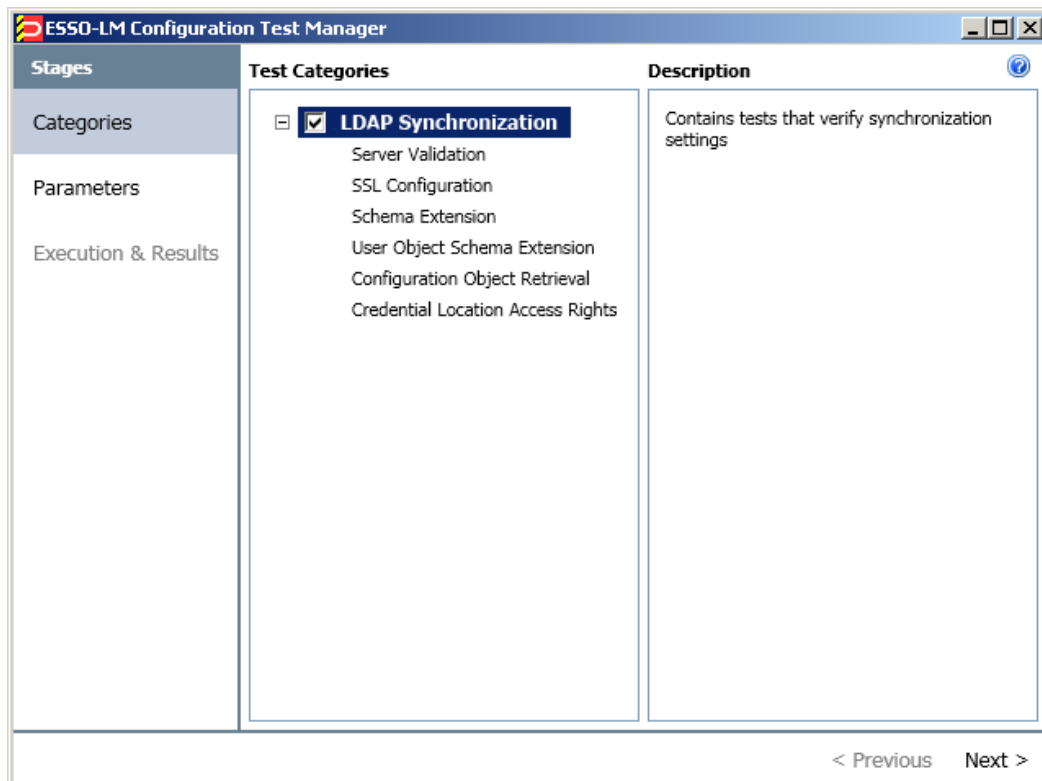# Testing the ESSO-LM Configuration

Once you have finished configuring your ESSO-LM configuration, complete the following steps to test it and correct any errors that might prevent ESSO-LM from functioning:

1. Launch the ESSO-LM Administrative Console.
2. In the left-hand pane, right click the **Global Agent Settings** node, then select
   Import → From Live HKLM from the context menu. The Console imports the current Agent settings from the Windows registry.
3. From the **Tools** menu, select **Test Global Agent Settings**.
4. Read the warning that appears and click **OK** to proceed:
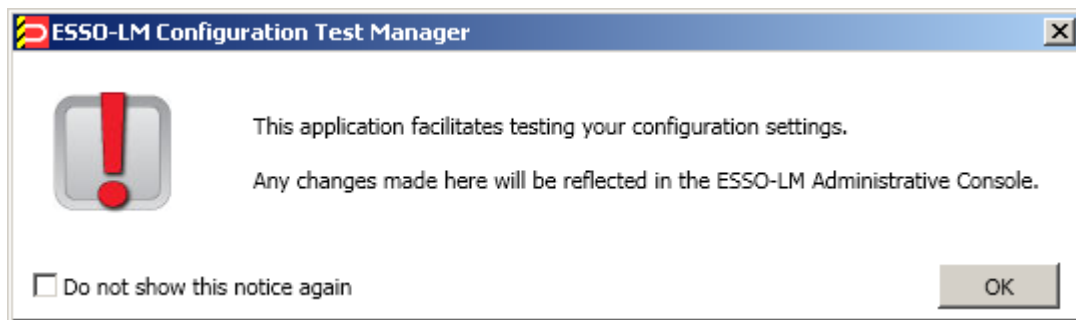
5. The "ESSO-LM Configuration Test Manager" window appears. Follow the instructions in the window to test your configuration and correct any errors. For more information on each option, select the **Help** (question mark) button in the upper right corner of the window.

Next Steps

Read the guides *Best Practices: Configuring the ESSO-LM Agent* and *Best Practices: Packaging ESSO-LM for Mass Deployment* to complete the configuration of ESSO-LM and deploy it to end-user machines.

Part 3: Appendices

This part contains material supplementing the information contained earlier in this guide.
It contains the following appendices:

- [Appendix A: Minimum Administrative Rights for ESSO-LM Directory Objects](#)
- [Appendix B: ESSO-LM Directory Classes and Attributes](#)

Appendix A: Minimum Administrative Rights for ESSO-LM Directory Objects

This appendix lists the minimum administrative rights that must be granted to specific ESSO-LM objects for ESSO-LM to function.

> **Note:** Information in this appendix is provided for your reference. By default, ESSO-LM automatically sets the appropriate rights when you extend your directory schema.
> If necessary, these rights can be manually granted and modified directly in the directory using the appropriate directory vendor's tool.

Minimum Administrative Rights Required by ESSO-LM Containers

You must grant the following administrative rights to each container in which you want ESSO-LM to store templates, policies, and other configuration items:

- List Contents
- Read All Properties
- Write All Properties
- Delete
- Read Permissions
- Modify Permissions
- Modify Owner
- Create `vGOConfig` Objects
- Delete `vGOConfig` Objects
- Create Organizational Unit Objects
- Delete Organizational Unit Objects

Minimum Administrative Rights Required for Credential Auditing

You must grant the following administrative rights to `vGOUserData` and `vGOSecret` objects to audit user credentials:

For `vGOUserData` objects:

- List Contents
- Read All Properties

For `vGOSecret` objects:

- List Contents
- Read All Properties

Minimum Administrative Rights Required for Credential Deletion

You must grant the following administrative rights to `vGOUserData` and `vGOSecret` objects in order to delete user credentials:

> **Note:** Users able to delete credentials are automatically able to audit them.

For `vGOUserData` objects:

- List Contents
- Read All Properties
- Delete
- Delete Subtree
- Delete All Child Objects

For `vGOSecret` objects:

- List Contents
- Read All Properties
- Delete
- Delete Subtree
- Delete All Child Objects

Appendix B: ESSO-LM Directory Classes and Attributes

This appendix describes the directory classes, attributes, and access rights that ESSO-LM adds to your directory during schema extension.

vGOUserData

`vGOUserData` objects are containers that store application credentials. (Credentials are stored as objects of type `vGOSecret`.)

Attributes:

Attribute Name	Syntax	Flag
vGOSecretData	Case Ignore String	Singled Valued, Synchronize
vGORoleDN	Not Used	
Other optional attributes	ou, dn, cn, o	

Access rights: Users can read and write the above attributes under their own user objects. The administrator has full rights but will not be able to read the encrypted children (`vGOSecret`) of this object.

vGOSecret

`vGOSecret` objects store all user secrets, including an object that stores each user's application credentials and deleted objects. This is added to the `vGOUserData` object as an auxiliary class.

Attributes:

Attribute Name	Syntax	Flag
vGOsecretData	Case Ignore String	Singled Valued, Synchronize
vGOSharedSecretDN	Not Used	
Other optional attributes	ou, dn, cn, o	

Access rights: As inherited from the `vGOUserData` object, plus: all users can read this object; only the owner can write to this object; and only the owner or an administrator can delete this object.

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vGOConfig

`vGOConfig` objects are containers that store ESSO-LM configuration objects such as application templates, password generation policies, and administrative overrides.

Attributes:

Attribute Name	Syntax	Flag
`vGOConfigType`	Case Ignore String	Singled Valued, Synchronize
`vGOConfigData`	Case Ignore String	Singled Valued, Synchronize
`vGORoleDN`	Not Used	
Other optional attributes	ou, dn, cn, o	

Access rights: All users have read-only rights to the attributes within this object.
The administrator has full rights.

vGoLocatorClass

`vgoLocatorClass` is a pointer object class. Objects of this class point the ESSO-LM Agent to the location in which user credentials should be stored.

Attributes:

Attribute Name	Syntax	Flag
`vGOLocatorAttribute`	Case Ignore String	Single Valued
Other optional attributes	dn, cn, o	

Access rights: All users have read, compare, and search rights to these attributes for all objects of this class; the administrator has all rights.

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