

Secure Authentication Flow Using PingFederate with SAML, Composite Adapters, CIDR Selector, and PingID MFA

Introduction:-

- This mini project demonstrates the implementation of a secure, dynamic authentication flow using PingFederate.
- The system uses SAML 2.0 to connect as a Service Provider (SP) and supports multiple login methods through a Composite Adapter.
- It integrates PingID for multi-factor authentication (MFA) and uses a CIDR Authentication Selector to intelligently route users based on their IP address:
 - Internal users bypass MFA.
 - External users are required to authenticate through PingID.
- This document outlines the full step-by-step configuration process in the following order:
 1. Configuring the Datastore
 2. Setting up the Password Credential Validator (PCV)
 3. Creating and configuring Adapters (HTML Form, HTTP Basic, PingID)
 4. Defining the CIDR Authentication Selector
 5. Creating the CIDR-based Authentication Policy
 6. Setting up the Service Provider (SP) Connection
 7. Testing the complete SAML login flow
- This hands-on project demonstrates practical skills in modern Identity and Access Management (IAM) using PingFederate.

Project Overview:-

This mini project focuses on implementing a secure and flexible authentication system using **PingFederate**, a powerful Identity and Access Management (IAM) solution. The goal is to demonstrate how to set up a federated authentication flow that adapts to different user contexts by integrating multi-factor authentication (MFA) selectively based on the user's IP address.

The system uses **SAML 2.0** protocol to connect as a Service Provider (SP), supports multiple login methods through a Composite Adapter, and enforces MFA via PingID for external users while allowing internal users to bypass MFA for convenience.

This project illustrates how organizations can enhance security without compromising user experience by leveraging CIDR-based routing and modern authentication adapters.

Technologies Used:-

PingFederate: Identity provider software used to manage authentication flows and policies.

SAML 2.0: Security Assertion Markup Language protocol used for federated Single Sign-On (SSO).

PingID: Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) service integrated to strengthen security.

CIDR Authentication Selector: Mechanism to route authentication based on user IP address ranges.

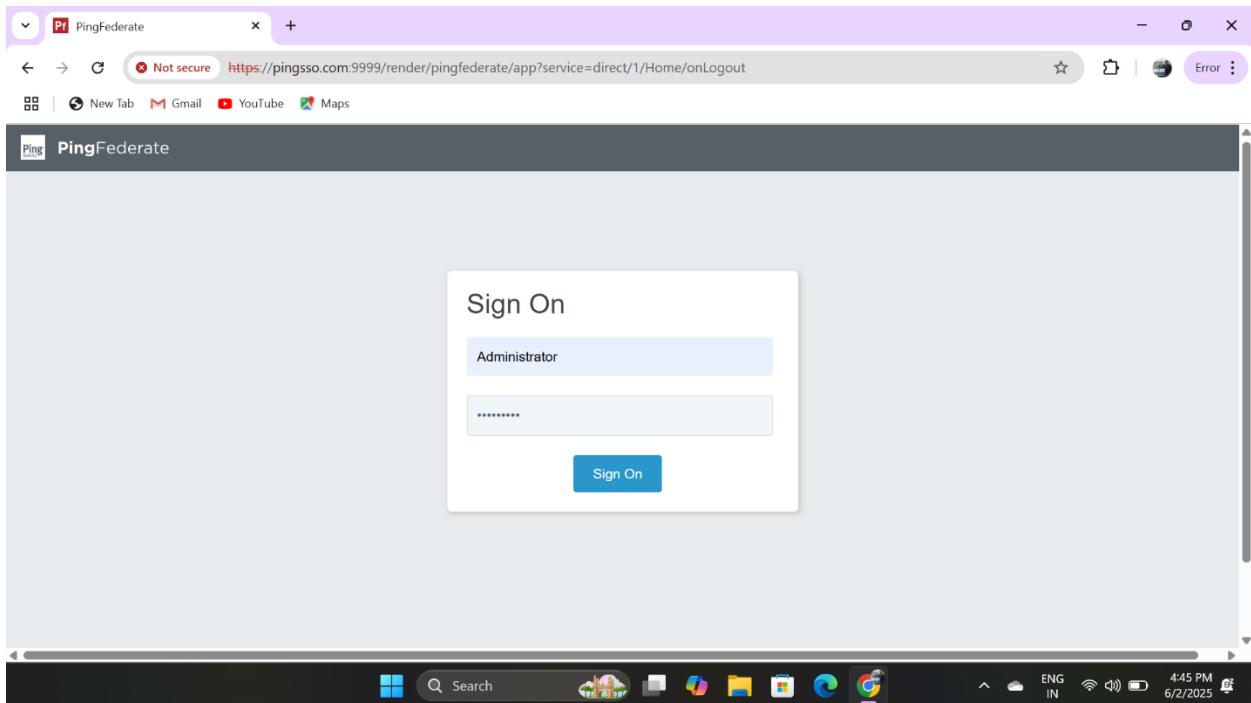
Composite Adapter: A PingFederate feature that combines multiple authentication adapters (HTML Form, HTTP Basic, PingID) into one flow.

Datastore: Backend user repository used for validating credentials (e.g., LDAP or database).

Step-by-Step Configuration:-

Step-1:- Configure Datastore

1. Log in to the PingFederate Admin Console.
2. Navigate to Authentication → Data Stores.
3. Click Create New Data Store.
4. Select the appropriate datastore type (e.g., LDAP, JDBC).
5. Enter connection details such as hostname, port, credentials, and base DN.
6. Test the connection to verify it works.
7. Save the datastore.



The screenshot shows the PingFederate dashboard with the 'SYSTEM' tab selected. On the left, there's a sidebar with a 'Shortcuts' section containing icons for IdP Adapters, Policies, Policy Contract Grant Mapping, SP Connections, Clients, Access Token Mappings, OpenID Connect Policy Management, Data Stores, Password Credential Validators, Extended Properties, Resource Downloads, Release Notes, Support, Integration Directory, DevOps, and Performance Tuning Guide. To the right, there's a 'Helpful Links' section with similar icons. The bottom navigation bar includes links for Authentication, Applications, Security, and System.

The screenshot shows the 'SYSTEM' settings page. On the left, a sidebar lists 'SYSTEM' sections: Data & Credential Stores, Server, OAuth Settings, External Systems, Monitoring & Notifications, and Protocol Metadata. The main area is titled 'SHORTCUTS' and contains six cards: 'Data Stores' (Connect to data stores to retrieve attributes and validate credentials), 'Password Credential Validators' (Validate authentication credentials), 'Administrative Accounts' (Assign administrative access to users), 'Extended Properties' (Define connection and OAuth Client properties for authentication policy), 'Authorization Server Settings' (Establish global settings for all OAuth transactions), and 'OAuth Scopes' (Determine the scopes supported by your OAuth authorization server). The bottom navigation bar includes links for Authentication, Applications, Security, and System.

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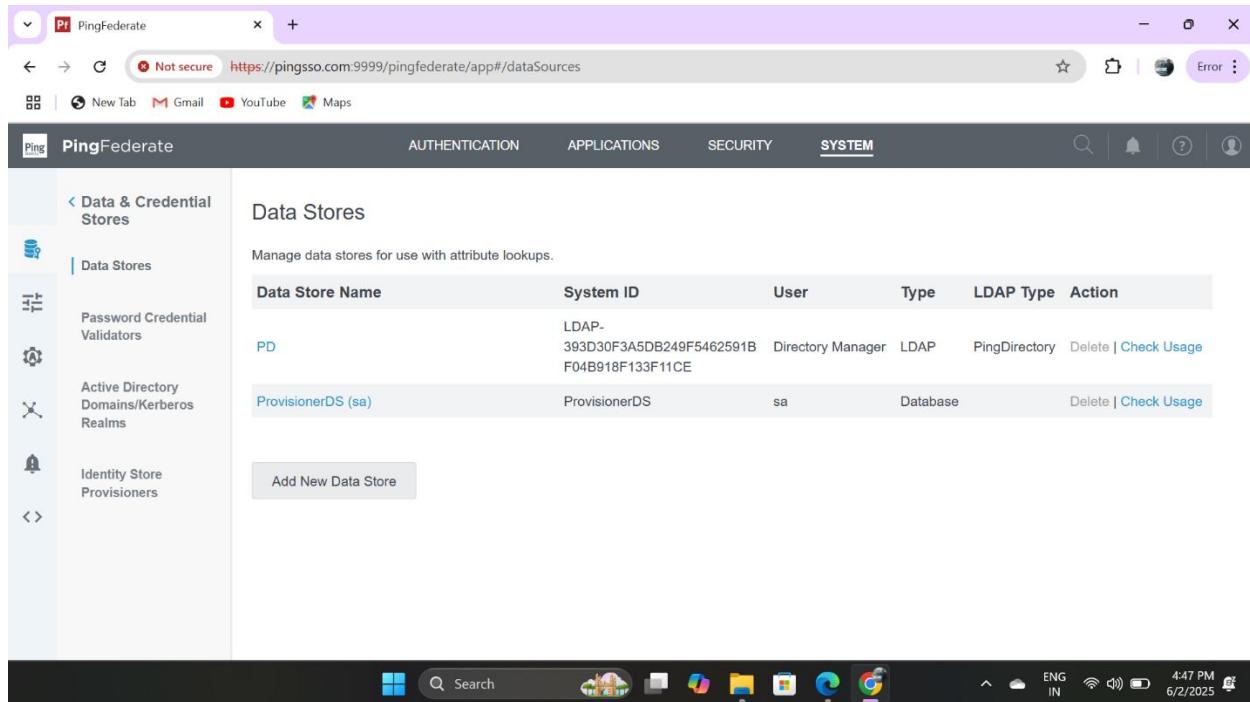
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Data Stores

Manage data stores for use with attribute lookups.

Data Store Name	System ID	User	Type	LDAP Type	Action
PD	LDAP-393D30F3A5DB249F5462591B	Directory Manager	LDAP	PingDirectory	Delete Check Usage
ProvisionerDS (sa)	ProvisionerDS	sa	Database		Delete Check Usage

Add New Data Store



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Data Stores | Data Store

Data Store Type Database Config Summary

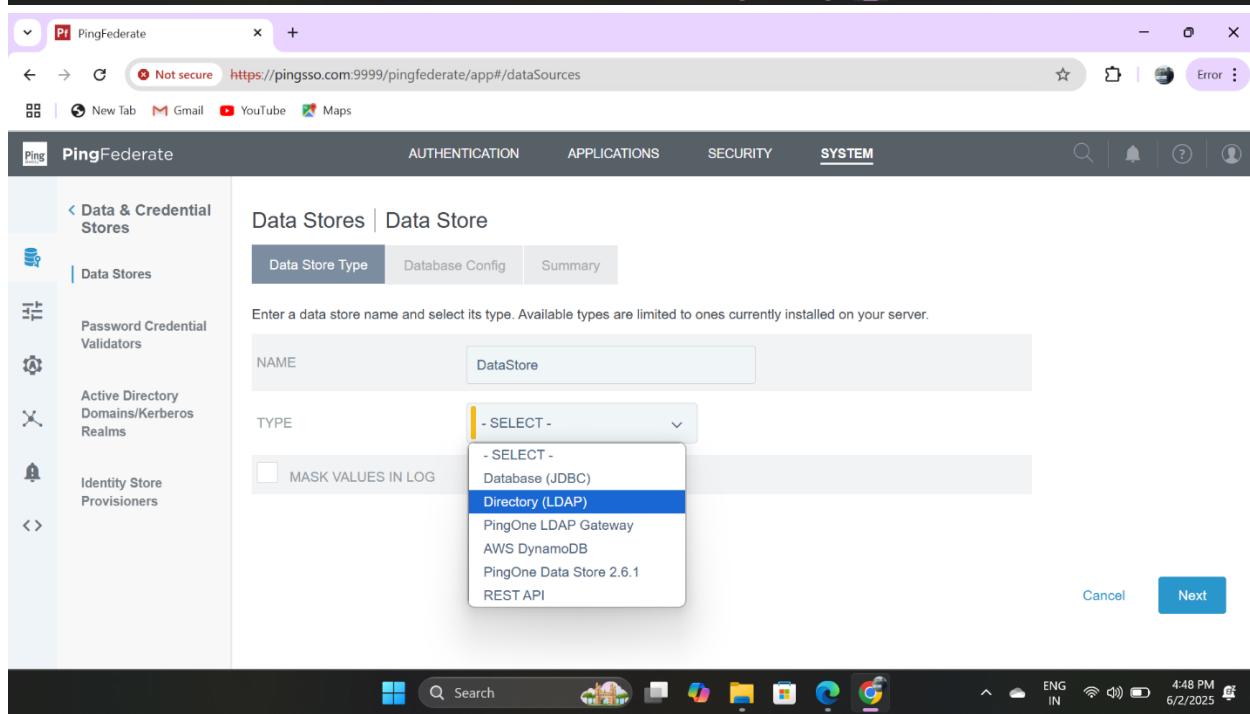
Enter a data store name and select its type. Available types are limited to ones currently installed on your server.

NAME	DataStore
TYPE	- SELECT -
<input type="checkbox"/> MASK VALUES IN LOG	

- SELECT -

- SELECT -
- Database (JDBC)
- Directory (LDAP) **selected**
- PingOne LDAP Gateway
- AWS DynamoDB
- PingOne Data Store 2.6.1
- REST API

Cancel Next



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Data Stores | Data Store

Data Store Type LDAP Configuration Summary

Complete the configuration necessary to connect to your data store. For regional deployments, specify region-specific hostnames on separate rows and the corresponding node tags for each region. To tag the nodes that use a particular hostname, use the node.tags property in the run.properties file. Failover can be configured within a single region by listing multiple space-separated hostnames in the same hostname row. Failover is not supported across different rows.

Hostname(s)	Tags	Action
pingss.com		Edit Delete Default

Add

None
LDAPS
StartTLS

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USE DNS SRV RECORD FOLLOW LDAP REFERRALS

LDAP TYPE Active Directory

None (Anonymous)
Simple
Client TLS Certificate

CREDENTIAL STORAGE Internally Managed

USER DN cn=Directory Manager

PASSWORD

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User DN: cn=Directory Manager

Password: *****

Data Store: pingssso.com

Test Connection: Connectivity test was successful.

Manage Secret Managers | Manage SSL Client Keys & Certificates | Advanced

Cancel Previous Next

This screenshot shows the 'SECRET MANAGERS' section of the PingFederate interface. It includes tabs for AUTHENTICATION, APPLICATIONS, SECURITY, and SYSTEM. A 'USER DN' field contains 'cn=Directory Manager' and a 'PASSWORD' field contains '*****'. A dropdown for 'Data Store' is set to 'pingssso.com'. A 'Test Connection' button is present, with a message below it stating 'Connectivity test was successful.' Navigation buttons for 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Next' are at the bottom.

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SECRET MANAGERS

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Data Store Type

Type of Data Store: LDAP

LDAP Configuration

Setting	Value
Data Store Name	DataStore
Hostname(s)	Hostname(s): pingssso.com Default
LDAP Type	Active Directory
Connection Security	LDAPS
Authentication Method	Simple
Username	cn=Directory Manager
Mask Values in Log	false
Retry Failed Operations	false
Test Connection on Borrow	false
Test Connection on Return	false
Create New Connections if Necessary	true

This screenshot shows the 'SECRET MANAGERS' section of the PingFederate interface, specifically the 'LDAP Configuration' part. It includes tabs for AUTHENTICATION, APPLICATIONS, SECURITY, and SYSTEM. A 'Data Store Type' section shows 'LDAP'. Below it is a detailed 'LDAP Configuration' table with various parameters like 'Data Store Name' (DataStore), 'Hostname(s)' (pingssso.com, Default), and 'Authentication Method' (Simple). The table also lists settings for connection security, retry operations, and connection creation logic. Navigation buttons for 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Next' are at the bottom.

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Data Stores

Manage data stores for use with attribute lookups.

Data Store Name	System ID	User	Type	LDAP Type	Action
DataStore	LDAP-73FABD8C28BCB2484AB419BBD1D77975C9593963	Directory Manager	LDAP	Active Directory	Delete
PD	LDAP-393D30F3A5DB249F5462591BF04B918F133F11CE	Directory Manager	LDAP	PingDirectory	Delete Check Usage
ProvisionerDS (sa)	ProvisionerDS	sa	Databas e		Delete Check Usage

Add New Data Store

Settings saved.

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Step 2:- Set Up Password Credential Validator (PCV)

1. Go to Authentication → Credential Validators.
2. Click Create New Credential Validator.
3. Choose the validator type (e.g., LDAP Password Validator).
4. Name the validator (e.g., “LDAP-PCV”).
5. Link it to the datastore configured in Step 1.
6. Save the credential validator.

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DATA & CREDENTIAL STORES SERVER OAuth SETTINGS EXTERNAL SYSTEMS MONITORING & NOTIFICATIONS PROTOCOL METADATA

SHORTCUTS

Data Stores Connect to data stores to retrieve attributes and validate credentials.

Password Credential Validators Validate authentication credentials.

Administrative Accounts Assign administrative access to users.

Extended Properties Define connection and OAuth Client properties for authentication policy.

Authorization Server Settings Establish global settings for all OAuth transactions.

OAuth Scopes Determine the scopes supported by your OAuth authorization server.

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< Data & Credential Stores

Data Stores

>Password Credential Validators

Active Directory Domains/Kerberos Realms

Identity Store Provisioners

Instance Name Instance ID Type Parent Name Action

PDPCV PDPCV LDAP Username Password Credential Validator Delete | Check Usage

Create New Instance

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Data & Credential Stores

Instance Configuration

Type: LDAPPVC

INSTANCE NAME: LDAPPVC

INSTANCE ID: LDAPPVC

TYPE: LDAP Username Password Credential Validator

PARENT INSTANCE: None

Cancel Next

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Data & Credential Stores

Match Expression

Error

Message Properties Key

Action

Add a new row to 'Authentication Error Overrides'

Field Name	Field Value	Description
LDAP DATASTORE	DataStore	Select the LDAP Datastore.
SEARCH BASE	dc=wipro,dc=com	The location in the directory from which the LDAP search begins.
SEARCH FILTER	uid=\${username}	You may use \${username} as part of the query. Example (for Active Directory): sAMAccountName=\${username}.
SCOPE OF SEARCH	<input type="radio"/> One Level <input checked="" type="radio"/> Subtree	
CASE-SENSITIVE MATCHING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Allows case-sensitive expression and LDAP error matching.

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Type Instance Configuration Extended Contract Summary

You can extend the attribute contract of this Password Credential Validator instance.

Core Contract

DN
givenName
mail
username

Extend the Contract

Action	
username	Add

Cancel Previous Next Save

This screenshot shows the 'Extend the Contract' step for a Password Credential Validator instance. On the left, there's a sidebar with icons for Data Stores, Password Credential Validators (which is selected), Active Directory Domains/Kerberos Realms, and Identity Store Provisioners. The main panel has tabs for Type, Instance Configuration, Extended Contract (which is selected), and Summary. A note says you can extend the attribute contract of this instance. Below that is a 'Core Contract' section with fields for DN, givenName, mail, and username. At the bottom is a table titled 'Extend the Contract' with a single row containing 'username' and an 'Add' button. Navigation buttons for Cancel, Previous, Next, and Save are at the bottom right.

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Type Instance Configuration Extended Contract Summary

Password Credential Validators | Create Credential Validator Instance

Password Credential Validator configuration summary.

Create Credential Validator Instance

Type

Instance Name	LDAPPCV
Instance ID	LDAPPCV
Type	LDAP Username Password Credential Validator
Class Name	org.sourceforge.saml2.domain.LDAPUsernamePasswordCredentialValidator
Parent Instance Name	None

Instance Configuration

LDAP Datastore	DataStore
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This screenshot shows the 'Create Credential Validator Instance' step for a Password Credential Validator. The sidebar and top navigation are identical to the previous screenshot. The main panel has tabs for Type, Instance Configuration, Extended Contract, and Summary (which is selected). It displays a summary of the configuration: Instance Name is LDAPPCV, Instance ID is LDAPPCV, Type is LDAP Username Password Credential Validator, Class Name is org.sourceforge.saml2.domain.LDAPUsernamePasswordCredentialValidator, and Parent Instance Name is None. Below this is an 'Instance Configuration' section with a table showing LDAP Datastore set to DataStore.

The screenshot shows the PingFederate web interface. The URL is <https://pingss.com:9999/pingfederate/app#/credentialValidators>. The top navigation bar includes tabs for AUTHENTICATION, APPLICATIONS, SECURITY, and SYSTEM. The left sidebar has sections for Data & Credential Stores (Data Stores, Password Credential Validators, Active Directory Domains/Kerberos Realms, Identity Store Provisioners), and a 'Create New Instance' button. The main content area is titled 'Password Credential Validators' and contains a table with two rows:

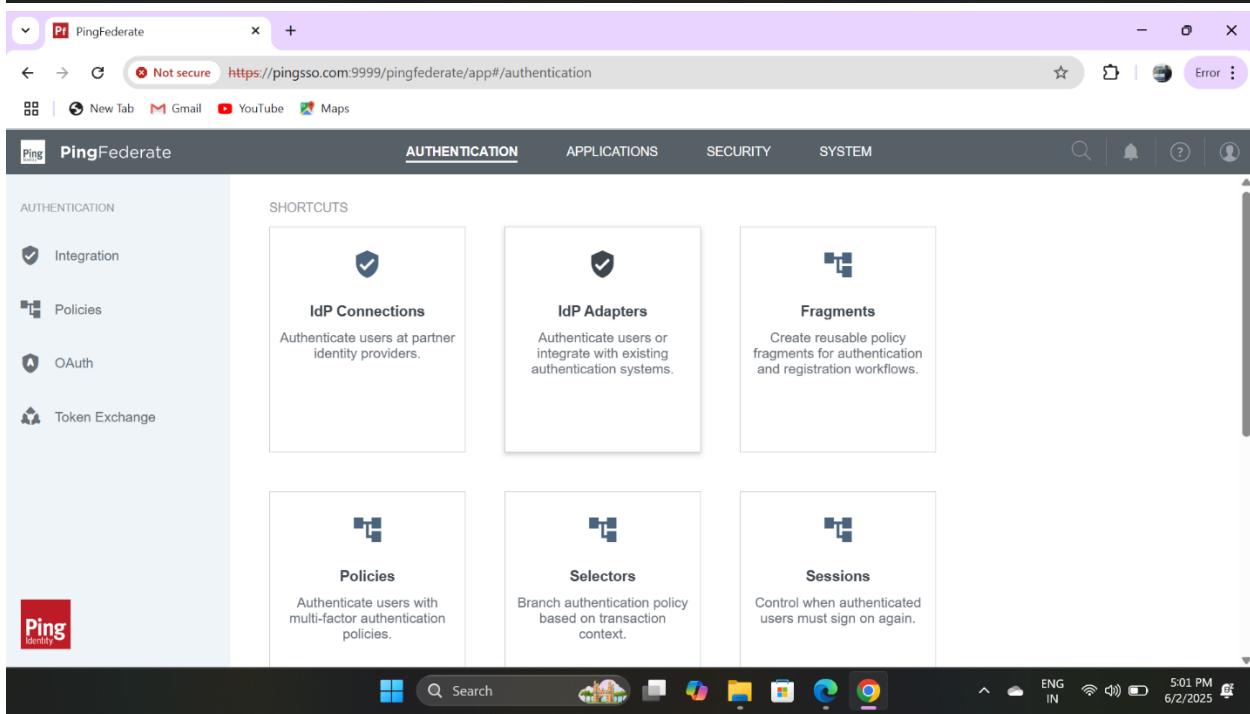
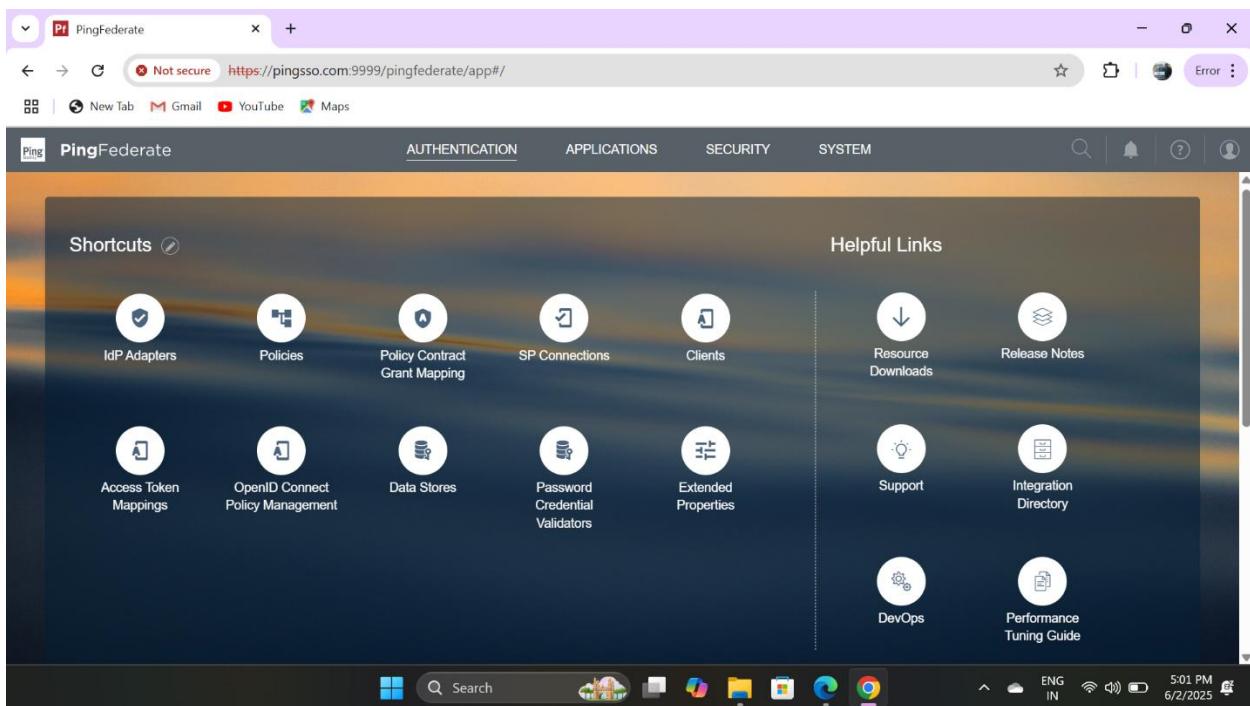
Instance Name	Instance ID	Type	Parent Name	Action
LDAPPCV	LDAPPCV	LDAP Username Password Credential Validator		Delete
PDPCV	PDPCV	LDAP Username Password Credential Validator		Delete Check Usage

A green success message at the top right says 'Settings saved.' with a checkmark icon.

Step 3:- Create Authentication Adapters

1. Navigate to Authentication → Adapters.
2. Click Create New Adapter.
3. Choose HTML Form adapter. Name it (e.g., "HTML-Form-Adapter").
4. Associate it with the PCV created in Step 2.
5. Configure form fields such as username and password.
6. Save the adapter.

Repeat similar steps to create HTTP Basic, PingID and Composite adapters.



The screenshot shows the PingFederate web interface with the URL <https://pingss.com:9999/pingfederate/app#/idpAdapterManager>. The left sidebar has a tree view with 'Integration' selected, showing 'IdP Connections', 'IdP Adapters' (which is expanded), 'Authentication API Applications', and 'IdP Default URL'. The main content area is titled 'IdP Adapters' and contains a table of adapters:

Instance Name	Instance ID	Type	Parent Name	Action
Composite	Composite	Composite Adapter		Delete Check Usage
Composite1	Composite1	Composite Adapter		Delete
HTMLForm	HTMLForm	HTML Form IdP Adapter		Delete Check Usage
HTTPBasic	HTTPBasic	HTTP Basic IdP Adapter		Delete Check Usage
PingID	PingID	PingID Adapter 2.14.0		Delete Check Usage

A 'Create New Instance' button is at the bottom of the list.

The screenshot shows the PingFederate web interface with the URL <https://pingss.com:9999/pingfederate/app#/idpAdapterManager>. The left sidebar has a tree view with 'Integration' selected, showing 'IdP Connections', 'IdP Adapters' (which is expanded), 'Authentication API Applications', and 'IdP Default URL'. The main content area is titled 'IdP Adapters | Create Adapter Instance' and shows a tab bar with 'Type' (selected), 'IdP Adapter', 'Extended Contract', 'Adapter Attributes', 'Adapter Contract Mapping', and 'Summary'. Below the tabs, there is a note: 'Enter an Adapter Instance Name and ID, select the Adapter Type, and a parent if applicable. The Adapter Type is limited to the adapters currently installed on your server.' There are four input fields: 'INSTANCE NAME' (HTMLLogin), 'INSTANCE ID' (HTMLLogin), 'TYPE' (HTML Form IdP Adapter), and 'PARENT INSTANCE' (None).

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AUTHENTICATION APPLICATIONS SECURITY SYSTEM

Integration IdP Connections IdP Adapters Authentication API Applications IdP Default URL

IdP Adapters | Create Adapter Instance

Type IdP Adapter Extended Contract Adapter Attributes Adapter Contract Mapping Summary

Complete the configuration necessary to look up user security contexts in your environment. This configuration was designed into the adapter for use at your site.

Credential Validators ?

Password Credential Validator Instance

Add a new row to 'Credential Validators'

Field Name	Field Value	Description
CHALLENGE RETRIES	3	Number of failed user authentications after which the PingFederate account locking service blocks future attempts.

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Integration IdP Connections IdP Adapters Authentication API Applications IdP Default URL

IdP Adapters | Create Adapter Instance

Type IdP Adapter Extended Contract Adapter Attributes Adapter Contract Mapping Summary

Complete the configuration necessary to look up user security contexts in your environment. This configuration was designed into the adapter for use at your site.

Credential Validators ?

Password Credential Validator Instance

Edit | Delete

Add a new row to 'Credential Validators'

Field Name	Field Value	Description
CHALLENGE RETRIES	3	Number of failed user authentications after which the PingFederate account locking service blocks future attempts.

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Integration IdP Connections IdP Adapters Authentication API Applications IdP Default URL

IdP Adapters | Create Adapter Instance

Type IdP Adapter Extended Contract Adapter Attributes Adapter Contract Mapping Summary

This adapter type supports the creation of an extended adapter contract after initial deployment of the adapter instance. This adapter contract may be used to fulfill the attribute contract, look up additional attributes from a local data store, or create a persistent name identifier which uniquely identifies the user passed to your SP partners.

Core Contract

policy.action
username

Extend the Contract

Action	
mail	Edit Delete
	Add

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AUTHENTICATION APPLICATIONS SECURITY SYSTEM

Integration IdP Connections IdP Adapters Authentication API Applications IdP Default URL

IdP Adapters | Create Adapter Instance

Type IdP Adapter Extended Contract Adapter Attributes Adapter Contract Mapping Summary

As an IdP, some of your SP partners may choose to receive a pseudonym to uniquely identify a user. From the attributes in this authentication adapter, please select the values that you would like to use in constructing this unique identifier. Optionally, specify here any attributes that must be masked in log files. You may also specify an attribute as the unique user key, which PingFederate will associate to user authentication sessions. For example, this association is used when you enable revocation of authentication sessions after password change or reset in the HTML form adapter.

UNIQUE USER KEY ATTRIBUTE ?

None

Attribute	Pseudonym	Mask Log Values
mail	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
policy.action	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
username	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

MASK ALL OGNL-EXPRESSION GENERATED LOG VALUES

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The screenshot shows the 'PingFederate' web application interface. The left sidebar has a 'Integration' section with 'IdP Connections' (selected), 'IdP Adapters' (selected), 'Authentication API Applications', and 'IdP Default URL'. The main content area is titled 'IdP Adapters | Create Adapter Instance' and includes tabs for 'Type', 'IdP Adapter', 'Extended Contract', 'Adapter Attributes', 'Adapter Contract Mapping' (selected), and 'Summary'. A note states: 'An Adapter Contract may be used to fulfill the Attribute Contract passed to your SP partners. By default, the adapter contract is fulfilled by the adapter itself. Optionally, additional attributes from local data stores can be used to fulfill the contract.' Below this is a 'Configure Adapter Contract' button. At the bottom are 'Cancel', 'Previous', and 'Next' buttons.

This screenshot shows the same 'Create Adapter Instance' page as above, but with more detailed configuration fields visible. The 'Type' section includes fields for 'Instance Name' (HTMLLogin), 'Instance ID' (HTMLLogin), 'Type' (HTML Form IdP Adapter), 'Class Name' (com.pingidentity.adapters.htmlform.idp.HtmlFormIdpAuthnAdapter), and 'Parent Instance Name' (None). The 'IdP Adapter' section includes a 'Credential Validators' field set to 'LDAPPCV'. The system tray at the bottom shows standard icons like battery, signal, and date/time (5:05 PM, 6/2/2025).

IdP Adapters

IdP adapters look up session information and provide user identification to PingFederate. Here you can manage instances of adapters that may be used to fulfill attribute contracts in protocol mappings.

Instance Name	Instance ID	Type	Parent Name	Action
Composite	Composite	Composite Adapter		Delete Check Usage
HTMLForm	HTMLForm	HTML Form IdP Adapter		Delete Check Usage
HTMLLogin	HTMLLogin	HTML Form IdP Adapter		Delete Check Usage
HTTPBasic	HTTPBasic	HTTP Basic IdP Adapter		Delete Check Usage
HTTPLogin	HTTPLogin	HTTP Basic IdP Adapter		Delete Check Usage
MultiLogin	MultiLogin	Composite Adapter		Delete Check Usage
PingID	PingID	PingID Adapter 2.14.0		Delete Check Usage
PingIDD	PingIDD	PingID Adapter 2.14.0		Delete Check Usage

Step 4:- Create CIDR Authentication Selector

1. Go to Authentication → Selectors.
2. Click Create New Selector.
3. Choose CIDR Authentication Selector.
4. Define CIDR ranges representing internal IPs (e.g., 192.168.1.9/24).
5. Save the selector.

The screenshot shows the PingFederate dashboard homepage. At the top, there's a header bar with tabs for AUTHENTICATION, APPLICATIONS, SECURITY, and SYSTEM. Below the header is a dark-themed main area. On the left, under 'Shortcuts', there are ten circular icons representing various features: IdP Adapters, Policies, Policy Contract Grant Mapping, SP Connections, Clients, Access Token Mappings, OpenID Connect Policy Management, Data Stores, Password Credential Validators, and Extended Properties. To the right, under 'Helpful Links', are five more circular icons: Resource Downloads, Release Notes, Support, Integration Directory, and DevOps. A vertical dotted line separates the two sections. At the bottom of the main area, there's a footer bar with icons for search, file, and system status.

The screenshot shows the 'AUTHENTICATION' configuration page. On the left, a sidebar lists categories: AUTHENTICATION (selected), APPLICATIONS, SECURITY, and SYSTEM. Under AUTHENTICATION, there are four items: Integration (selected), Policies, OAuth, and Token Exchange. The main content area is titled 'SHORTCUTS' and contains six cards:

- IdP Connections**: Authenticate users at partner identity providers.
- IdP Adapters**: Authenticate users or integrate with existing authentication systems.
- Fragments**: Create reusable policy fragments for authentication and registration workflows.
- Policies**: Authenticate users with multi-factor authentication policies.
- Selectors**: Branch authentication policy based on transaction context.
- Sessions**: Control when authenticated users must sign on again.

At the bottom, there's a footer bar with icons for search, file, and system status.

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Policies

Policies Default Authentication Sources Tracked HTTP Parameters

Authentication policies define how PingFederate authenticates users. Selectors and authentication sources can be conditionally chained together in paths to form policies. Ensure that successful paths end with Policy Contracts to reuse mapping configuration across protocols and applications.

IDP AUTHENTICATION POLICIES
 SP AUTHENTICATION POLICIES
 FAIL IF POLICY ENGINE FINDS NO AUTHENTICATION SOURCE

Policy	Authentication Sources	Policy Contracts	Fragments	Enabled	Action
CIDR policy CIDR policy	Composite HTMLForm PingID			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Select Action ▾
HTTPHeader HTTPHeader	HTTPBasic HTMLForm			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Select Action ▾

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Selectors

PingFederate uses Authentication Selectors globally (across connections) to choose which Authentication Source (an IdP Adapter or IdP Connection) to invoke based upon criteria defined in a Selector Instance. Selector Instance results are mapped to Authentication Sources and applied as authentication policy.

Instance Name ^	Instance ID	Type	Action
CIDR	CIDR	CIDR Authentication Selector	None Available - In Use
ConnectionSet	ConnectionSet	Connection Set Authentication Selector	None Available - In Use
HTTPHeader	HTTPHeader	HTTP Header Authentication Selector	None Available - In Use
Query	Query	HTTP Request Parameter Authentication Selector	None Available - In Use

Create New Instance

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The screenshot shows the 'Selectors | Create Authentication Selector Instance' page in the PingFederate web interface. The left sidebar has 'Policies' selected. The main area has three tabs: 'Type' (selected), 'Authentication Selector', and 'Summary'. A note says 'These values identify the Authentication Selector Instance.' Fields include 'INSTANCE NAME' (IPSelector) and 'INSTANCE ID' (IPSelector). The 'TYPE' dropdown is set to 'CIDR Authentication Selector'. Buttons at the bottom right are 'Cancel' and 'Next'.

The screenshot shows the 'Selectors | Create Authentication Selector Instance' page in the PingFederate web interface. The left sidebar has 'Selectors' selected. The main area has three tabs: 'Type' (selected), 'Authentication Selector', and 'Summary'. A note says 'Complete the configuration needed for this Selector Instance.' It states 'This authentication selector chooses an authentication source at runtime based on a match found in the specified HTTP Header.' Under 'Networks' (with a help icon), there is a table:

Network Range (CIDR notation) <small>?</small>	Description <small>?</small>	Action
192.168.1.9/32		Edit Delete
Add a new row to 'Networks'		

Below this is a table for 'RESULT ATTRIBUTE NAME' with columns 'Field Name', 'Field Value', and 'Description'. The 'Description' column notes: 'Indicates (when specified) the attribute name in which to store the authentication selector result.'

The screenshot shows the 'Selectors | Create Authentication Selector Instance' page. The left sidebar has 'Selectors' selected. The main form is titled 'Create Authentication Selector Instance' and contains two sections: 'Type' and 'Authentication Selector'. The 'Type' section includes fields for 'Instance Name' (IPSelector), 'Instance ID' (IPSelector), 'Type' (CIDR Authentication Selector), and 'Class Name' (com.pingidentity(pf.selectors.cidr.CIDRAAdapterSelector)). The 'Authentication Selector' section includes a 'Networks' field with the value '192.168.0.0/16, {no value}' and a 'Result Attribute Name' field.

The screenshot shows the 'Selectors' page. The left sidebar has 'Sessions' selected, indicated by a blue arrow pointing to it. The main area displays a table of selector instances:

Instance Name	Instance ID	Type	Action
CIDR	CIDR	CIDR Authentication Selector	None Available - In Use
ConnectionSet	ConnectionSet	Connection Set Authentication Selector	None Available - In Use
HTTPHeader	HTTPHeader	HTTP Header Authentication Selector	None Available - In Use
IPSelector	IPSelector	CIDR Authentication Selector	Delete
Query	Query	HTTP Request Parameter Authentication Selector	None Available - In Use

A green success message at the top right says 'Settings saved.'

Step 5:- Create CIDR-based Authentication Policy

1. Navigate to Authentication → Policies.
2. Click Create New Policy.
3. Define rules to route users based on CIDR selector:
 - o Internal IPs → Use adapters without MFA
 - o External IPs → Use adapters with PingID MFA
4. Save the policy.

The screenshot shows the PingFederate web application interface. The top navigation bar includes a logo, the title 'PingFederate', and a URL 'https://pingss0.com:9999/pingfederate/app#/authentication'. Below the navigation is a secondary header with tabs: AUTHENTICATION, APPLICATIONS, SECURITY, and SYSTEM. On the left, a sidebar titled 'AUTHENTICATION' lists 'Integration', 'Policies', 'OAuth', and 'Token Exchange'. The main content area displays six cards under the 'AUTHENTICATION' tab:

- IdP Connections**: Authenticate users at partner identity providers.
- IdP Adapters**: Authenticate users or integrate with existing authentication systems.
- Fragments**: Create reusable policy fragments for authentication and registration workflows.
- Policies**: Authenticate users with multi-factor authentication policies.
- Selectors**: Branch authentication policy based on transaction context.
- Sessions**: Control when authenticated users must sign on again.

The bottom of the screen shows a taskbar with various icons and system status information: ENG IN, 11:15 AM, 6/3/2025, and a battery icon.

The screenshot shows the PingFederate web interface with the URL <https://pingss.com:9999/pingfederate/app#/authnPolicies1>. The main navigation bar includes tabs for AUTHENTICATION, APPLICATIONS, SECURITY, and SYSTEM. The AUTHENTICATION tab is selected. On the left sidebar, under the Policies section, the 'Policies' item is checked. The main content area displays a list of authentication policies:

- CIDR policy (CIDR policy): Composite, HTMLForm, PingID. Status: Enabled (green switch). Action: Select Action.
- HTTPHeader (HTTPHeader): HTTPBasic, HTMLForm. Status: Enabled (green switch). Action: Select Action.
- Query (Query): HTTPBasic, HTMLForm. Status: Enabled (green switch). Action: Select Action.
- ConnectionSet Policies (ConnectionSet Policies): HTTPBasic, HTMLForm. Status: Enabled (green switch). Action: Select Action.

At the bottom right of the main content area are buttons for Cancel, Next, and Save.

The screenshot shows the PingFederate web interface with the URL <https://pingss.com:9999/pingfederate/app#/authnPolicies1>. The main navigation bar includes tabs for AUTHENTICATION, APPLICATIONS, SECURITY, and SYSTEM. The AUTHENTICATION tab is selected. On the left sidebar, under the Policies section, the 'Policies' item is checked. The main content area displays a form for creating a new policy:

Policies | Policy

Authentication policies define how PingFederate authenticates users. Selectors and authentication sources can be conditionally chained together in paths to form policies. Ensure that successful paths end with Policy Contracts to reuse mapping configuration across protocols and applications.

NAME
CIDRPolicy

ID ⓘ
EFxnblawxGtTpt1n5V1TaSK5

DESCRIPTION
CIDRPolicy

HANDLE FAILURES LOCALLY

At the bottom right of the main content area are buttons for Cancel, Next, and Save.

The screenshot shows the PingFederate web interface. The left sidebar has a checked checkbox next to 'Policies'. The main content area is titled 'AUTHENTICATION' and contains a 'POLICY' section. A dropdown menu is open, showing options like 'Selectors' which is currently selected. Below the dropdown, there is a table with columns 'ID' and 'NAME'.

ID	NAME
CIDR	CIDR
ConnectionSet	ConnectionSet
HTTPHeader	HTTPHeader
IPSelector	IPSelector
Query	Query

This screenshot shows the same PingFederate interface as the first one, but the table in the 'IPSelector' row of the dropdown is different. It now includes additional columns 'TYPE' and 'DESCRIPTION'.

ID	NAME	TYPE	DESCRIPTION
CIDR	CIDR		
ConnectionSet	ConnectionSet		
HTTPHeader	HTTPHeader		
IPSelector	IPSelector		
Query	Query		

The screenshot shows the PingFederate web interface. The URL is <https://pingss.com:9999/pingfederate/app#/authnPolicies1>. The navigation bar includes tabs for AUTHENTICATION, APPLICATIONS, SECURITY, and SYSTEM. The left sidebar has sections for Policies, Fragments, Selectors, Policy Contracts, Sessions, and Local Identity Profiles. The main panel is titled "POLICY" and contains a dropdown menu set to "IPSelector - (Selector)". Below it, under "NO", is a "MultiLogin - (Adapter)" dropdown with options for "Options", "Rules", and "Copy". Under "FAIL", there is a "Done" button. Under "SUCCESS", there is also a "Done" button. Under "YES", there is a "HTTPLogin - (Adapter)" dropdown with options for "Rules" and "Copy". At the bottom right of the main panel are "Expand All" and "Collapse All" buttons.

This screenshot is similar to the one above, but a modal dialog box is open at the bottom right. The dialog has "Cancel" and "Done" buttons. The rest of the interface and its components are identical to the first screenshot.

The screenshot shows the PingFederate web application interface. The URL is https://pingss.com:9999/pingfederate/app#/authnPolicies1. The top navigation bar includes tabs for AUTHENTICATION, APPLICATIONS, SECURITY, and SYSTEM, along with search and notification icons.

The left sidebar has sections for Policies, Fragments, Selectors, Policy Contracts, Sessions, and Local Identity Profiles. The Policies section is currently selected, indicated by a checkmark icon.

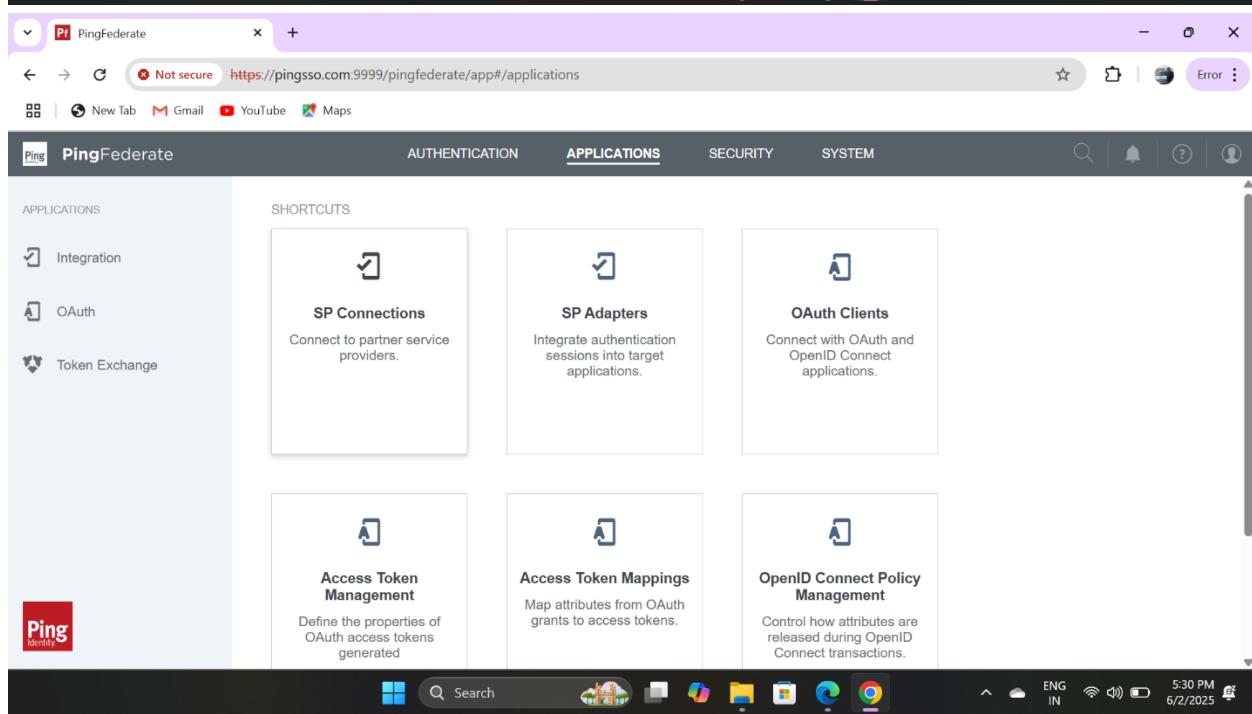
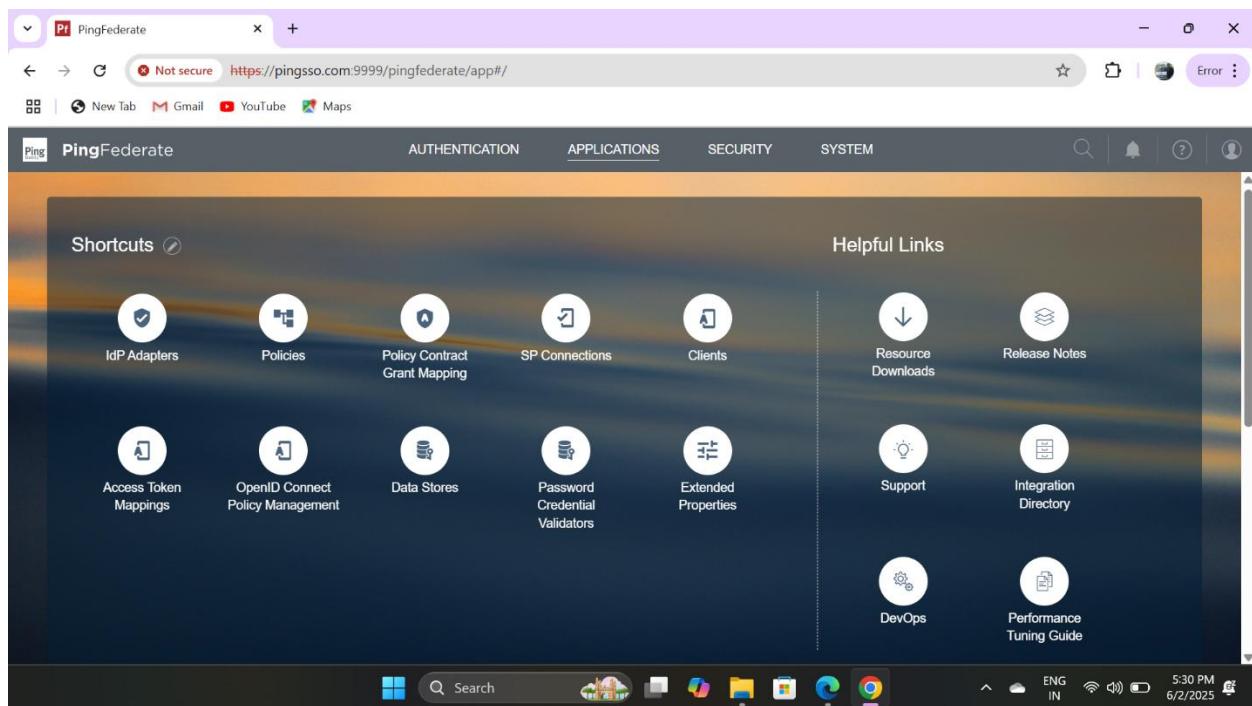
The main content area displays a table of authentication policies:

Policy	Authentication Sources	Policy Contracts	Fragments	Enabled	Action
CIDRPolicy CIDRPolicy	MultiLogin HTTPLogin			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Select Action
CIDR policy CIDR policy	Composite HTMLForm PingID			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Select Action
HTTPHeader HTTPHeader	HTTPBasic HTMLForm			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Select Action
Query Query	HTTPBasic HTMLForm			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Select Action

A green banner at the top right of the main content area says "Settings saved." A blue arrow points from the left sidebar towards the "Selectors" row in the table.

Step 6:- Configure Service Provider (SP) Connection

1. Go to SP Connections.
2. Click Create New Connection.
3. Select SAML 2.0 as the connection type.
4. Enter connection details and upload SP metadata if needed.
5. Link the authentication policy created in Step 5.
6. Save the connection.



The screenshot shows the PingFederate web application interface. The title bar says "PingFederate". The top navigation bar has tabs for AUTHENTICATION, APPLICATIONS (which is selected), SECURITY, and SYSTEM. On the left, a sidebar menu under "Integration" includes "SP Connections" (selected), "SP Adapters", "Target URL Mapping", "SP Default URLs", "Policy Contract Adapter Mappings", and "Adapter-to-Adapter Mappings". The main content area is titled "SP Connections" and contains the message "On this screen you can manage connections to your partner SPs.". It features a search bar, a clear button, and a "Narrow By" dropdown. Below these are two buttons: "Create Connection" and "Import Connection". The bottom of the screen shows a Windows taskbar with various icons.

This screenshot shows the "SP Connections | SP Connection" configuration page. The title bar and sidebar are identical to the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled "SP Connections | SP Connection". It has tabs for "Connection Template" (selected), "Connection Type", "General Info", "Extended Properties", and "Activation & Summary". A note states: "PingFederate provides quick-configuration templates, available separately with SaaS Connectors, for specific Service Providers. If applicable, please select a template for this connection; otherwise, continue to the next screen for more options." Below this are two radio buttons: one selected ("DO NOT USE A TEMPLATE FOR THIS CONNECTION") and one unselected ("USE A TEMPLATE FOR THIS CONNECTION"). At the bottom right are "Cancel" and "Next" buttons. The bottom of the screen shows a Windows taskbar.

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SP Connections | SP Connection

Connection Template Connection Type Connection Options Import Metadata General Info Extended Properties

Browser SSO Credentials Activation & Summary

Select the type of connection needed for this SP: Browser SSO Profiles (for Browser SSO), WS-Trust STS (for access to identity-enabled Web Services), Outbound Provisioning (for provisioning users/groups to an SP) or all.

CONNECTION TEMPLATE No Template

BROWSER SSO PROFILES PROTOCOL SAML 2.0

WS-TRUST STS

OUTBOUND PROVISIONING

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SP Connections | SP Connection

Connection Template Connection Type Connection Options Import Metadata General Info Extended Properties

Browser SSO Credentials Activation & Summary

Please select options that apply to this connection.

BROWSER SSO

IDP DISCOVERY

ATTRIBUTE QUERY

Cancel Previous Next

The screenshot shows the PingFederate application interface. The title bar says "PingFederate". The top navigation bar has tabs for AUTHENTICATION, APPLICATIONS (which is selected), SECURITY, and SYSTEM. The left sidebar under "Integration" has links for SP Connections, SP Adapters, Target URL Mapping, SP Default URLs, Policy Contract Adapter Mappings, and Adapter-to-Adapter Mappings. The main content area is titled "SP Connections | SP Connection". It has tabs for Connection Template, Connection Type, Connection Options, Import Metadata, General Info, and Extended Properties. Under "Import Metadata", there are three radio buttons: METADATA (selected), NONE, FILE, and URL. Below this is a note about automatically reloading connection settings. At the bottom right are "Cancel", "Previous", and "Next" buttons.

This screenshot shows the same PingFederate interface as the first one, but with more detailed configuration. In the "Import Metadata" section, the "FILE" radio button is selected. The main configuration area includes fields for PARTNER'S ENTITY ID (CONNECTION ID) set to "SAML2.0", CONNECTION NAME set to "SAML2.0", VIRTUAL SERVER IDs (empty input field), Add button, BASE URL (empty input field), and COMPANY (empty input field). The status bar at the bottom indicates "ENG IN" and the date "6/2/2025".

The screenshot shows the PingFederate application interface. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Integration, SP Connections (selected), SP Adapters, Target URL Mapping, SP Default URLs, Policy Contract Adapter Mappings, and Adapter-to-Adapter Mappings. The main content area has tabs for AUTHENTICATION, APPLICATIONS (selected), SECURITY, and SYSTEM. Under APPLICATIONS, there are fields for VIRTUAL SERVER IDS, BASE URL, COMPANY (Ping), CONTACT NAME (Pinger), CONTACT NUMBER (+91 1234567890), CONTACT EMAIL (Ping@mail.com), APPLICATION NAME, and APPLICATION ICON URL. A TRANSACTION LOGGING dropdown is set to Standard.

The screenshot shows the SP Connections configuration page. The left sidebar is identical to the previous screenshot. The main content area is titled "SP Connections | SP Connection". It features a tab bar with Connection Template, Connection Type, Connection Options, Import Metadata, General Info (selected), and Extended Properties. Below the tabs, there are tabs for Browser SSO (selected), Credentials, and Activation & Summary. A message states: "This task provides connection-endpoint and other configuration information enabling secure browser-based SSO, to resources at your partner's site. Click the button below to create or revise this configuration." A "Configure Browser SSO" button is present. At the bottom are buttons for Cancel, Save Draft (highlighted in blue), Previous, and Next.

The screenshot shows the PingFederate application interface. The left sidebar has a tree view with nodes like Integration, SP Connections, SP Adapters, Target URL Mapping, SP Default URLs, Policy Contract Adapter Mappings, and Adapter-to-Adapter Mappings. The main content area is titled "SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO". It has tabs for "SAML Profiles", "Assertion Lifetime", "Assertion Creation", "Protocol Settings", and "Summary". The "SAML Profiles" tab is active. A sub-section titled "Single Sign-On (SSO) Profiles" contains two checked checkboxes: "IDP-INITIATED SSO" and "SP-INITIATED SSO". Another sub-section titled "Single Logout (SLO) Profiles" contains two unchecked checkboxes: "IDP-INITIATED SLO" and "SP-INITIATED SLO". At the bottom right are buttons for "Cancel", "Save Draft", and "Next". The browser status bar at the bottom shows "5:33 PM 6/2/2025".

This screenshot shows the same PingFederate interface, but the "Assertion Lifetime" tab is now active in the top navigation bar. The main content area is titled "SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO". It displays a note: "When an assertion is issued to the SP, there is a timeframe of validity before and after issuance. Please specify these parameters below." Below this are two input fields: "MINUTES BEFORE" with the value "5" and "MINUTES AFTER" with the value "5". The bottom right features "Cancel", "Save Draft", "Previous", and "Next" buttons. The browser status bar at the bottom shows "5:33 PM 6/2/2025".

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SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO

SAML Profiles Assertion Lifetime Assertion Creation Protocol Settings Summary

This task provides the configuration for creating SAML assertions to enable SSO access to resources at your SP partner's site.

Assertion Configuration

IDENTITY MAPPING Standard

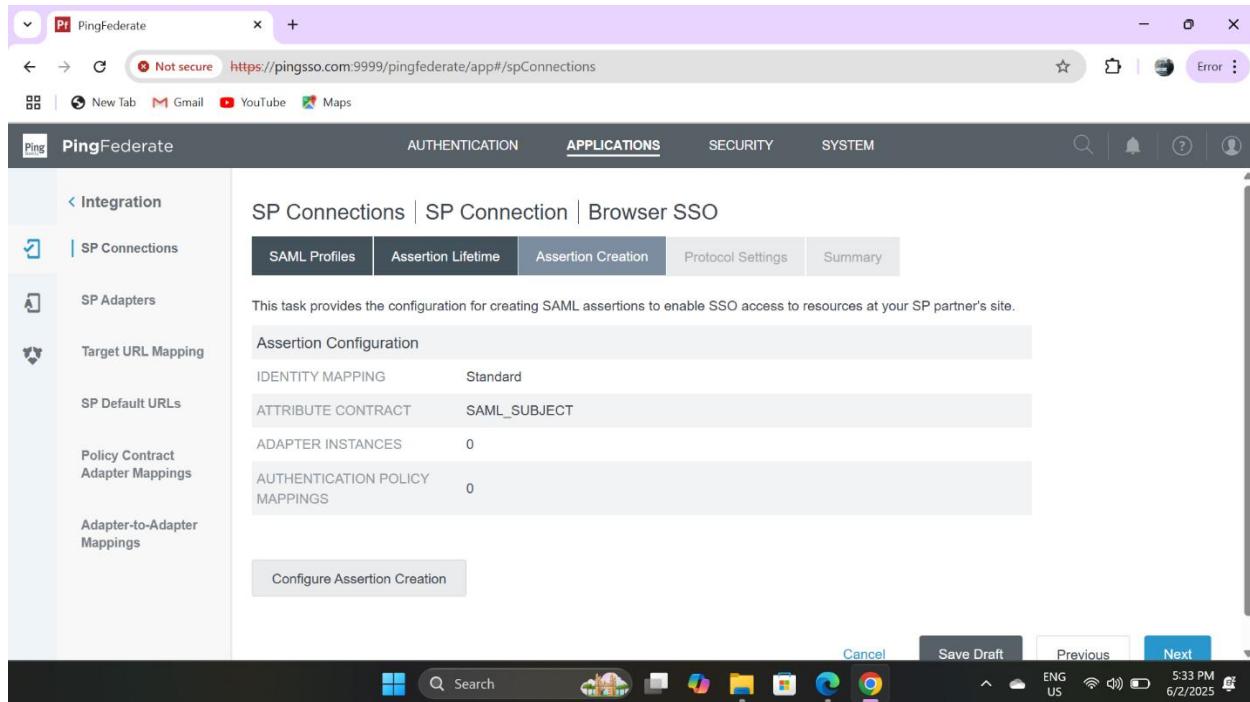
ATTRIBUTE CONTRACT SAML SUBJECT

ADAPTER INSTANCES 0

AUTHENTICATION POLICY MAPPINGS 0

Configure Assertion Creation

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SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO

Identity Mapping Attribute Contract Authentication Source Mapping Summary

Identity mapping is the process in which users authenticated by the IdP are associated with user accounts local to the SP. Select the type of name identifier that you will send to the SP. Your selection may affect the way that the SP will look up and associate the user to a specific local account.

STANDARD: Send the SP a known attribute value as the name identifier. The SP will often use account mapping to identify the user locally.

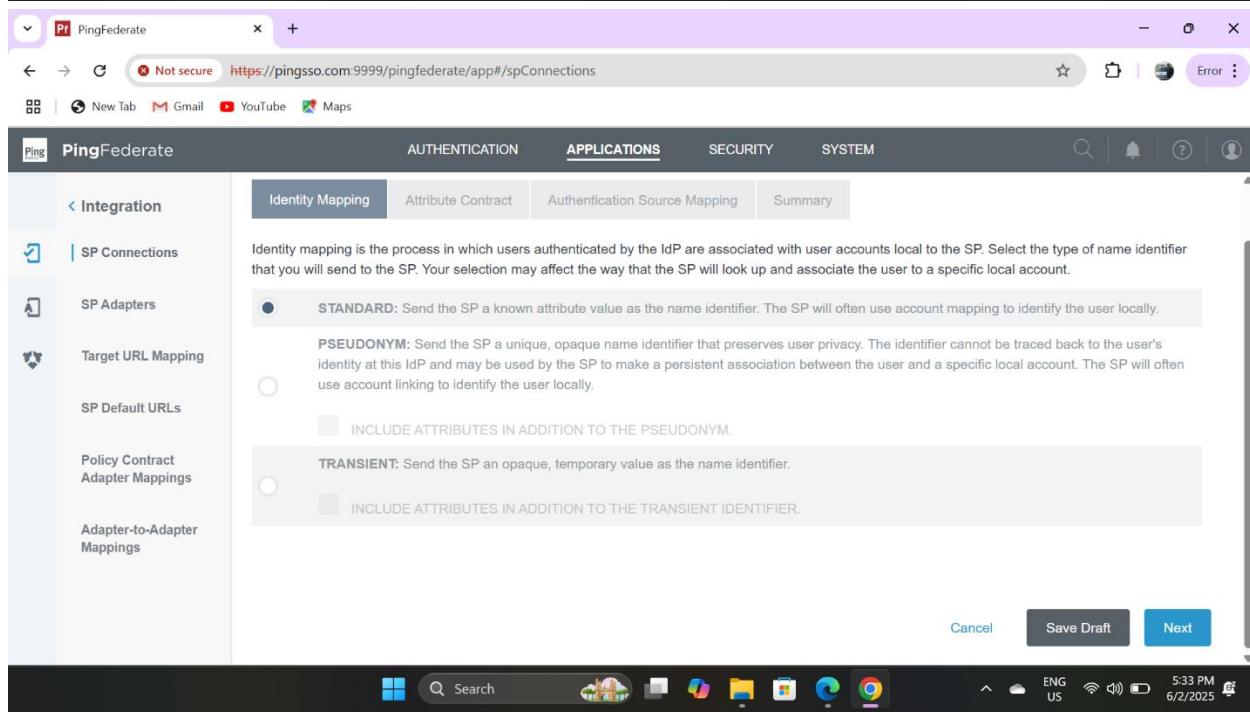
PSEUDONYM: Send the SP a unique, opaque name identifier that preserves user privacy. The identifier cannot be traced back to the user's identity at this IdP and may be used by the SP to make a persistent association between the user and a specific local account. The SP will often use account linking to identify the user locally.

INCLUDE ATTRIBUTES IN ADDITION TO THE PSEUDONYM.

TRANSIENT: Send the SP an opaque, temporary value as the name identifier.

INCLUDE ATTRIBUTES IN ADDITION TO THE TRANSIENT IDENTIFIER.

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Attribute Contract

An Attribute Contract is a set of user attributes that this server will send in the assertion.

Attribute Contract

SAML SUBJECT Subject Name Format urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.1:nameid-format

Extend the Contract

Attribute Name Format	Action
urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:attrname-format:basic	Edit Delete
urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:attrname-format:basic	Edit Delete

Add

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Integration SP Connections SP Adapters Target URL Mapping SP Default URLs Policy Contract Adapter Mappings Adapter-to-Adapter Mappings

SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO | Assertion Creation

Identity Mapping Attribute Contract Authentication Source Mapping Summary

PingFederate uses IdP adapters, partner IdPs or Authentication Policies to authenticate users to your SP. Users may be authenticated by one of several different adapters or Policy Contracts, so map an adapter instance for each IDM system or an authentication policy contract for each policy.

Adapter Instance Name	Virtual Server IDs	Action
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Authentication Policy Contract Name	Virtual Server IDs	Action
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Map New Adapter Instance Map New Authentication Policy

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SP Connections

Adapter Instance: HTMLLogin

Adapter Contract:

- mail
- policy.action
- username

OVERRIDE INSTANCE SETTINGS

Manage Adapter Instances

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This screenshot shows the 'SP Connections' configuration page in the PingFederate application. The 'Adapter Instance' dropdown is set to 'HTMLLogin'. The 'Adapter Contract' section contains three fields: 'mail', 'policy.action', and 'username'. A checkbox for 'OVERRIDE INSTANCE SETTINGS' is present. A 'Manage Adapter Instances' button is at the bottom. Navigation buttons 'Cancel', 'Save Draft', and 'Next' are at the bottom right.

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SP Connections

Adapter Instance: Mapping Method

Adapter Contract:

- mail
- policy.action
- username

RETRIEVE ADDITIONAL ATTRIBUTES FROM MULTIPLE DATA STORES USING ONE MAPPING

RETRIEVE ADDITIONAL ATTRIBUTES FROM A DATA STORE -- INCLUDES OPTIONS TO USE ALTERNATE DATA STORES AND/OR A FAILSAFE MAPPING

USE ONLY THE ADAPTER CONTRACT VALUES IN THE SAML ASSERTION

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This screenshot shows the 'Mapping Method' configuration page in the PingFederate application. It displays three radio button options for retrieving attributes. The third option, 'USE ONLY THE ADAPTER CONTRACT VALUES IN THE SAML ASSERTION', is selected. Navigation buttons 'Cancel', 'Save Draft', 'Previous', and 'Next' are at the bottom.

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SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO | Assertion Creation | IdP Adapter Mapping

Adapter Instance Mapping Method Attribute Contract Fulfillment Issuance Criteria Summary

Fulfill your Attribute Contract with values from the authentication adapter or with dynamic text values.

Attribute Contract	Source	Value	Actions
SAML_SUBJECT	Adapter	policy.action	None available
mail	Adapter	policy.action	None available
username	Adapter	username	None available

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SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO | Assertion Creation | IdP Adapter Mapping

Adapter Instance Mapping Method Attribute Contract Fulfillment Issuance Criteria Summary

PingFederate can evaluate various criteria to determine whether users are authorized to access SP resources. Use this optional screen to configure the criteria for use with this conditional authorization.

Source	Attribute Name	Condition	Value	Error Result	Action
- SELECT -	- SELECT -	- SELECT -			Add

Show Advanced Criteria

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SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO | Assertion Creation | IdP Adapter Mapping

Adapter Instance Mapping Method Attribute Contract Fulfillment Issuance Criteria Summary

PingFederate can evaluate various criteria to determine whether users are authorized to access SP resources. Use this optional screen to configure the criteria for use with this conditional authorization.

Source	Attribute Name	Condition	Value	Error Result	Action
- SELECT -	- SELECT -	- SELECT -			Add

Show Advanced Criteria

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The screenshot shows the PingFederate application interface. The left sidebar has a tree view with nodes like Integration, SP Connections, SP Adapters, Target URL Mapping, SP Default URLs, Policy Contract Adapter Mappings, and Adapter-to-Adapter Mappings. The main content area is titled "SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO | Assertion Creation | IdP Adapter Mapping". It features tabs for Adapter Instance, Mapping Method, Attribute Contract Fulfillment, Issuance Criteria, and Summary. The Adapter Instance tab is selected. It displays a table with rows for Selected adapter (HTMLLogin) and Mapping Method (HTML Form IdP Adapter). The Mapping Method row has a note: "Use only the Adapter Contract values in the mapping". Below this are sections for Attribute Contract Fulfillment and a table with rows for SAML_SUBJECT (policy.action (Adapter)), mail (policy.action (Adapter)), and username (username (Adapter)).

This screenshot shows the same PingFederate interface, but the main content area is titled "SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO | Assertion Creation". It features tabs for Identity Mapping, Attribute Contract, Authentication Source Mapping, and Summary. The Identity Mapping tab is selected. It displays a table with columns for Adapter Instance Name (HTMLLogin, HTTPLogin, MultiLogin, PingIDD), Virtual Server IDs, and Action (Delete). Below this is another table with columns for Authentication Policy Contract Name, Virtual Server IDs, and Action. At the bottom are buttons for "Map New Adapter Instance" and "Map New Authentication Policy".

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PingFederate AUTHENTICATION APPLICATIONS SECURITY SYSTEM

Integration SP Connections SP Adapters Target URL Mapping SP Default URLs Policy Contract Adapter Mappings Adapter-to-Adapter Mappings

SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO | Assertion Creation

Identity Mapping Attribute Contract Authentication Source Mapping Summary

Summary information for your Assertion Creation configuration. Click a heading link to edit a configuration setting.

Assertion Creation

Identity Mapping

Enable Standard Identifier true

Attribute Contract

Attribute SAML SUBJECT

Subject Name Format urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:1.1:nameid-format:unspecified

Attribute mail

Attribute Name Format urn:oasis:names:tc:SAML:2.0:attrname-format:basic

Attribute username

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PingFederate AUTHENTICATION APPLICATIONS SECURITY SYSTEM

Integration SP Connections SP Adapters Target URL Mapping SP Default URLs Policy Contract Adapter Mappings Adapter-to-Adapter Mappings

SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO

SAML Profiles Assertion Lifetime Assertion Creation Protocol Settings Summary

This task provides the configuration for creating SAML assertions to enable SSO access to resources at your SP partner's site.

Assertion Configuration

IDENTITY MAPPING Standard

ATTRIBUTE CONTRACT SAML SUBJECT, mail, username

ADAPTER INSTANCES 4

AUTHENTICATION POLICY MAPPINGS 0

Configure Assertion Creation

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SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO | Protocol Settings

AUTHENTICATION APPLICATIONS SECURITY SYSTEM

Integration SP Connections SP Adapters Target URL Mapping SP Default URLs Policy Contract Adapter Mappings Adapter-to-Adapter Mappings

Assertion Consumer Service URL Allowable SAML Bindings Artifact Resolver Locations Signature Policy Encryption Policy

Summary

As the IdP, you send SAML assertions to the SP's Assertion Consumer Service. The SP may request that the SAML assertion be sent to one of several URLs, via different bindings. Please provide the possible assertion consumer URLs below and select one to be the default.

Default	Index	Binding	Endpoint URL	Action
default	0	POST	https://www.google.com	Edit Delete
	2	POST	https://www.ping.com	Edit Delete
	3	POST	https://www.indianrail.gov.in	Edit Delete
	4	POST	https://www.ap.gov.in	Edit Delete

- SELECT - Add

Show Advanced Customizations

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SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO | Protocol Settings

AUTHENTICATION APPLICATIONS SECURITY SYSTEM

Integration SP Connections SP Adapters Target URL Mapping SP Default URLs Policy Contract Adapter Mappings Adapter-to-Adapter Mappings

Assertion Consumer Service URL Allowable SAML Bindings Signature Policy Encryption Policy Summary

When the SP sends messages, what SAML bindings do you want to allow?

ARTIFACT
 POST
 REDIRECT
 SOAP

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The screenshot shows the PingFederate web interface. The URL is <https://pingss.com:9999/pingfederate/app#/spConnections>. The page title is "PingFederate". The navigation bar includes tabs for AUTHENTICATION, APPLICATIONS, SECURITY, and SYSTEM. The left sidebar under "Integration" has links for SP Connections, SP Adapters, Target URL Mapping, SP Default URLs, Policy Contract Adapter Mappings, and Adapter-to-Adapter Mappings. The main content area is titled "SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO | Protocol Settings". It features tabs for Assertion Consumer Service URL, Allowable SAML Bindings, Signature Policy, Encryption Policy, and Summary. A note states: "Additional guarantees of authenticity may be agreed upon between you and your partner. For SP-initiated SSO, you can choose to require signed authentication requests sent via the POST or redirect bindings. You can also choose to sign assertions sent to this partner, regardless of the binding used." There are three checkboxes: "REQUIRE AUTHN REQUESTS TO BE SIGNED WHEN RECEIVED VIA THE POST OR REDIRECT BINDINGS" (unchecked), "ALWAYS SIGN ASSERTION" (checked), and "SIGN RESPONSE AS REQUIRED" (unchecked). Buttons at the bottom include "Cancel", "Save Draft", "Previous", and "Next". The system tray at the bottom right shows the date and time as 6/2/2025 5:39 PM.

This screenshot shows the same PingFederate interface as the first one, but the "Encryption Policy" tab is selected in the top navigation bar. The main content area is titled "SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO | Protocol Settings". It features tabs for Assertion Consumer Service URL, Allowable SAML Bindings, Signature Policy, Encryption Policy, and Summary. A note states: "Encryption may be applied to SAML messages for an added layer of protection in transport. If enabled, SAML Response messages may always be signed, regardless of the signature policy." Below this, there is a section for "Encryption Policy" with radio buttons: "NONE" (selected), "THE ENTIRE ASSERTION", and "ONE OR MORE ATTRIBUTES". Under "ONE OR MORE ATTRIBUTES", there are three checkboxes: "SAML_SUBJECT", "MAIL", and "USERNAME". The system tray at the bottom right shows the date and time as 6/2/2025 5:39 PM.

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SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO | Protocol Settings

Assertion Consumer Service URL Allowable SAML Bindings Signature Policy Encryption Policy Summary

Summary information for your Protocol Settings configuration. Click a heading link to edit a configuration setting.

Protocol Settings

Assertion Consumer Service URL

Endpoint	URL: https://www.google.com (POST)
Endpoint	URL: https://www.ping.com (POST)
Endpoint	URL: https://www.indianrail.gov.in (POST)
Endpoint	URL: https://www.ap.gov.in (POST)

Allowable SAML Bindings

Artifact	false
POST	true

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SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO

SAML Profiles Assertion Lifetime Assertion Creation Protocol Settings Summary

This task provides the configuration for specific endpoints and security considerations applicable to selected profiles. Click the button below to create or revise this configuration.

Protocol Settings

OUTBOUND SSO BINDINGS	POST
INBOUND BINDINGS	POST, Redirect
SIGNATURE POLICY	SAML Response Not Signed, SAML Assertion Signed
ENCRYPTION POLICY	No Encryption

Configure Protocol Settings

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SP Connections | SP Connection | Browser SSO

SAML Profiles Assertion Lifetime Assertion Creation Protocol Settings Summary

Summary information for your Browser SSO configuration. Click a heading link to edit a configuration setting.

Browser SSO

SAML Profiles

IdP-Initiated SSO	true
IdP-Initiated SLO	false
SP-Initiated SSO	true
SP-Initiated SLO	false

Assertion Lifetime

Valid Minutes Before	5
Valid Minutes After	5

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SP Connections | SP Connection | Credentials

Digital Signature Settings Summary

You may need to digitally sign SAML messages or security tokens to protect against tampering. Please select a key/certificate to use from the list below. A secondary signing certificate may be configured only if primary certificate has certificate rotation disabled. The secondary signing certificate is only used for inclusion in the connection metadata.

SIGNING CERTIFICATE: CN=pingss.com, OU=SSO, O=Ping, L=R... (01:96:B5:47:6E:50 | Exp: May 09, 2026)

SECONDARY SIGNING CERTIFICATE: - SELECT -

INCLUDE THE CERTIFICATE IN THE SIGNATURE <KEYINFO> ELEMENT.

SIGNING ALGORITHM: RSA SHA256

Manage Certificates

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SP Connections | SP Connection | Credentials

Digital Signature Settings Summary

Summary information for your Credentials configuration. Click a heading link to edit a configuration setting.

Credentials

Digital Signature Settings

Selected Certificate	CN=pingsso.com, OU=SSO, O=Ping, L=Rajahmundry, ST=Andhra Pradesh, C=IN (01:96:B5:47:6E:50 Exp: May 09, 2026)
Include Certificate in KeyInfo	false
Selected Signing Algorithm	RSA SHA256

Cancel Save Draft Previous Done

This screenshot shows the 'Digital Signature Settings' section of the PingFederate interface. It includes fields for selecting a certificate (CN=pingsso.com, OU=SSO, O=Ping, L=Rajahmundry, ST=Andhra Pradesh, C=IN (01:96:B5:47:6E:50 | Exp: May 09, 2026)), including certificate in KeyInfo (set to false), and selected signing algorithm (RSA SHA256). Navigation buttons at the bottom include 'Cancel', 'Save Draft', 'Previous', and 'Done'.

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Connection Template Connection Type Connection Options Import Metadata General Info Extended Properties

Credentials Activation & Summary

For each credential shown here, configure the necessary settings.

Credential Requirement

DIGITAL SIGNATURE CN=pingsso.com, OU=SSO, O=Ping, L=Rajahmundry, ST=Andhra Pradesh, C=IN (01:96:B5:47:6E:50 | Exp: May 09, 2026)

Configure Credentials

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This screenshot shows the 'Credentials' tab of the SP Connections configuration page. It displays a single credential entry for 'DIGITAL SIGNATURE' with the details: CN=pingsso.com, OU=SSO, O=Ping, L=Rajahmundry, ST=Andhra Pradesh, C=IN (01:96:B5:47:6E:50 | Exp: May 09, 2026). A 'Configure Credentials' button is present. Navigation buttons at the bottom include 'Cancel', 'Save Draft', 'Previous', and 'Next'.

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SP Connections

SP Adapters

Target URL Mapping

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Connection Template Connection Type Connection Options Import Metadata General Info Extended Properties

Browser SSO Credentials Activation & Summary

Summary information for your SP connection. Click a heading in a section to edit a particular configuration setting.

SSO Application Endpoint https://pingsso.com:9031/idp/startSSO.ping?PartnerSpId=SAML2.0

Connection Type

Connection Role SP

Browser SSO Profiles true

Protocol SAML 2.0

Connection Template No Template

WS-Trust STS false

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SP Connections

On this screen you can manage connections to your partner SPs.

Search Clear Narrow By

Connection Name	Connection ID	Virtual ID	Protocol	Modified	Created	Enabled	Action
SAML2.0	SAML2.0	SAML 2.0	06/02/2025	06/02/2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Select Action	

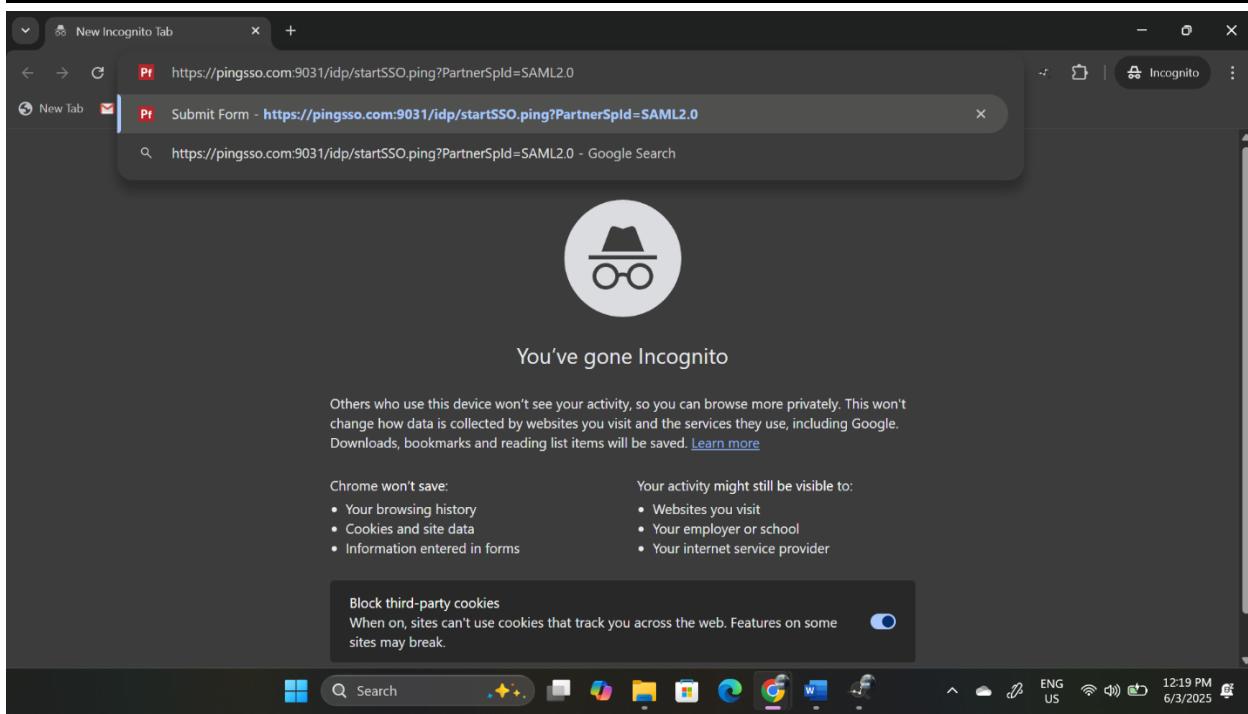
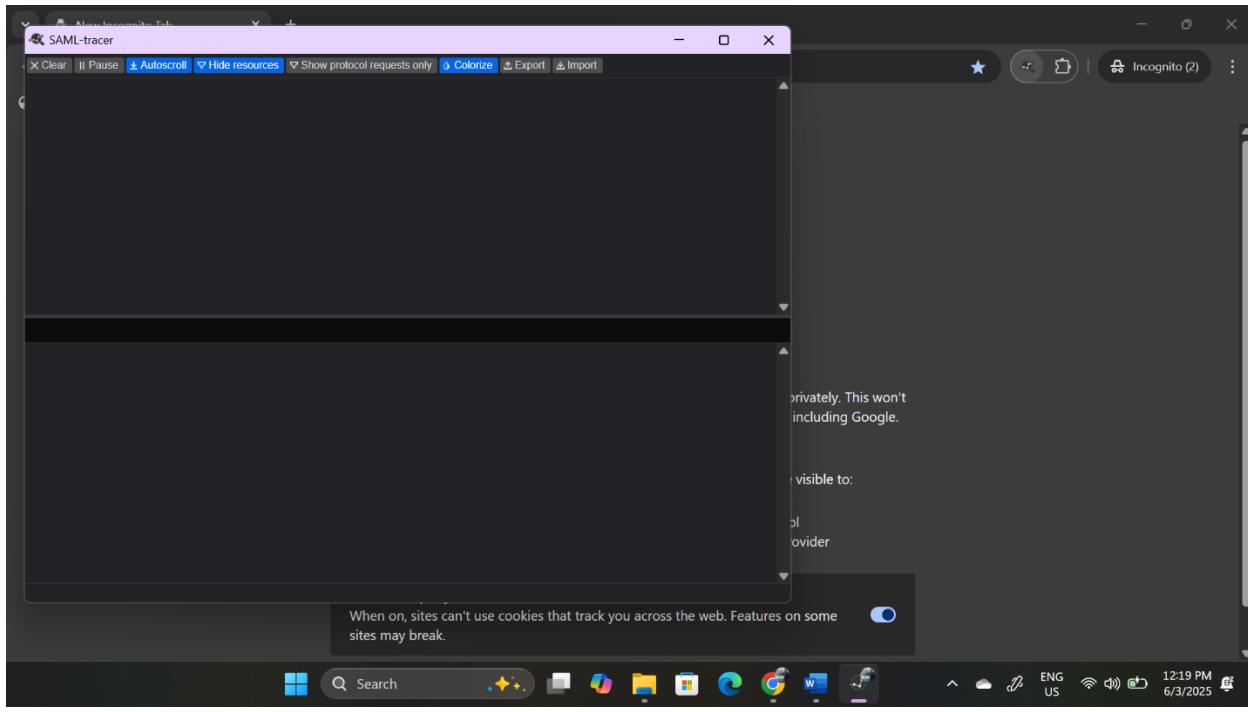
Create Connection Import Connection

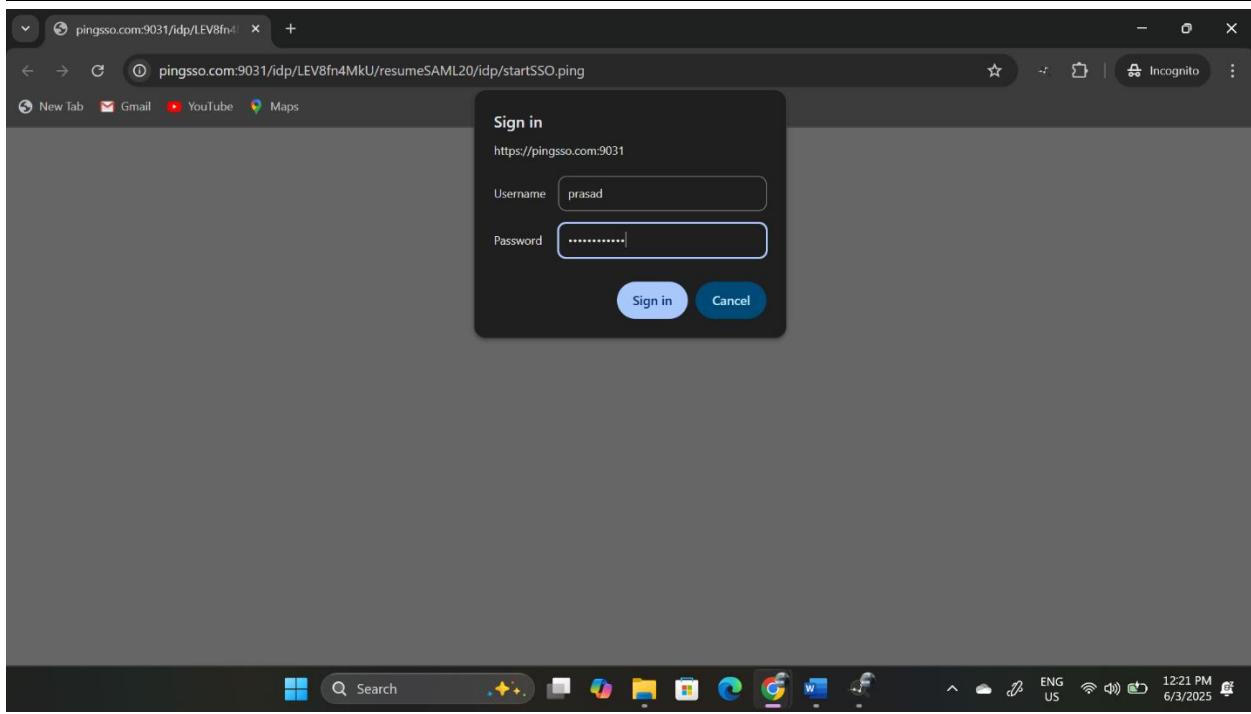
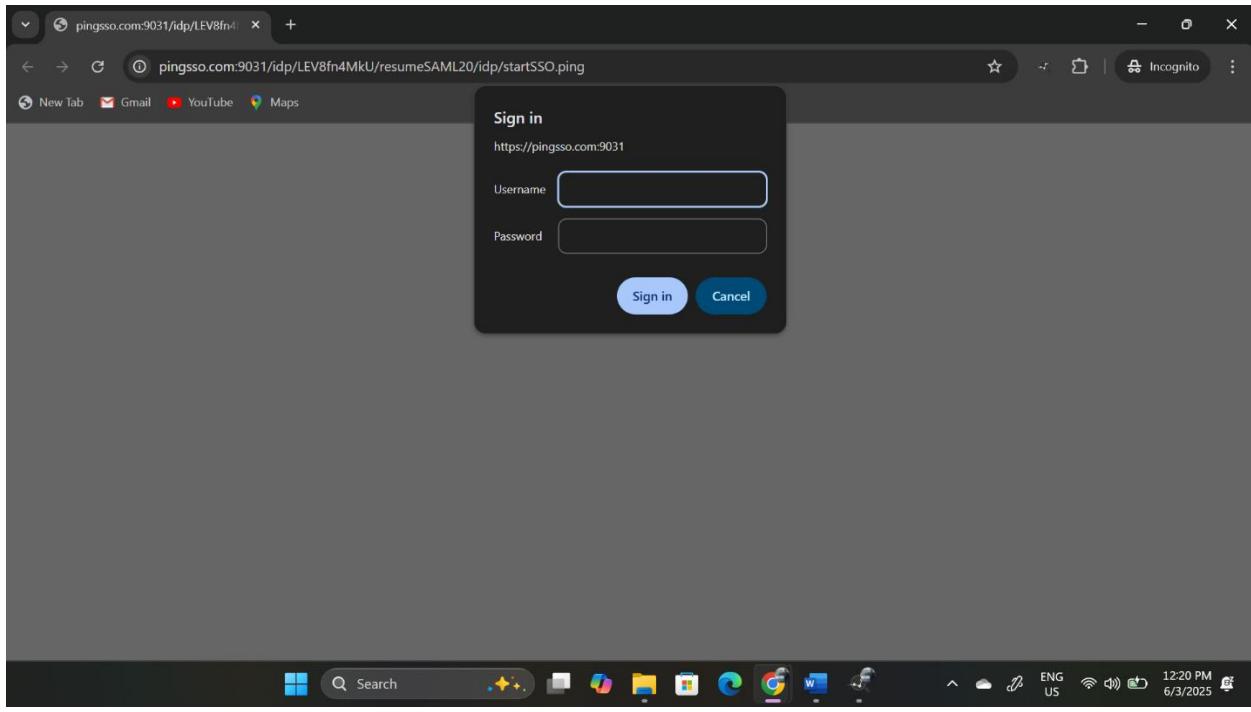
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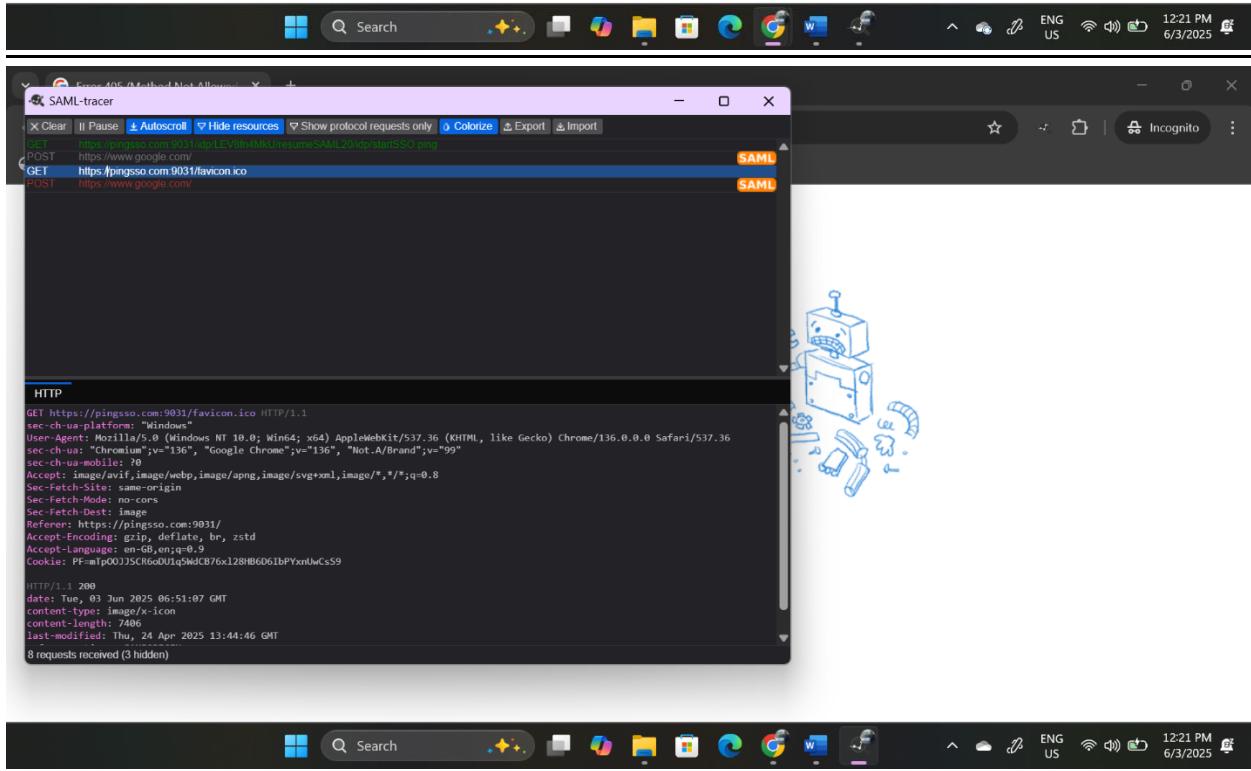
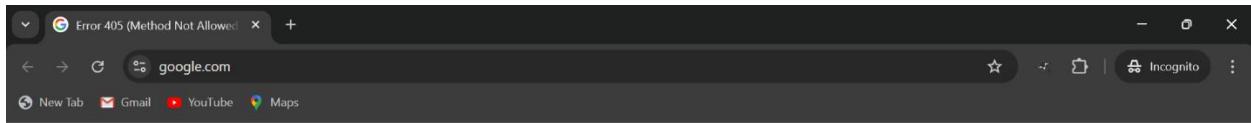
Step 7:- Test the SAML Login Flow

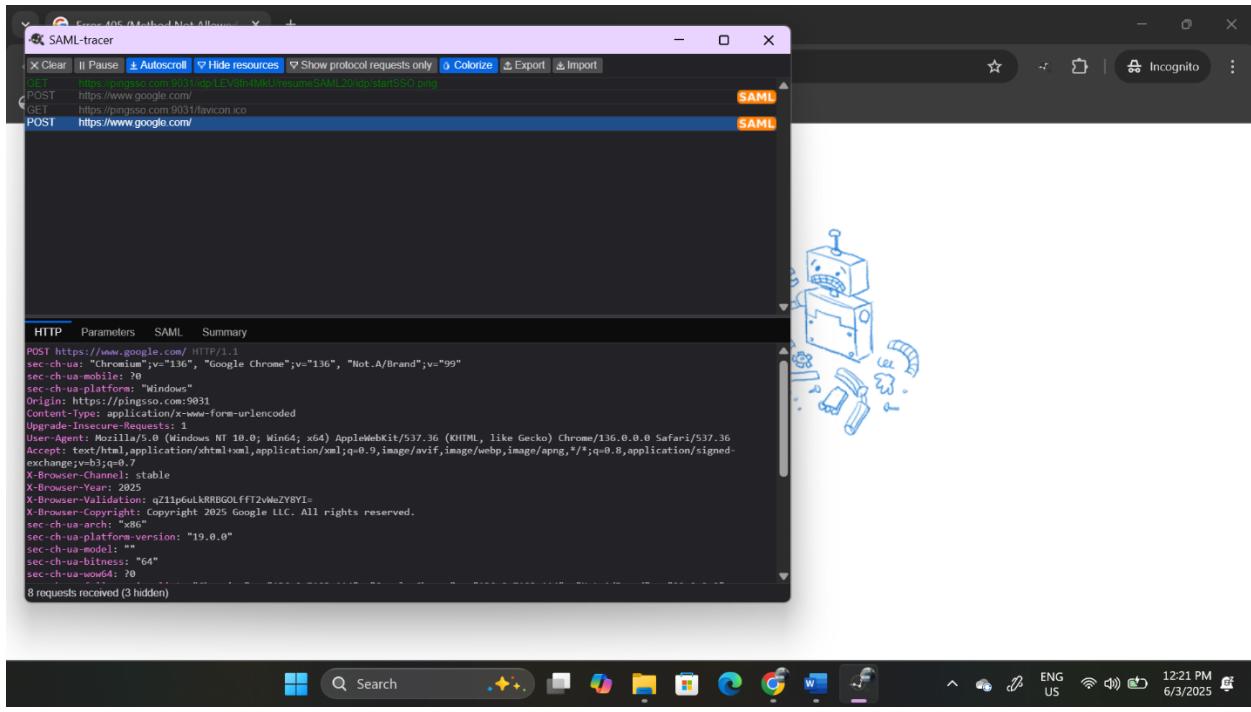
1. Access the Service Provider URL.
2. Login from an internal IP address and verify authentication succeeds without MFA.
3. Login from an external IP address and verify that PingID MFA is required.
4. Check PingFederate logs to confirm successful authentication and assertions.

The screenshot shows the PingFederate web interface. The browser title bar says "PingFederate". The address bar shows "https://pingsso.com:9999/pingfederate/app#/spConnections". The top navigation bar has tabs for AUTHENTICATION, APPLICATIONS (which is selected), SECURITY, and SYSTEM. On the left, there's a sidebar with links like Integration, SP Connections (which is selected), SP Adapters, Target URL Mapping, SP Default URLs, Policy Contract Adapter Mappings, and Adapter-to-Adapter Mappings. The main content area is titled "SP Connections | SP Connection". It has tabs for Connection Type, Connection Options, Metadata URL, General Info, Browser SSO, Credentials, and Activation & Summary. Under "Connection Type", it shows "Connection Role: SP", "Browser SSO Profiles: true", "Protocol: SAML 2.0", "Connection Template: No Template", and "WS-Trust STS: false". The "SSO Application Endpoint" field contains "https://pingsso.com:9031/idp/startSSO.ping?PartnerSpId=SAML2.0". A green toggle switch is next to it. The status bar at the bottom shows "javascript:onClick\$0();", "12:19 PM", "ENG US", and the date "6/3/2025".









Step 7:- Testing the SAML Login Flow — External User

To ensure that the authentication flow correctly enforces multi-factor authentication (MFA) for users connecting from outside the internal network, follow these steps:

- When an external user (with an IP address outside the defined CIDR ranges) accesses the Service Provider application, they are first presented with the standard login screen to enter their username and password.
- After successful primary authentication, the system recognizes the user's external IP and triggers the PingID Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) adapter as per the CIDR-based policy.
- The user is required to complete the PingID MFA challenge, such as approving a push notification on their mobile device or entering a one-time password (OTP).
- Only after successful completion of the MFA step, the user is granted access and the SAML assertion is sent to the Service Provider, completing the federated login.
- This process ensures that external users undergo an additional security layer, protecting sensitive resources from unauthorized access.
- Administrators can verify the flow by checking PingFederate logs, which will show the primary authentication followed by MFA challenge events for external IP addresses.

This setup balances security and usability by allowing internal users to authenticate quickly without MFA, while enforcing strong authentication for external users.

The screenshots illustrate the PingFederate web interface, showing the main dashboard and the AUTHENTICATION page.

Main Dashboard (Top Screenshot):

- Shortcuts:**
 - IdP Adapters
 - Policies
 - Policy Contract Grant Mapping
 - SP Connections
 - Clients
 - Access Token Mappings
 - OpenID Connect Policy Management
 - Data Stores
 - Password Credential Validators
 - Extended Properties
- Helpful Links:**
 - Resource Downloads
 - Release Notes
 - Support
 - Integration Directory
 - DevOps
 - Performance Tuning Guide

AUTHENTICATION Page (Bottom Screenshot):

- Sidebar:**
 - Integration
 - Policies
 - OAuth
 - Token Exchange
- Shortcuts:**
 - IdP Connections**: Authenticate users at partner identity providers.
 - IdP Adapters**: Authenticate users or integrate with existing authentication systems.
 - Fragments**: Create reusable policy fragments for authentication and registration workflows.
 - Policies**: Authenticate users with multi-factor authentication policies.
 - Selectors**: Branch authentication policy based on transaction context.
 - Sessions**: Control when authenticated users must sign on again.

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Selectors | Create Authentication Selector Instance

Type Authentication Selector Summary

Complete the configuration needed for this Selector Instance.

This authentication selector chooses an authentication source at runtime based on a match found in the specified HTTP Header.

Networks ?

Network Range (CIDR notation) ?	Description ?	Action
0.0.0.0/32		Edit Delete

Add a new row to 'Networks'

Field Name	Field Value	Description
RESULT ATTRIBUTE NAME		Indicates (when specified) the attribute name in which to store the authentication selector result

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Selectors

Settings saved.

PingFederate uses Authentication Selectors globally (across connections) to choose which Authentication Source (an IdP Adapter or IdP Connection) to invoke based upon criteria defined in a Selector Instance. Selector Instance results are mapped to Authentication Sources and applied as authentication policy.

Instance Name ^	Instance ID	Type	Action
CIDR	CIDR	CIDR Authentication Selector	None Available - In Use
ConnectionSet	ConnectionSet	Connection Set Authentication Selector	None Available - In Use
HTTPHeader	HTTPHeader	HTTP Header Authentication Selector	None Available - In Use
IPSelector	IPSelector	CIDR Authentication Selector	None Available - In Use
Query	Query	HTTP Request Parameter Authentication Selector	None Available - In Use

Create New Instance

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SP Connections

On this screen you can manage connections to your partner SPs.

Connection Name	Connection ID	Virtual ID	Protocol	Modified	Created	Enabled	Action
SAML2.0	SAML2.0		SAML 2.0	06/02/2025	06/02/2025	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Select Action

Create Connection Import Connection

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Settings saved.

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SP Connections | SP Connection

SSO Application Endpoint https://pingsso.com:9031/idp/startSSO.ping?PartnerSpId=SAML2.0

Summary

SP Connection

Connection Type

Connection Role

Browser SSO Profiles

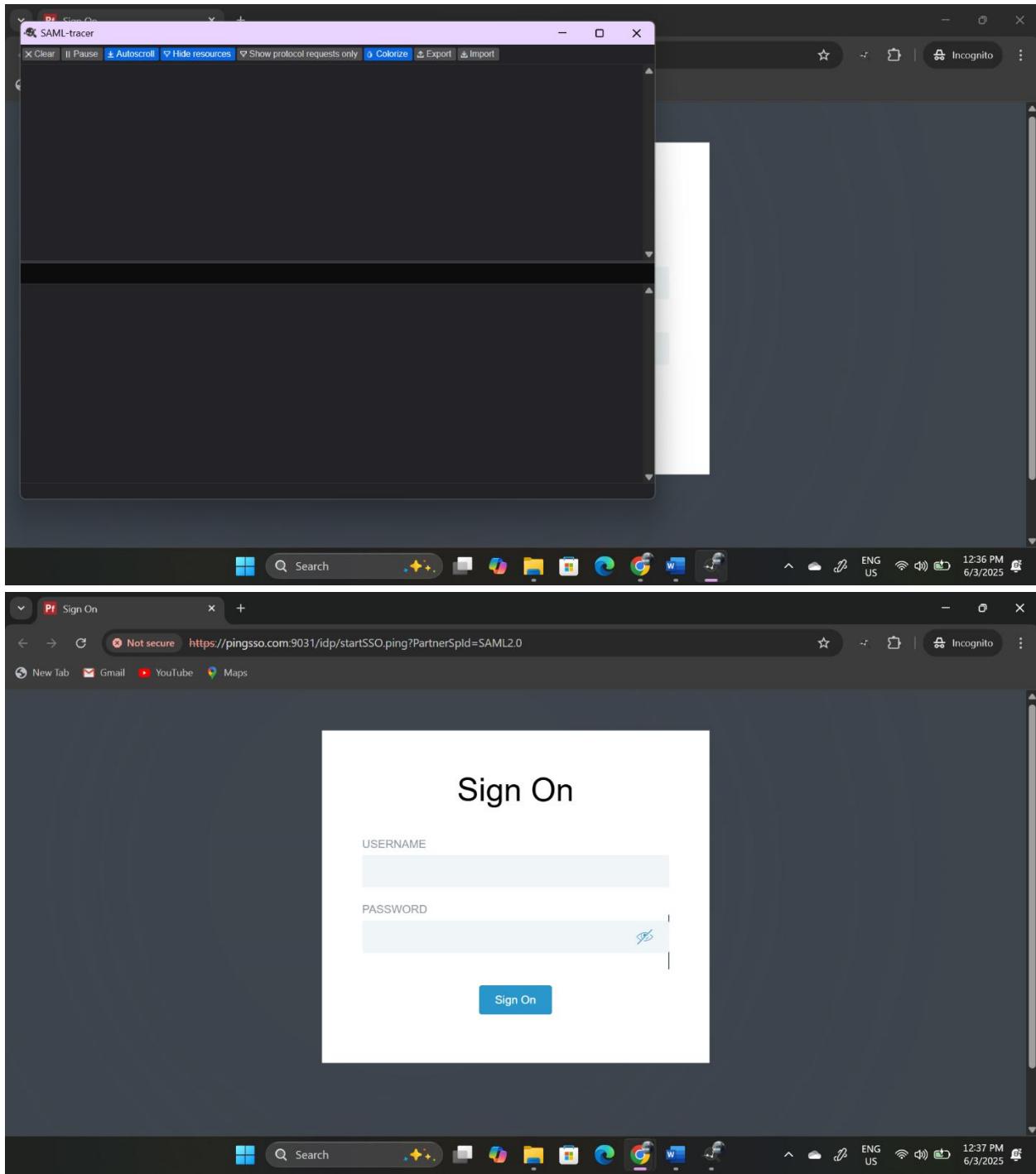
Protocol SAML 2.0

Connection Template No Template

WS Trust STS false

Open link in new tab
Open link in new window
Open link in incognito window
Save link as...
Copy link address
Inspect

Integration SP Connections SP Adapters Target URL Mapping SP Default URLs Policy Contract Adapter Mappings Adapter-to-Adapter Mappings



The image consists of two vertically stacked screenshots of a web browser window on a Windows operating system.

Screenshot 1: Sign On

The title bar says "Pf Sign On". The address bar shows "<https://pingss.com:9031/idp/startSSO.ping?PartnerSpId=SAML2.0>". Below the address bar are links for "New Tab", "Gmail", "YouTube", and "Maps". The main content area displays a "Sign On" form:

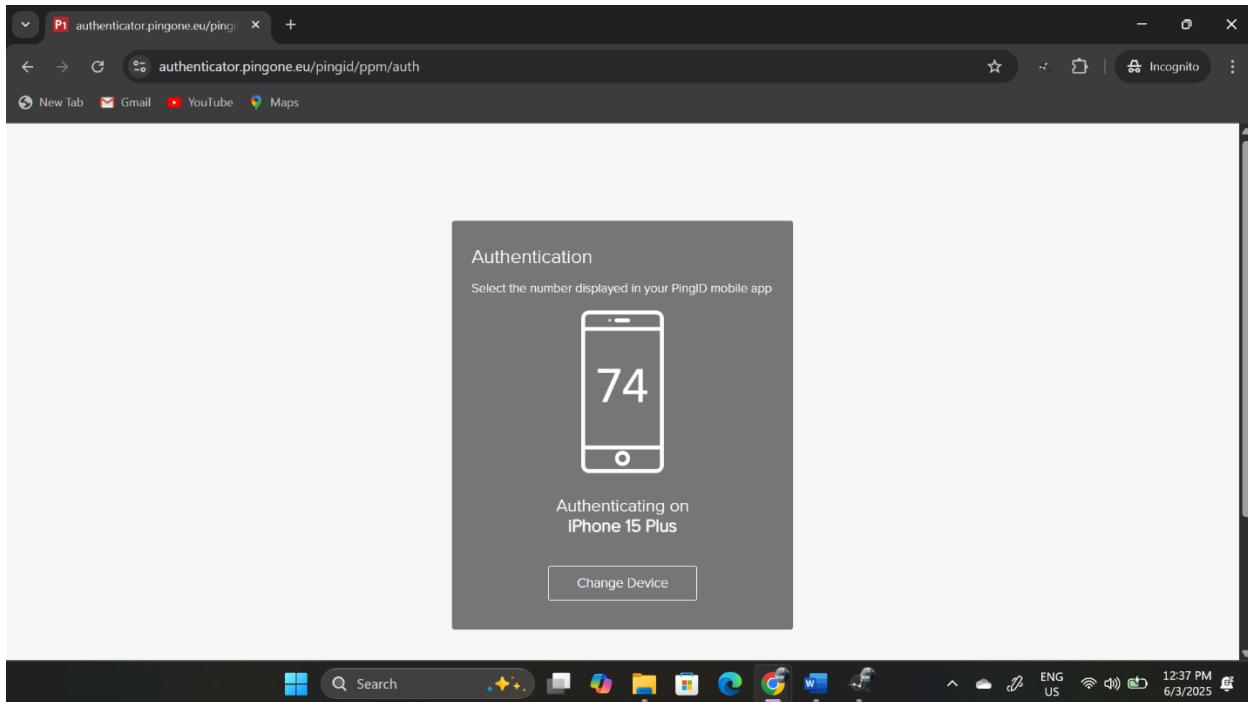
- USERNAME:** prasad
- PASSWORD:** (redacted)
- Sign On** button

Screenshot 2: Change Authenticating Device

The title bar says "Pf Change Authenticating Device". The address bar shows "<authenticator.pingone.eu/pingid/ppm/devices>". Below the address bar are links for "New Tab", "Gmail", "YouTube", and "Maps". The main content area displays a "Change Authenticating Device" dialog:

- iPhone 15 Plus** (selected, marked as **DEFAULT**)
- Email 1**: dk****@gmail.com
- Passkey 1**
- Settings** and **Sign On** buttons

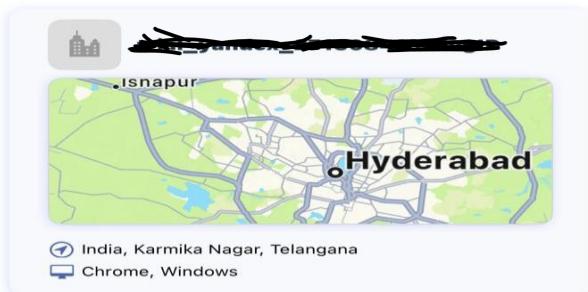
The taskbar at the bottom of both screenshots shows various pinned icons and the system tray indicating the date and time as 6/3/2025 and 12:37 PM.



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Are you trying to sign on?



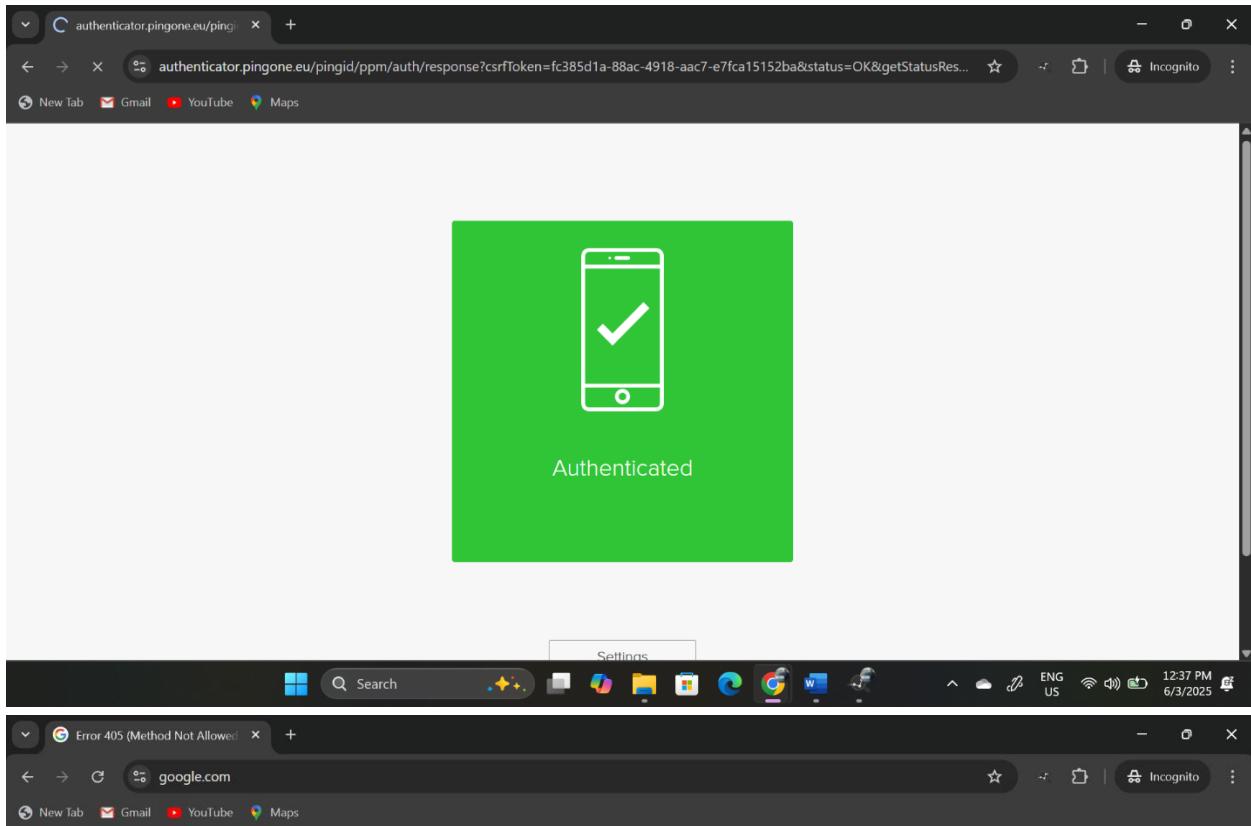
To authenticate, select the number displayed on your Windows.

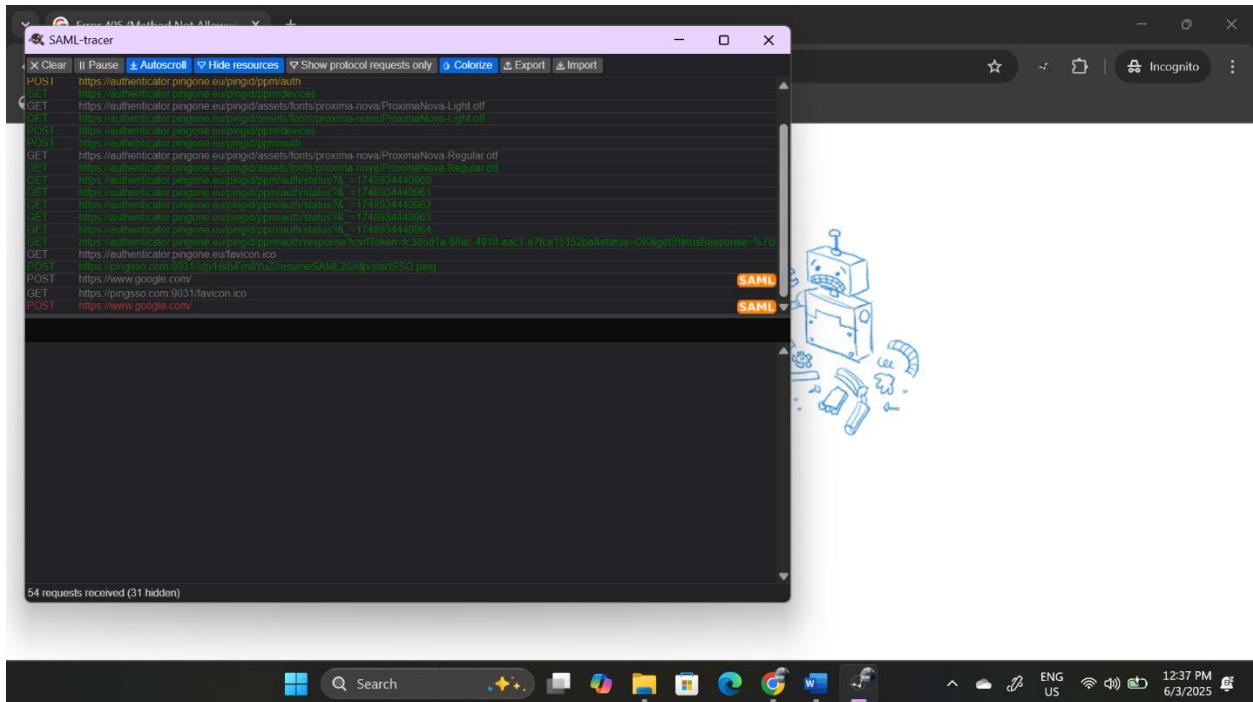
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No, it's not me





Results and Observations:-

- The secure authentication flow was successfully implemented using PingFederate, with conditional MFA based on user IP addresses.
- Internal users**, identified via CIDR matching, were authenticated using only username and password (via HTML Form or HTTP Basic Adapter) and **did not require PingID MFA**, improving usability within the trusted network.
- External users** were correctly routed to the PingID MFA flow after primary authentication, enhancing security for users accessing from untrusted locations.
- The CIDR selector worked as expected, accurately determining whether an IP was internal or external.
- The **Composite Adapter** effectively combined multiple login methods into a single seamless experience, enhancing flexibility and maintainability.
- The SAML 2.0 SP connection completed successfully, and assertions were correctly generated and passed to the Service Provider application.
- Logs confirmed successful authentication chains, including conditional branching and MFA enforcement.

Conclusion:-

This mini project demonstrated a practical implementation of a dynamic and secure authentication system using PingFederate. By leveraging features such as **SAML 2.0, Composite Adapters, CIDR Selectors, and PingID MFA**, we achieved:

- Context-aware access control
- Improved user experience for internal users
- Enhanced security for external access
- A flexible, policy-driven authentication architecture

This hands-on implementation provides a solid foundation for modern enterprise Identity and Access Management (IAM) practices. It shows how organizations can enforce security dynamically without compromising usability.

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Thank you for taking the time to read this documentation. I hope it provides value and insight into secure authentication flows using PingFederate.