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Securing Splunk with Single Sign On & SAML

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“Through 2016, Federated Single Sign-On Will Be the Predominant SSO Technology, Needed by 80 Percent of Enterprises.”

- Gartner

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Agenda

- Why Single Sign On (SSO)
- Splunk SSO
- Splunk SSO with SAML

Wikipedia on Single Sign On

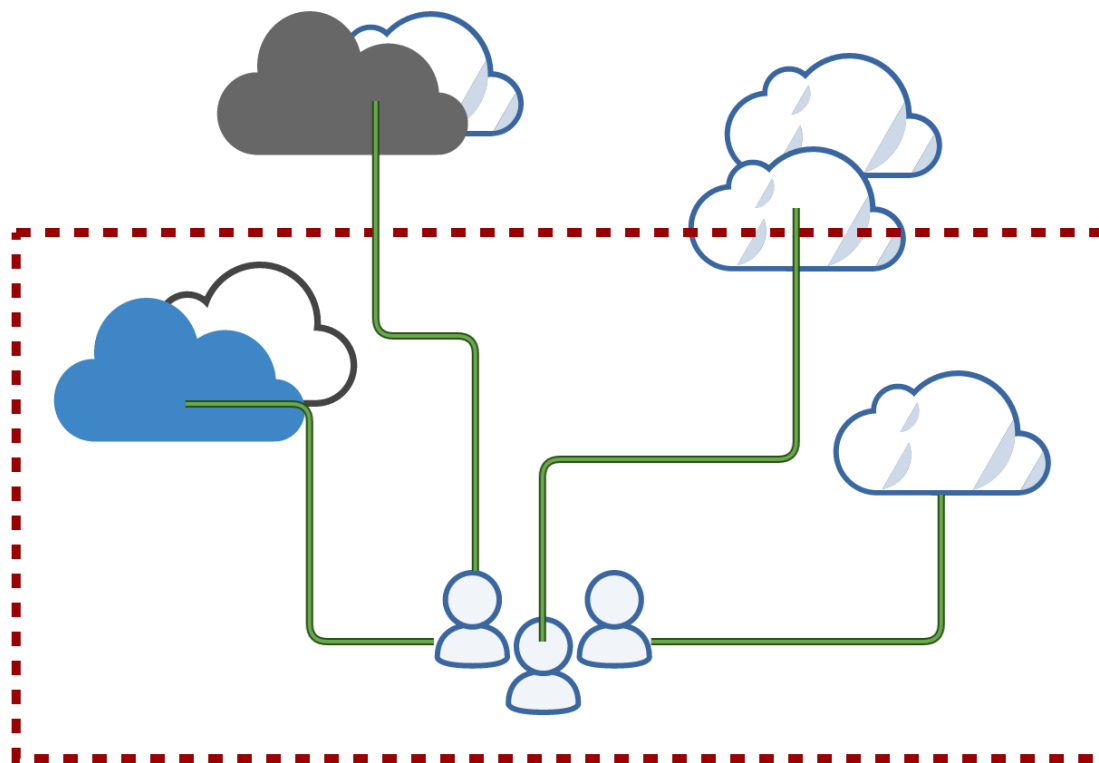
Single sign-on (SSO) is a property of access control of multiple related, but independent software systems. With this property a user logs in with a **single** ID to gain access to connected systems without being prompted for different usernames or passwords, or in some configurations seamlessly **sign on** at each system.

Single sign-on - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

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More about Single sign-on



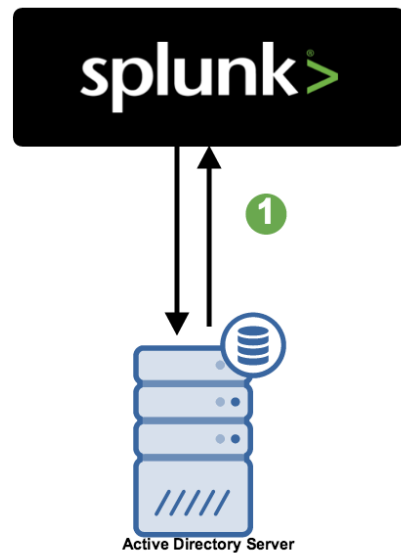
Why Single Sign On (SSO)

- Reduce administration
- Time savings for users
- Increase user adoption
- Increased security

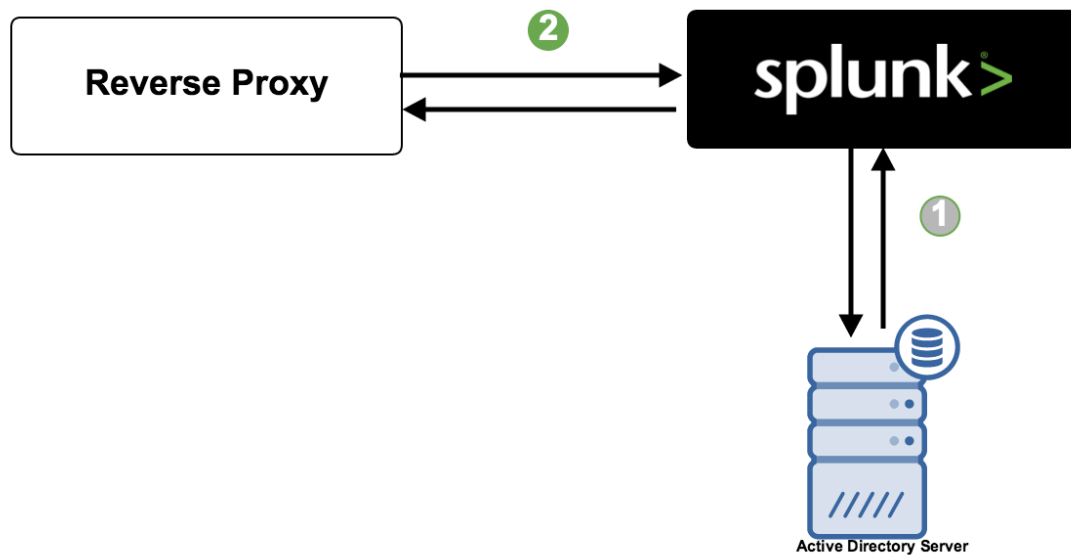
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4 Step Process

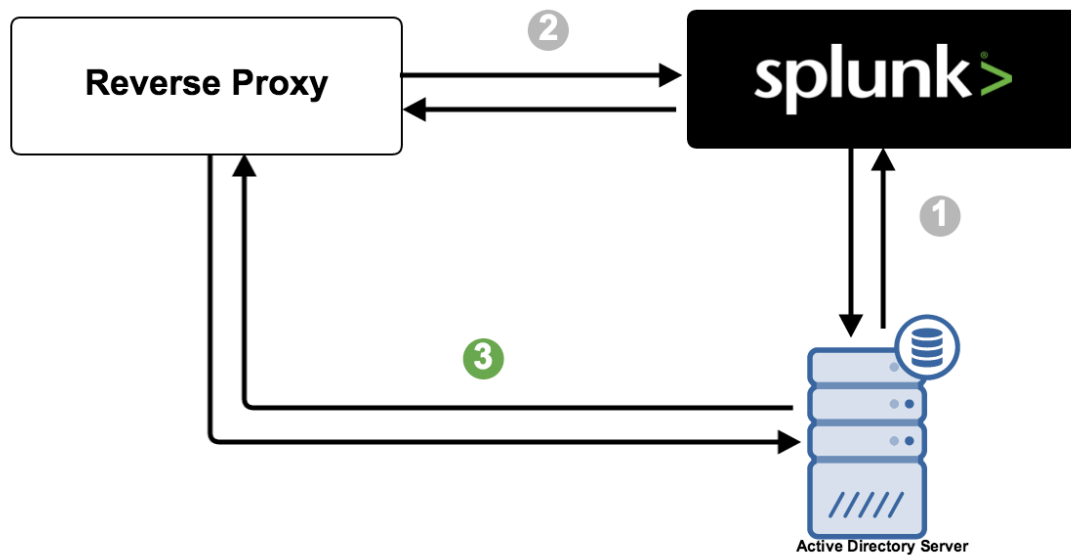
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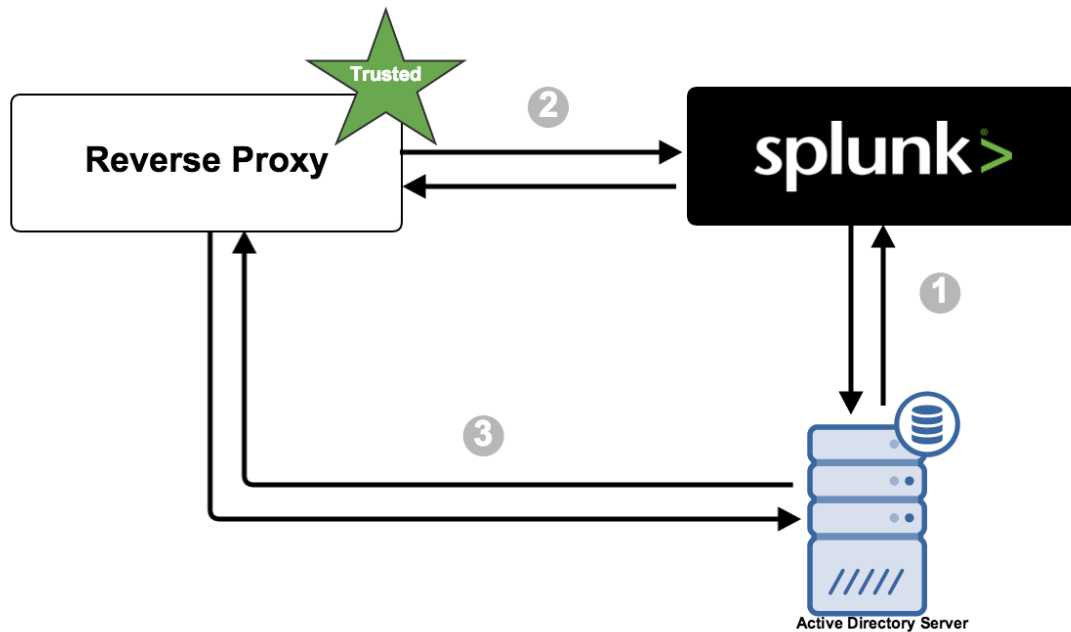
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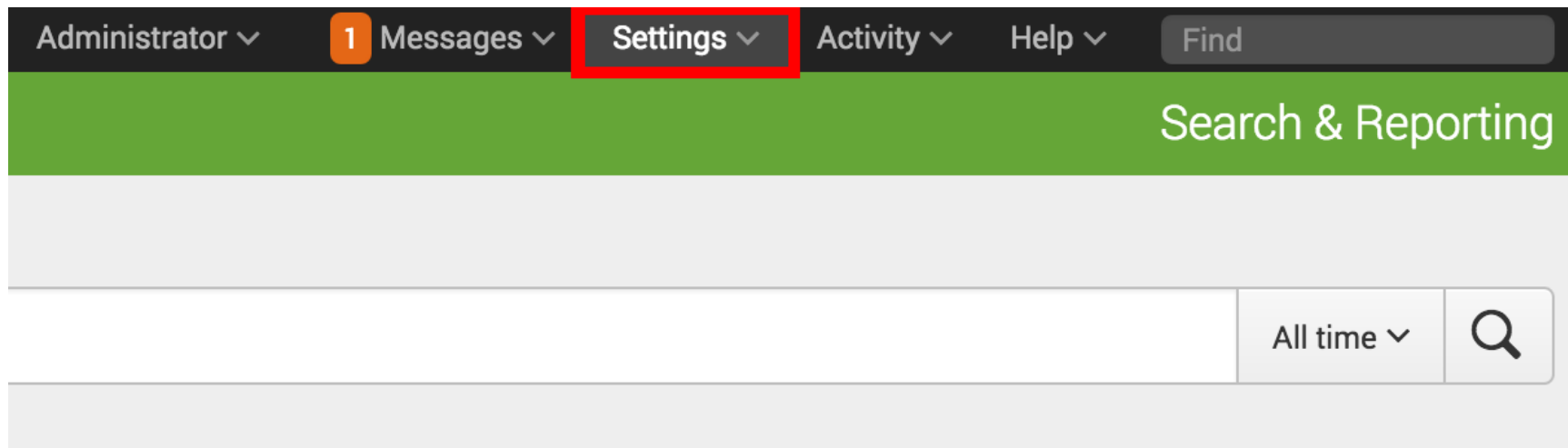


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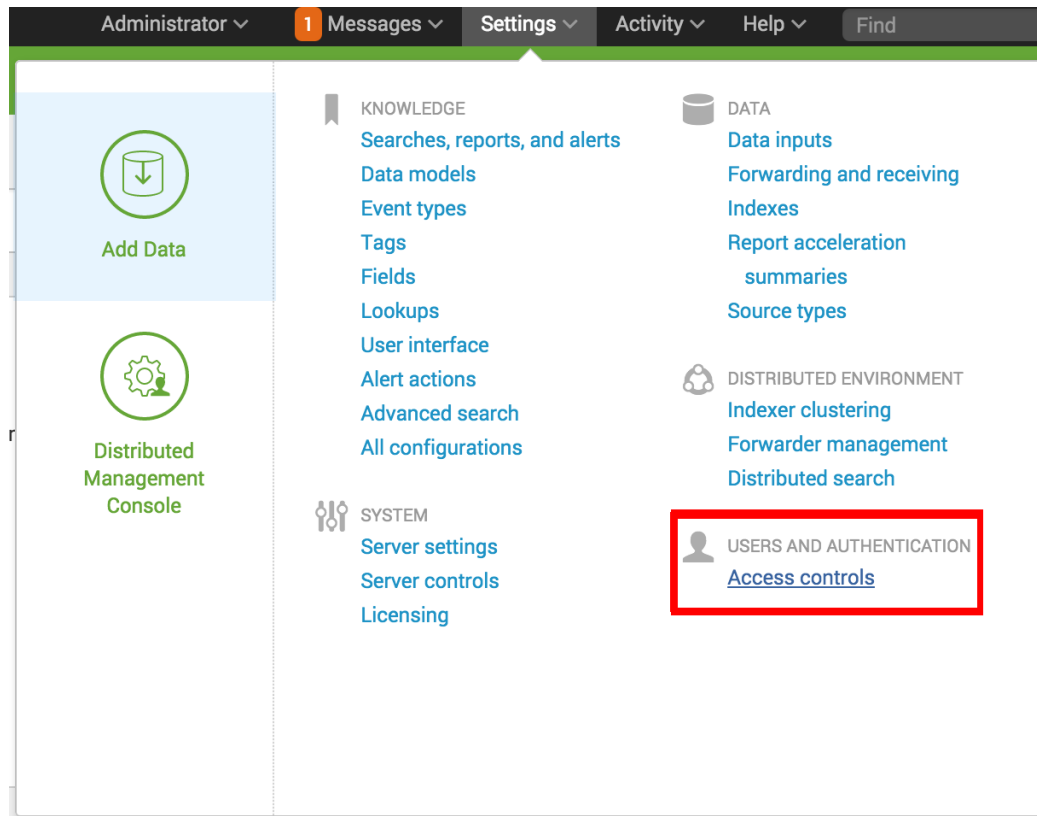


1: Configuring LDAP

Configuring LDAP



Configuring LDAP



Configuring LDAP

Authentication method

[Access controls](#) » Authentication method

Select your authentication method. Splunk can use native authentication along with

The current authentication system is: **Splunk**.

Internal Authentication Method:

☒ Splunk (always on)

External Authentication Method:

☐ None

☒ LDAP ¹

☐ SAML

Reload authentication configuration

Configure Splunk to use LDAP ²


Configuring LDAP

splunk> Apps ▾ Administrator ▾ 1 Messages ▾ Settings ▾ Activity ▾ Help ▾ Find

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LDAP strategy name *

OpenLDAP 

Enter a unique name for this strategy.

LDAP connection settings

Host *

myldaphost.splunk.com

Your Splunk server must be able to resolve this host.

Port

389

The LDAP server port defaults to 389 if you are not using SSL, or 636 if SSL is enabled.

☐ SSL enabled

You must also have SSL enabled on your LDAP server.

Bind DN


Configuring LDAP

```
$ cat etc/system/local/authentication.conf  
[authentication]  
authSettings = OpenLDAP  
authType = LDAP  
  
[OpenLDAP]  
host = myldaphost.splunk.com  
nestedGroups = 0  
port = 389  
bindDN = cn=manager,dc=openldap,dc=splunk,dc=com  
...
```

Authorizing LDAP Users

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LDAP strategies
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LDAP strategy name	Host	Port	Connection order	Status	Actions
OpenLDAP	myldaphost.splunk.com	389	1	Enabled Disable	Map groups Clone Delete

Authorizing LDAP Users

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LDAP Groups

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LDAP Group Name ▴	LDAP Strategy ▴	Group type ▴	Roles ▴
Multi Nested Group	OpenLDAP	static	
Nested Group	OpenLDAP	static	user
Static Help Admin	OpenLDAP	static	admin
Static Sustaining Admin	OpenLDAP	static	admin

Authorizing LDAP Users

Available Rolesadd all »

+

 admin

+

 can_delete

+

 power

+

 splunk-system-role

+

 user

Selected Roles« clear all

+

 admin

LDAP Users

```
uid=Susan_User45380,ou=people,dc=openldap,dc=splunk,dc=com
uid=Susan_User45416,ou=people,dc=openldap,dc=splunk,dc=com
uid=Susan_User45638,ou=people,dc=openldap,dc=splunk,dc=com
uid=Susan_User45915,ou=people,dc=openldap,dc=splunk,dc=com
uid=Susan_User45932,ou=people,dc=openldap,dc=splunk,dc=com
uid=Susan_User45985,ou=people,dc=openldap,dc=splunk,dc=com
uid=Susan_User46784,ou=people,dc=openldap,dc=splunk,dc=com
uid=Susan_User46825,ou=people,dc=openldap,dc=splunk,dc=com
uid=Susan_User46971,ou=people,dc=openldap,dc=splunk,dc=com
```

Cancel

Save

Authorizing LDAP Users

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Username

Password

Sign in

Configuring LDAP

```
$ cat etc/system/local/authentication.conf
```

```
. . .
```

```
[roleMap_OpenLDAP]
```

```
admin = Static Help Admin;Static Sustaining Admin
```

```
user = Nested Group
```

2: Configuring Reverse Proxy

Configuring Apache as Reverse Proxy

```
$ sudo a2enmod proxy_http  
  
...  
ProxyRequests off  
ProxyPass / http://mysplunkhost:8000/  
ProxyPassReverse / http://mysplunkhost:8000/  
...
```

3: Reverse Proxy Handles Authentication

Apache & LDAP

```
$ sudo a2enmod authnz_ldap ldap

...
AuthType Basic
AuthBasicProvider ldap
AuthName "OpenLDAP"
AuthLDAPURL ldap://myldaphost.splunk.com:389/ou=people,dc=splunk,dc=com
AuthLDAPBindDN "cn=manager,dc=openldap,dc=splunk,dc=com"
AuthLDAPBindPassword "password"
require valid-user
...
```

Finally: Enable SSO

Set the User Name Header

```
$ sudo a2enmod rewrite

...
RewriteEngine on
RewriteRule .* - [E=RU:%{REMOTE_USER}]
RequestHeader set REMOTE_USER %{RU}e
...
```

Enable SSO in Splunk

```
$ cat etc/system/local/server.conf
```

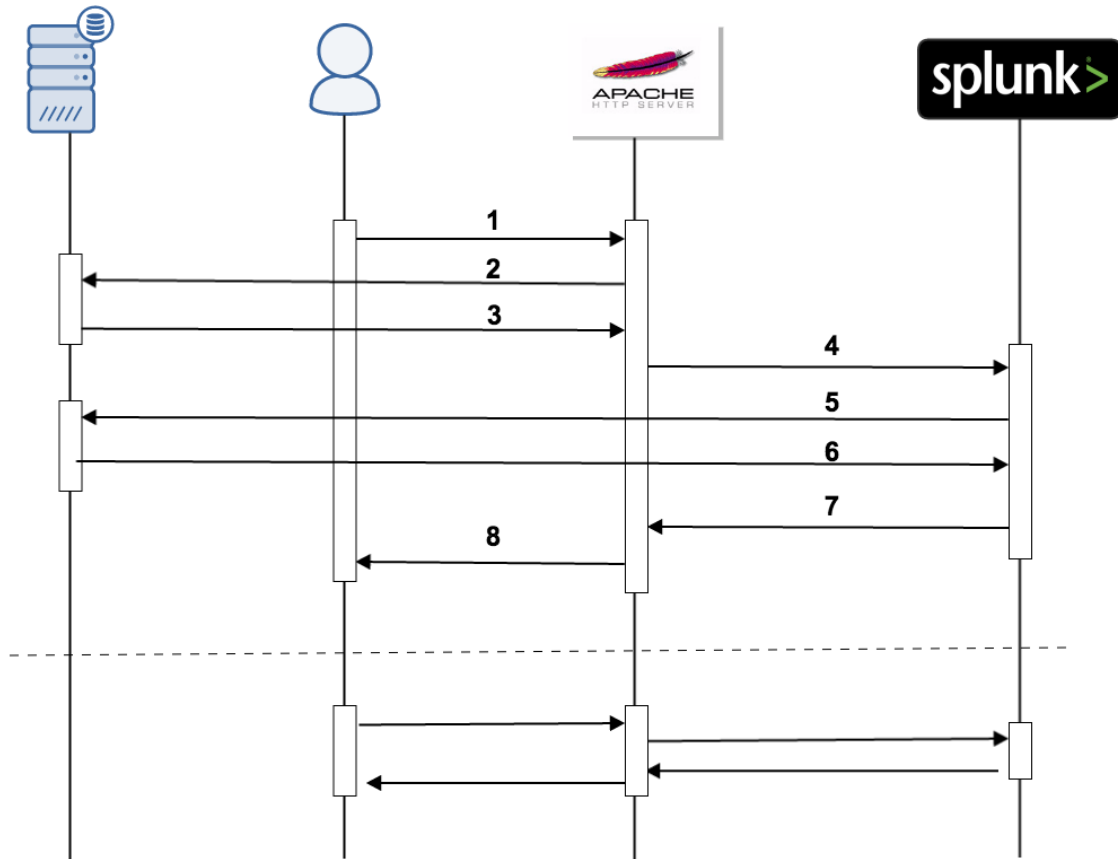
```
[general]
```

```
trustedIP = 127.0.0.1
```

```
$ cat etc/system/local/web.conf
```

```
[settings]
```

```
trustedIP = 127.0.0.1,10.162.255.123
```

Troubleshooting SSO

/debug/sso

SSO settings

SSO Enabled	Yes
splunkd trustedIP	127.0.0.1
splunkweb trustedIP	10.160.255.74, 10.14.0.102, 10.160.255.116, 10.13.6.55, 192.168.42.2, 10.13.6.144, 10.14.0.136
splunkweb SSO Mode	permissive

Splunkweb settings

Host Name	mrt.sv.splunk.com
Host IP	10.1.42.2
Port	6200
Incoming request IP received by splunkweb	10.14.0.136
Is the incoming request IP in splunkweb's list of trustedIPs?	Yes. SSO will be used to authenticate this request.

Troubleshooting SSO

Remote user HTTP header

Remote User HTTP Header	X-REMOTE-USER
Value of X-REMOTE-USER	

Other HTTP headers

Host	mrt:6200
Connection	keep-alive
Cache-Control	max-age=0
Accept	text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
User-Agent	Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh; Intel Mac OS X 10_10_5) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko) Chrome/4
Accept-Encoding	gzip, deflate, sdch
Accept-Language	en-US,en;q=0.8
Cookie	splunkweb_csrf_token_16230=9230851154214494320; splunkweb_csrf_token_16300=11903724244611128828 session_id_26300=6de25f63d3280ff4869e959c36921fd7d1937387; session_id_6200=d35745fa383550068278 splunkd_6200=kJBV12Vqmj5t2oACmA4iK6iLR14^JU^ZLMCgNL9gKNd01Lpf1UFN6o1cL1tROzA731DzneVuQzB28LTntr

Splunk SSO with SAML

SAML 2.0

- Security Assertion Markup Language
- XML based standard for browser based SSO
- Multiple protocols and bindings
- IDP - Identity Provider - Trusted Authority, SP - Service Provider
- IDPs out there – Ping Identity, Okta, OneLogin, Azure

Why SAML?

- Security
 - ☐ Credentials are not stored locally
 - ☐ Standard for Single Sign On
- Multi-Factor authentication

Splunk and SSO

- pre-SAML
- with SAML

[authentication]

authSettings = saml_settings

authType = SAML



Configure Splunk

General Settings

Single Sign On (SSO) URL ?

Single Log Out (SLO) URL ?

idP's certificate file ?

Entity ID ?

Sign AuthnRequest



Sign SAML response



Attribute Query Requests

Attribute query requests are required for scheduled searches.

Attribute query URL ?

Sign attribute query request



Sign attribute query response



Export SP Metadata

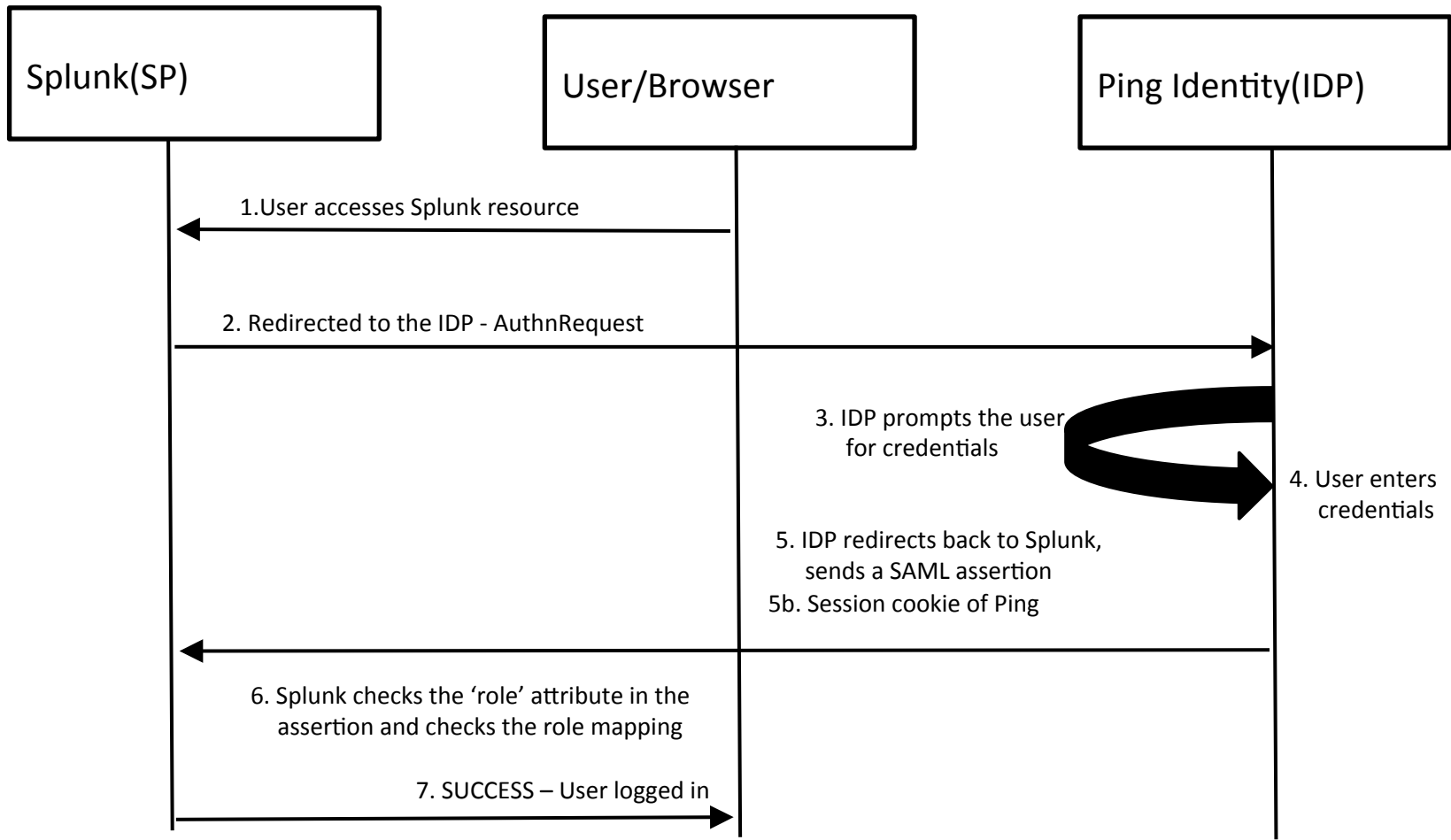


wimpy.splunk.com:9332/saml/spmetadata



```
<md:EntityDescriptor entityID="Splunk-dev-core-rgo-ad" xmlns:ds="http://www.w3.org/2000/09/xmldsig#"
xmlns:md="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:metadata"> <md:SPSSODescriptor
protocolSupportEnumeration="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:protocol" AuthnRequestsSigned="false"
WantAssertionsSigned="false"> <md:KeyDescriptor> <ds:KeyInfo> <ds:X509Data> <ds:X509Certificate>
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<md:NameIDFormat>urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:nameid-format:persistent</md:NameIDFormat> <md:SingleLogoutService
Binding="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:bindings:HTTP-POST" Location="http://wimpy.splunk.com:9332/saml/logout"
index="0"> </md:SingleLogoutService> <md:AssertionConsumerService
Binding="urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:bindings:HTTP-POST" Location="http://wimpy.splunk.com:9332/saml/acs" index="0">
</md:AssertionConsumerService> </md:SPSSODescriptor> </md:EntityDescriptor>
```

The Login Process



Configure the IDP (Ping Identity)

- IDP initiated SSO, SP initiated SSO, SP initiated SLO
- Attribute Query Request Supported
- Signed request/response
- Upload Splunk's certificate OR Import Splunk's metadata

Configure Ping for SSO

The screenshot shows the PingFederate web interface for configuring an SP Connection. The top navigation bar includes the PingFederate logo and links for Help, About, and Logout (jkerai). The main navigation tabs are Main, SP Connection (selected), and a third tab. The sub-navigation tabs under SP Connection are Connection Type, Connection Options (selected), Import Metadata, General Info, Browser SSO, Attribute Query, and Credentials. The Connection Options tab is active, showing the Activation & Summary section. A message states: "Please select options that apply to this connection." Below this, two options are listed: "Browser SSO" and "Attribute Query", both of which are checked. At the bottom right, there are buttons for Cancel, < Previous, and Next >. The footer contains the copyright notice: "© 2003-2013 Ping Identity Corporation All Rights Reserved Version 7.0.1.1" and the Ping Identity logo.

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Help | About | Logout (jkerai)

Main SP Connection

Connection Type ★ Connection Options Import Metadata General Info Browser SSO Attribute Query Credentials

Activation & Summary

Please select options that apply to this connection.

☒ Browser SSO

☒ Attribute Query

Cancel < Previous Next >

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Ping Identity

Attributes in the SAML assertion

Help | About | Logout (jkerai)

Main SP Connections SP Connection **Attribute Query**

☆ **Retrievable Attributes** Attribute Sources & User Lookup Attribute Mapping Fulfillment Issuance Criteria Security Policy

Summary

Specify the list of attributes that may be returned to the SP in the response to an attribute request.

RETRIEVABLE ATTRIBUTES	ACTION
mail	Edit / Delete
realName	Edit / Delete
role	Edit / Delete
<input type="text"/>	<input type="button" value="Add"/>

Why Attribute Query?

- When saved searches need to run
- Splunk uses the attribute query url using basic auth and queries the IDP
- IDP returns 'attributes' - mainly AD group information
- Splunk uses the role mapping and creates a session for the user

Set up SHC with SAML

- Configure all search heads with SAML
- Additional settings if there is a proxy or load balancer
- Single logout - search heads share a Ping session index



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