

## Metacat - Bug #7167

### MNodeService.updateSystemMetadata() needs to validate obsolescence chain pids

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#### Description

When calling `MNodeService.updateSystemMetadata()`, if there is a circular reference in the `obsoletes` or `obsoletedBy` fields, Metacat will throw a `StackOverflow` exception when trying to index the system metadata. For instance, if the identifier of the object `obsoletes` itself or is `obsoletedBy` itself, we get an error. This is most likely the case too if an object `obsoletes` another object, and in turn, that object `obsoletes` the previous object.

We need to change `updateSystemMetadata()` so that it validates the `obsoletes` and `obsoletedBy` fields, making sure they don't contain the identifier of the submitted system metadata, or other circular references.

Here's an example system metadata that caused this:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<d1_v2.0:systemMetadata xmlns:d1_v2.0="http://ns.dataone.org/service/types/v2.0" xmlns:d1="http://
ns.dataone.org/service/types/v1">
  <serialVersion>8</serialVersion>
  <identifier>urn:uuid:feed9eee-21cf-4ba8-bb9b-7d036920f452</identifier>
  <formatId>http://www.openarchives.org/ore/terms</formatId>
  <size>3968</size>
  <checksum algorithm="SHA-1">fa272e960e5c379f199e1f35ac269edef113908f</checksum>
  <submitter>http://orcid.org/0000-0003-4703-1974</submitter>
  <rightsHolder>http://orcid.org/0000-0003-4703-1974</rightsHolder>
  <accessPolicy>
    <allow>
      <subject>http://orcid.org/0000-0002-0381-3766</subject>
      <permission>read</permission>
      <permission>write</permission>
      <permission>changePermission</permission>
    </allow>
    <allow>
      <subject>public</subject>
      <permission>read</permission>
    </allow>
  </accessPolicy>
  <replicationPolicy replicationAllowed="true" numberReplicas="2"/>
  <obsoletes>urn:uuid:feed9eee-21cf-4ba8-bb9b-7d036920f452</obsoletes>
  <obsoletedBy>urn:uuid:bbca6070-1ce7-49d0-9a56-04a324efc83c</obsoletedBy>
  <archived>false</archived>
  <dateUploaded>2016-12-06T20:51:32.819+00:00</dateUploaded>
  <dateSysMetadataModified>2016-12-06T22:03:22.669+00:00</dateSysMetadataModified>
  <originMemberNode>urn:node:KNB</originMemberNode>
  <authoritativeMemberNode>urn:node:KNB</authoritativeMemberNode>
  <fileName>file7f071d1b5de6</fileName>
</d1_v2.0:systemMetadata>
```

and here's the stack trace:

```
metacat 20161206-14:04:04: [ERROR]: Error writing exception to stream. null [edu.ucsb.nceas.metacat.restservice.D1ResourceHandler]
Exception in thread "ajp-bio-8009-exec-5355" java.lang.StackOverflowError
  at java.util.Properties.getProperty(Properties.java:970)
  at java.lang.System.getProperty(System.java:747)
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## History

**#1 - 12/08/2016 02:29 PM - Jing Tao**

- Status changed from New to Resolved

Added methods to check the circular obsoletes/obsoletedBy chains in the D1NodeService class. Also wrote the junit test method to test them.