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# Web Services and Applications Deployment Guide

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Web Services supports Cassandra authentication. Authentication validates incoming user connections to the Cassandra database. Implementing Cassandra authentication requires you to do some configuration in Cassandra and in Web Services.

## Configure Cassandra authentication

The user login accounts and their passwords required for authentication are managed inside the **cassandra.yaml** file. Configure Cassandra authentication according to [Datastax documentation](#).

## Web Services configuration

To support Cassandra authentication, open the **application.yaml** file and provide the appropriate credentials. For example:

```
cassandraCluster:  
  thrift_port: 9160  
  jmx_port: 7199  
  ...  
  userName: <super user name>  
  password: <super user password>  
  ...
```

### Important

- To save backward compatible behavior when the username or password is not provided, GWS will try to connect to Cassandra in anonymous way.
- You might also want to [encrypt the password](#) for added security.