AMX Tutorial Sage 50 HR as an Identity Source

This tutorial uses Sage 50 HR to show AMX facilities for extracting identites from a MySQL database:

- Export Employees from Sage as a CSV file and use IdentityReport to read it.
- Export a Sage Report as a CSV file and use IdentityReport to read it.
- Create a new administrative account in the Sage MySQL database.
- Extract employees from the Sage MySQL database.
- Using the Employment Ended On date to determine employment status active / terminated

AMX runs on Windows and must be setup as shown in the AMX Tutorial Setup document. In this tutorial identityReport and identitySync are run from the Command Line using AMXRun which sets the environment variables.

1. Export Employees from Sage as a CSV file.

AMX, specifically identitySync uses an Authoritative Source of Identities to synchronise the accounts in a resource. In this tutorial Sage will be used as the identity source. This exercise will use Sage to provide a CSV file of identities.

In the Sage 50 HR menu, select File, Data Export to export employee data to a CSV file. Save as EmployeeExport.csv or similar in the Tutorial1 directory. 80 attributes are exported, useful attributes for identitySync or accountMatch are for example:

- Title
- Surname
- Forename 1
- Forename 2
- Initials
- Known As
- Works Number

- Employment Type
- Job Title
- Employment Telephone
- Employment Mobile
- Employment Email

Export the report as a CSV file. Notice that the export does potentially contain a lot of personally identifiable data, and if this information is present the export is not suitable for use outside of the HR department.

Title, Surname, Forename 1, Forename 2, Initials, Known As, Address 1, Address 2, Address 3, Address 4, Address 5, Address 6, Post Code, Personal Telephone, Personal Mobile, Personal Email, Approval given for release, Ethnic Origin, Nationality, Other Surname, Marital Status, Sex, NI Number, Disabled, Disability Reg No, Date of Birth, Expected to Retire, Car Reg No, Driving Licence, Driving Licence Date, Employment Started On, Employment Ended On, Works Number, Employment Type, Job Title, Grade, On Hold, Employment Telephone, Employment Mobile, Employment Email, Employment Email Password, Pay Frequency, Payment Method, Tax Code, Contracted Hours, Contracted Hours Period, Salary, Bank Name, Bank Address 1, Bank Address 2, Bank Address 3, Bank Address 4, Bank Address 5, Bank Address 6, Bank Post Code, Bank Telephone, Bank Fax, Bank Email, Bank Account Type, Building Society Roll Number, Bank Account Name, Bank Account Number, Bank Sort Code, Eligible To Work In UK, Passport Number, Work Permit Number, Work Permit Date, Statement of Employment Required, Notice Period Details, Period of Employment, Period of Employment Until, Temporary Periods, Temporary Periods Type, Period of Employment Details, SSP Terms, SSP Terms Details, Holiday Year is Based on, Holiday Entitlement is in, Normal Working Hours per Day, Notes

"Miss.", "McGarey", "Fiona",, "F",, "8 Roker Park", "South Shields", "Tyne and Wear", "", "NE33 4ST", "0191 278

1188","","fmc@black.cats","N","Asian","British","","Single","Female","BA482468B","Y",,"12/08/1971",,"K707 PPP",,,"15/07/1997",,"1","Contractor","Analyst","D13","Active",,,,"Monthly","BACS","599P",37.0000,"Week" ,20000.0000,"Barclays Bank Limited","1 The Square","The Town","The County","",","AB1 2AZ","","","Bank Account","","F. McGarey","12345678","10-10-10","N",,,"","Y",,,"",0,"",,"","Employee Start Date","Days",7.00,

"Mr", "McTernan", "Andrew", "Robert", "AR",, "35 St. James Crescent", "Westerhope", "Newcastle upon Tyne", "", "NE5 3DR", "0191 566 2352", "", "N", "", "N", "", "", "Single", "Male", "JE875764C", "N",, "12/11/1976",,,,, "01/02/1999",, "2", "Full-

time","Senior Analyst","D14","Active",,,,,"Weekly","BACS","461L",30.0000,"Week",18000.0000,"Midland Bank","333 Friar Avenue","Westerhope","Newcastle upon Tyne","","","NE5 7EQ","0191 184 4814","0191 184 4815",,"Bank Account","","A.R. McTernan","00045560","62-07-75","N",,,"","Y",,,"",0,"",,"","Employee Start Date","Days",7.00,

The column attribute names can be used to create a schema, which is SageSchema1.txt.

Copy the CSV file to the Tutorials1 directory or change the CSVIdentityResource1 property to contain the full path to the CSV file.

Right click on AMX Run in the Start Programs menu or AMXRun.bat in the installation directory bin, and Run as Administrator.



In the command prompt run identityReport

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Finished Thu, 23 Jun 2016 19:16:15 GMT

C:\AMX\Tutorial1>

Review the report in IdentityReportSageHR1.csv. If IdentityReport can read the file so can IdentitySync.

2. Export a Sage Report as a CSV file.

Using the Sage Report Designer wizard, a custom report can be created that includes the job description and the manager details. This is not a Sage Report Designer tutorial, this is a simple example.

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Export the report as a CSV file, for example EmployeeReport.csv. Notice that the CSV has no headers.

"Fiona", "McGarey",,,1, "Analyst", "Miss.",, "Active", "Ian", "Chandler", "Andrew", "McTernan",, "Robert",2, "Senior Analyst", "Mr",, "Active", "Fiona", "McGarey", "Paul", "Davison",,,3, "Sales Rep", "Mr",, "Active", "Derek", "Bradley", "Judith", "Hart",,,4, "Sales Manager", "Mrs",, "Active", "Tracey", "Neilson", "Ann" "Derek", "Bradley",,,5, "Technician", "Mr",, "Active", "Vanessa", "Jordan", "David", "Fairhurst",,,6, "Sales Rep", "Mr", "25/06/2007", "Leaver", "Tracey", "Neilson", "Ann" "Tracey", "Neilson",, "Ann", 7, "Sales Manager", "Mrs",, "Active",, "Vanessa", "Jordan",,,8, "Marketing Manager", "Miss.",, "Active",,, "John", "Bampton",,,9, "Analyst", "Mr",, "Active",,

The sequence in the CSV is as designed in the report. The columns are:

firstname, lastName, knownAs, middleName, EmployeeID, job, title, leaveDate, active, managerFirstName, managerLastName, managerMiddleName.

The column attribute names can be used to create a schema, which is SageSchema2.txt. Alter the schema to suite any differences you have made to the report. Notice the staging attribute names are the column numbers starting at 0.

Copy or move the report file to the Tutorials1 directory or change the CSVIdentityReource1 property to contain the full path to the CSV file.

In the command prompt run identityReport

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C:\AMX\Tutorial1>

Review the report in IdentityReportSageHR2.csv.

3. Create a new administrative account on MySQL

It will be necessary to create a database account for AMX with the appropriate read privileges. The Sage install changes the default database password for root. You may need the help of the MySQL Database administrator.

Restart the database with the start-up parameter --skip-grant-tables as described in http://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/5.7/en/resetting-permissions.html

Step1 stop the database service SageMySQL this also stops Sage 50 HR Service and while this is stopped no-one can use Sage HR.

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OK Cancel Apply										

Step 2 Open a command prompt cd to the Sage directory and restart the database with the skip-grant-tables option. Control is not returned while the database is running.

C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\Sage\MySQL\bin>mysqld-nt.exe --defaults-file ="C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\Sage\MySQL\my.ini" --skip-grant-tables Step 3 Open another command prompt and login without a password.

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C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\Sage\MySQL\bin>mysql
Welcome to the MySQL monitor. Commands end with ; or \g.
Your MySQL connection id is 1
Server version: 5.0.40-enterprise-nt MySQL Enterprise Server (Commercial)
Type 'help;' or '\h' for help. Type '\c' to clear the buffer.
mysql> flush privileges;
Ouery OK, 0 rows affected (0.01 sec)
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mysql>

Step 4 create an administrative account, grant access to at least the tables Person, Employment, JobTitleLookup. To avoid having to do this procedure again, an account with full access.

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mysql> create user 'admin'@'%' identified by 'secret';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.06 sec)
mysql> grant all privileges on *.* to 'admin'@'%' with grant option;
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
mysql> create user 'philn'@'%' identified by 'secret';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.06 sec)
mysql> Grant select on hr_company_0001.Person to 'philn'@'amx';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
mysql> Grant select on hr_company_0001. Employment to 'philn'@'amx';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
mysql> Grant select on hr_company_0001. JobTitleLookup to 'philn'@'amx';
Query OK, 0 rows affected (0.00 sec)
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mysql> exit Bye

C:\Program Files (x86)\Common Files\Sage\MySQL\bin>

Step 5 Close the CMD windows to stop the database. Restart the service and the Sage 50 HR Service.

4. Test Connection

Use DbVisualiser or similar tool to test the connection. Notice the port is 4197 rather than the default 3306



Errors such as "Unable to connect to any of the specified MySQL hosts", are typically caused by the wrong port or a firewall blocking access on the SageHR server. If dbVisualizer can connect AMX will be able to as well.

5. Review Views and Tables

Every HRMS system is different, AMX need the name of the view or table holding the employee details. In this case the table Person has been used as a richer source of information than the view. Tables Employment and JobTitleLookup were found to have the complete set.



6. Extract the Employees from MySQL

A select such as

select

AddressID, e.ReportsToID, p.PrimaryKey, PersonKnownAs, j.JobTitleLookupDescription, PersonFirstName, PersonMidd

leNames,PersonInitials,PersonSurname,e.EmploymentLeaveDate from Person as p left join Employment as e on
p.PrimaryKey = e.PersonID left join JobTitleLookup as j on e.JobTitleLookupID = j.PrimaryKey

returns the person's names, manager and job.

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Duplicating this with Identity Resource. Review the Sage3.properties file.

Change the system name in the Resource property

1. Change the administrator in the User property and create a file MySQLPasswd1.txt and add the password to the first line. The password will be encrypted when identitySync or identityReport first runs.

Note the SelectFrom property has the tables and joins from the select statement used in dbVisualizer. If you want to add additional information from other tables add the attribute to the schema SageSchema3.txt and add the table to the SelectFrom property with a suitable join. The most efficient way is to develop the select statement in a tool like dbVisualizer first.

In the command prompt run IdentityReport

C:\AMX\Tutorial1>identityReport.exe SageHR3.properties Begins Thu, 23 Jun 2016 19:45:27 GMT identityReport DatabaseIdentity1 SageHR Extracted 25 Identities DatabaseIdentity Finished Thu, 23 Jun 2016 19:45:28 GMT Total of 25 Identities

Finished Thu, 23 Jun 2016 19:45:28 GMT

C:\AMX\Tutorial1>

The extract will be in the file IdentityReportSageHR3.csv

Using the end_date to determine employment status active / terminated

The leaving date or ending date is the employee's last day at work. Normally access to email and applications continues until the end of the last day.

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AMX processes the leave date to determine the active attribute. Using the leave date as extracted from the Sage HR system will cause the active attribute to have the value Inactive on the last day.

7. Using the Employment Ended On date

7.1 Raw Leaving Date

Open SageSchema3.txt with a text editor. The raw leaving date will be reported by the active attribute is:

e.EmploymentLeaveDate, active

Run the IdentityReport SageHR3.properties, and review the report IdentityReportSageHR3.csv. The active attribute value is the leaving date. Find a leaver and notice it is in the format 24/06/2016 00:00:00

7.2 Leaving date and Time

Edit the SageSchema3.txt file and truncate the leave date to remove the time.

e.EmploymentLeaveDate,active;truncate10

Run the IdentityReport SageHR3.properties, and review the report IdentityReportSageHR3.csv. The active attribute value is the leaving date. Notice it is now the format 24/06/2016

identitySync will disable an account if the end date is in the future. This will disable a person's accounts on their leaving date which is unsuitable, so the end date can be transformed to include a time. Edit the SageSchema3.txt file and truncate the leave date and then add a suitable time to disable the account. The replace is a regular expression which will match a 10 character string and replace it with the string and an append of 17:30:00. Blank values remain blank.

e.EmploymentLeaveDate,active;truncate10;replace/(\S{10})/\$1 17:30:00/

Run the IdentityReport SageHR3.properties, and review the report IdentityReportSageHR3.csv. The active attribute value is the leaving date. Notice it is now the format 24/06/2016 17:30:00 and no other blank dates have the time added.

7.3 The endDate attribute flag

Edit the schema SageSchema3.txt file and truncate the leave date and then add a suitable time to disable the account and flag it as an endDate. The endDate flag will evaluate the current time, if it is later than the leaving date and time the value will be active=N.

e.EmploymentLeaveDate,active;truncate10;replace/(\S{10})/\$1 17:30:00/;enddate

Run the IdentityReport SageHR3.properties, and review the report IdentityReportSageHR3.csv. The active attribute value is Y or N for any identity with a leaving date.

Edit the SageSchema3.txt file and add a lookup. The lookup will replace a blank value with Y

e.EmploymentLeaveDate,active;truncate10;replace/(\S{10})/\$1 17:30:00/;enddate;lookup=Active.txt

Run the IdentityReport SageHR3.properties, and review the report IdentityReportSageHR3.csv. The active attribute value is Y or N for every identity and will remain active until 17:30 on the last day.