

The configuration files

In this document the default root directory **C:\DIS** is assumed but your root directory might be different. There are two kinds of configuration files: cmd and ctl. The ctl files are covered in a separate document. The cmd files should work “out of the box” but this document tells you how to change them if you need to.

1. **DBconfigure_javapath.cmd**

The dashboard needs the Java runtime. Open a command window and type “java -version”. If Java is not installed then download the JRE from the Downloads page and unzip the file to C:\ then open C:\DIS\DB\DASH\DB_configure\run\bin\DBconfigure_javapath.cmd and set JREPATH to this directory. You may also need to do this if Java is installed but the version is too low (the dashboard will tell you). This is a private variable so other Java applications are not affected.

2. **DBconfigure_jdbc_timeouts.cmd**

You can probably leave this file unchanged. It specifies the time to wait, in seconds, before raising a timeout when connecting to a database and when executing a query. The numbers should be set as low as possible without giving false reds when the network is working normally.

3. **DBconfigure_preferences.cmd**

You can usually leave this file unchanged. It provides paths and other settings used by the .cmd files. The only setting you might want to change is arg_REFRESH. This should not be set too low if there are many databases.

4. **DBconfigure_local_preferences.cmd**

Gives the location of DBconfigure_local_preferences.temp.cmd which you can use to locally override preferences such as the TRACE flag. This can be useful for testing settings such as arg_REFRESH before changing them in DBconfigure_preferences.cmd which should only be changed when you are sure.

5. **DBconfigure_CTLFILE6_REMOTE.cmd**

This file is used if you remove the file CTLFILE6 to a safe place. For example you might deploy the dashboard to a DropBox which is fine so long as you do not include CTLFILE6. Then you can edit this configuration file and set its variable to point to the safe location of CTLFILE6. No matter where CTLFILE6 is placed it should be accessible only to authorized persons such as the DBA. See the installed document C:\DIS\DB\DB_doc\install\Adding_logins_to_CTLFILE6 for advice on how to protect the file.

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