

Blacknest Data System (BDS)

BdsAdminGui Program – 1.0.0 - 2008-02-25

1. Introduction

The BdsAdminGui program provides a simple GUI application that provides for basic BDS system administration. It allows the Seismic Meta Data to be interrogated and modified and the Seismic Sensor data viewed. It also provides User account administration and changes and data log listings .The BdsAdminGui daemon is a client of the BdsServer and connects through the AdminAccess API in order to fetch and manipulate the requested data.

2. Usage

The BdsAdminGui program can be run by any user that has “admin” permissions to access the BDS system. The BdsAdminGui program accepts the following command line options:

-help	Help on command line parameters
-host <hostname>	BDS Server host name
-user <user:password>	The BDS user id and password

The BdsAdminGui program will read the BDS_HOST environment variable at start-up. This variable, if set, defines the default BdsServer host name to contact. The default is “localhost” if this is not set. If the user and/or password is not given on the command line then the program will present a login Dialog box in order to provide this information.

The BdsAdminGui application is written using the Qt widget set and conforms to standard GUI application practice. The main window provides a set of tabs that allow each of the major functions to be accessed. The major functions and there basic operation is listed below.

2.1. Networks

This tab provides the ability to view, modify, append and delete Seismic Network organisations.

2.2. Stations

This tab provides the ability to view, modify, append and delete Seismic Stations. Stations can be a “station” or an “array” of Stations. In the case of an “array” there is a list of stations that are associated with this array. Each Station has a set of physical locations based on a period of time and Network.

2.3. Channels

This tab provides the ability to view, modify, append and delete Seismic Channels. There is a simple set of selection criteria given at the top of the tab. This defines the period of time, the Network, Station/Array and Channel. When the “Update” button is clicked then the set of channels selected is displayed.

Each channel's values can then be viewed, modified or deleted. For each channel there is a set of Instruments defined, a set of Calibration values and a set of Frequency responses.

2.3.1. Instruments

Each Channels Instrument consists of an associated Digitiser and Sensor. The digitiser and sensor can be unique to a channel or they could be shared amongst other channels. The program provides the ability to create a new digitiser or sensor by cloning an existing digitiser or simply entering the details. It also provides the ability to link to an existing digitiser/sensor to share it with another channel.

Each sensor also has a list of locations relative to the Stations location. This includes the depth and angles of placement.

2.3.2. Calibrations

Each channel has a set of Calibration values by Time and Network. These store information such as the Sampling frequency and Calibration Factor.

2.3.3. Responses

This provides the list of frequency response information for various items in the channels data path. The predominant item is the Sensor's frequency response. Currently the system only supports the Pole/Zero format for describing frequency responses.

2.4. DataSelect

This tab provides the ability to select a set of seismic sensor data. The Selection of data is used in the DataViewInfo, DataViewChannels and DataView tabs.

The top area of the tab provides the ability to select a set of channels based on a period of time, a Network, a Station, a Channel and a Source. A blank entry means any value. The "Update" button will apply the selection and display the channel data segments below. The "UpdateTime" button will modify the selections time period to be 1 minutes worth of data from the actually selected channel segments start times.

The Channels display shows the selected channel segments. These are ordered by network, source, station, channel and then segment. For each channel there may be a number of segments. The segments are based on the contiguous sets of data stored in individual seismic data files on the system. By default all channel segments are selected. However you can select a set of these channel segments if required.

The DataSelect tab also provides the ability to download the data in one of the formats supported by the BDS system using the "Download" controls at the bottom of the tab.

2.5. DataViewInfo

This tab provides the ability to view the information from the seismic sensor data files on the channel segments selected in the DataSelect tab. The "Update" button will display the information.

2.6. DataViewChannels

This tab provides the ability to view the meta data for the channels selected in the DataSelect tab. This currently displays a subset of the available data. The "Update" button will display the information.

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2.7. DataView

This tab provides the ability to view the actual seismic sensor data in graphical form. The channel segments are those selected in the DataSelect tab.

The “Update” button will display the data. The channel controls at the left-hand side will allow individual channel gains and graph offsets to be defined. There is a Scroll-bar and Duration controls to allow the period of time displayed to be modified.

2.8. Statistics

This tab displays the current systems statistics values..

2.9. Notes

This tab displays a set of the system notes. These are notes and log entries entered by BDS programs and users. You can also add, modify and delete notes from this tab.

2.10. Changes

All changes to the systems Meta Data and Seismic sensor data are added to the list of changes. Each changes provides a MySql table name and row id to which the addition, modification or deletion was applied to. Changes are grouped into Change Sets. When a user/program logs into the BDS system it is allocated a new default change set. All changes that are made are added to this change set.

It is possible to add a new change set to define a job to be performed using the controls at the top of this tab. Once set all changes made there after are added to this change set.

2.11. UserInfo

The UserInfo tab provides the ability to manage user accounts and access permissions.

The Users set of controls manages the individual users which include people and system programs. Each User can belong to a set of groups. The groups define the permissions the user has for accessing or modifying data.

The Groups set of controls manage the system groups. Some of these are pre-defined, however it is possible to add groups to provide access security to certain items of seismic sensor data and meta data. The AccessGroups controls provide the ability to attach certain certain items of seismic sensor data and meta data to a group. If these data items belong to a group then only users that belong to the group can access the data.

3. Return Value

The program will return a status value of 0 if all was Ok. It will return a non zero value on error together with a message output on stderr.

4. Further Information

For further information please look at the BDS system documentation at:

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<https://portal.beam.ltd.uk/support/blacknest>.

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