

## Study Club for Splunk @ BSides SPL 22

### Hands-on with AD & LDAP

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The lab will be a walkthrough of the Splunk LDAP Authentication method to integrate with Microsoft Active Directory (AD) using LDAP.

Together, we will be creating and mapping roles in Splunk to Windows AD groups. We will go through how to control access to Splunk dashboards and verify the access is working. We then will go through the backend via the command line. We will close out the session with a fireside chat where we will share observations, insights, gotchas, best practices and next steps.

We are working to allow the community to spin up the GAS lab while watching the session later via video on demand after BSides22 has concluded. This will be super cool as part of support for our beloved Splunk community and global user groups. The session video is available at <http://bsides22.video.studyclub.community>.

We have a dedicated Study Club for Splunk Slack channel on splunk-usergroups. It is named study-club-for-splunk. The direct link is <http://splunk-slack.studyclub.community>





*Many thanks to bitsIO Inc for allowing us to use their GAS platform for our Splunk community.*

## Step 1 - Request a BSides SPL 22 personal GAS lab

Go to <http://bsides22.studyclub.community>

Enter a nickname and an email address and click the Request Lab Now button.



**Request your Study Club for Splunk BSides22 Personal LAB**


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**Nick Name (Required)**


**Email Address (Required)**

Do not use spaces or special characters

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You will receive a request confirmation



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Your GAS Lab Environment is Being Generated triple G



**gas\_admin@bitsioinc.com**  
to gaulivan ▾

Hi triple G,

Your personal Global Academy for Splunk (GAS) lab environment is being generated for this BSides SPL 22 session. Look out for a follow up email once your lab is ready. The build process takes approximately 7-8 minutes.

Please download the lab guidance at <http://bsides22.docs.studyclub.community> while you are waiting.

The final part of the lab does require using an SSH client. Please ensure that you have one installed. Go with whatever your IT admin suggests.

Many thanks for taking the time to experience Study Club for Splunk.  
Please join our splunk-usergroups Slack channel at <http://splunk-slack.studyclub.community>


Thanks  
GAS Admin  
Global Academy for Splunk (GAS)  
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gas\_admin@bitsioinc.com  
to gsullivan ▾

Hi triple G,

Your Global Academy for Splunk (GAS) environment for BSIDES SPL 22 is now ready for your use.

URL for the publicly accessible Splunk All-In-One  
<https://bitsIO-GAS-9eW8Fk-bsides22-ad-ldap-node.gas.bitsioservices.com>

User name: admin  
Password: cxapkygnz2

The credentials for command line access via ssh  
User name: triple G  
Password: cxapkygnz2

The command to connect from your local machine's terminal client to the Linux Jump Box is  
ssh triple [G@bitsIO-GAS-9eW8Fk-bsides22-ad-ldap-jumpbox.gas.bitsioservices.com](https://bitsIO-GAS-9eW8Fk-bsides22-ad-ldap-jumpbox.gas.bitsioservices.com)  
Password: cxapkygnz2

The command to connect from the Linux Jump Box to the publicly accessible Splunk All-In-One  
ssh triple [G@10.4.5.200](https://10.4.5.200)  
Password: cxapkygnz2

LDAP Server  
IP address is 10.4.4.123  
Password: spladmin123!

Lab access will expire in approximately 120 minutes

Please follow the lab guidance at <http://bsides22.docs.studyclub.community>

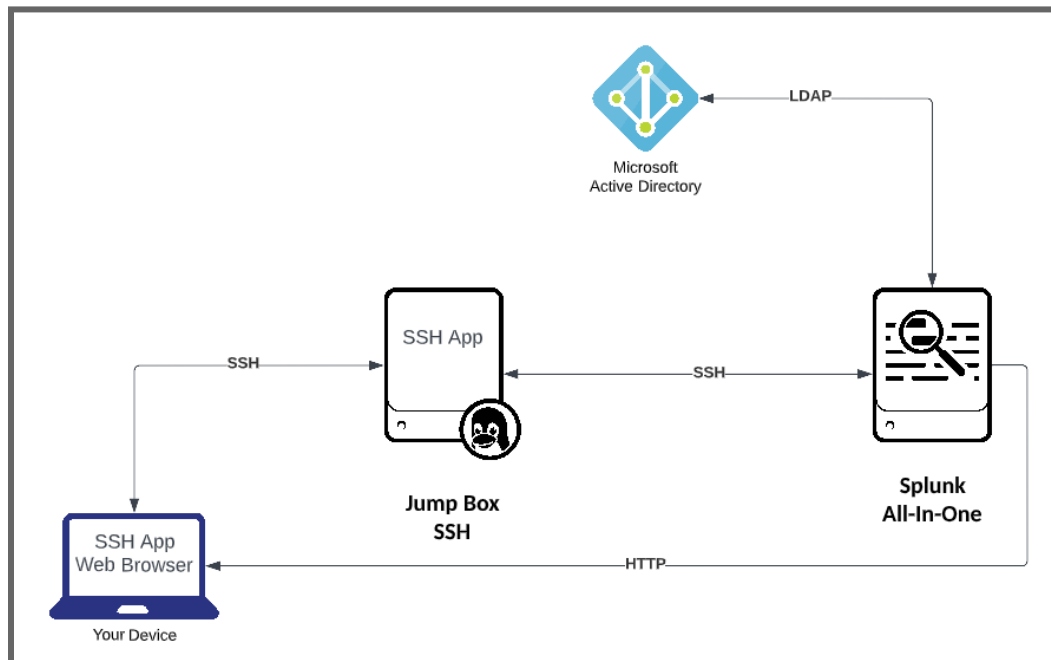
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# GAS Lab Environment



## Splunk All-In-One

This is a standard Splunk instance. It is referred to as an all-in-one as all default features are enabled. The URL and credentials for your instance is listed in the second email.

## Jump Box

This is a Linux server that is created as security best practice. It is used for accessing the backend/command-line of the all-in-one instance. Essentially, you will access this jump box directly via its public address using an SSH client. From there you will access the all-in-one instance via its private address using the same SSH client session. We refer to this as a Jump Box. Others may refer to it as a Jump Host.

For reference, a jump server is located in what is known as a Demilitarised Zone (DMZ). This is a special network arrangement where servers within this zone are accessible from a private network and a public network. This allows us to keep servers on private networks more secure while still being accessible as needed. SSH uses port 22.

We have purposely kept the diagram high level and avoided overlaying the entire system architecture. For a more detailed architecture please see your session from BSides SPL 21 at <http://bsides21.video.studyclub.community>

## Microsoft Active Directory (AD)

This is a Windows server instance running AD. We have pre-built users and groups as laid out in Appendix A. We map Splunk roles to these groups.

## GitHub Repositories

The Study Club for Splunk GitHub repositories are located at <http://github.studyclub.community>  
All of the assets from our previous work are available there.

The screenshot shows the GitHub interface for the repository `SplunkStudyClub / bsides22_AD_LDAP`. The repository is public and has 1 branch (main) and 0 tags. The commit history shows a recent update to `README.md` by `aleemcummins` 1 hour ago, with 7 commits in total. The file list includes `README.md`, `Sample Commands.txt`, `authentication.conf`, `authorize.conf`, and `bsides22-ad-ldap.pdf`. The `README.md` content describes a hands-on lab for Splunk LDAP Authentication.

Search or jump to... **Pull requests** **Issues** **Marketplace** **Explore**

**SplunkStudyClub / bsides22\_AD\_LDAP** **Public**

**<> Code** **Issues** **Pull requests** **Actions** **Projects** **Wiki** **Security** **Insights** **Settings**

**main** **1 branch** **0 tags** **Go to file** **Add file** **Code**

**aleemcummins** Update README.md 258a290 1 hour ago 7 commits

File	Commit Message	Time
README.md	Update README.md	1 hour ago
Sample Commands.txt	Add files via upload	12 days ago
authentication.conf	Add files via upload	12 days ago
authorize.conf	Add files via upload	12 days ago
bsides22-ad-ldap.pdf	Add files via upload	12 days ago

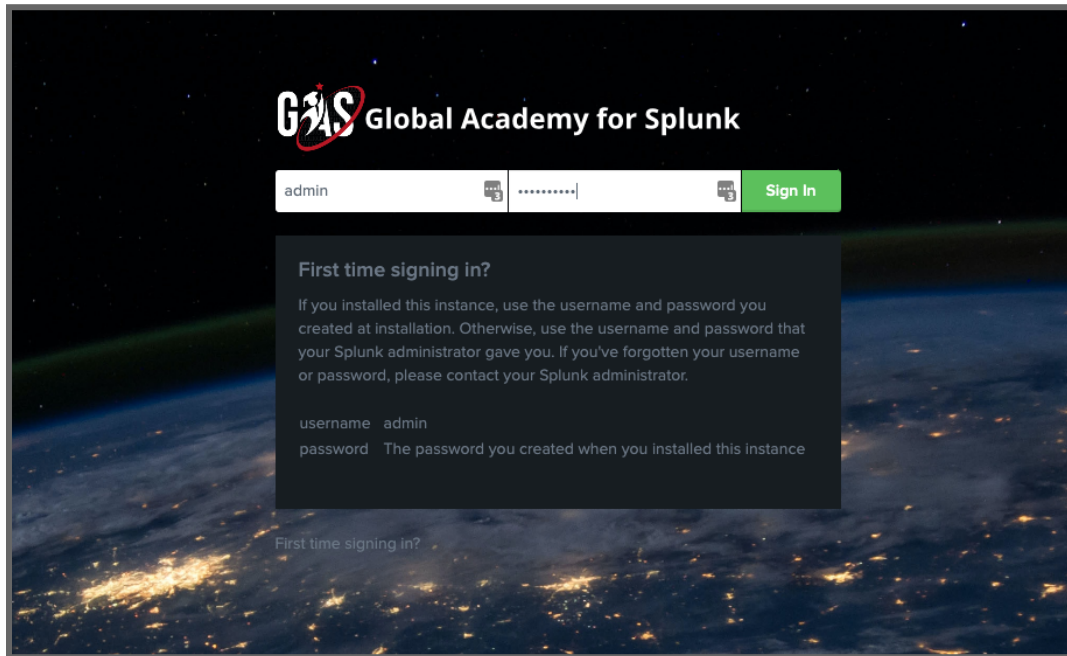
**README.md**

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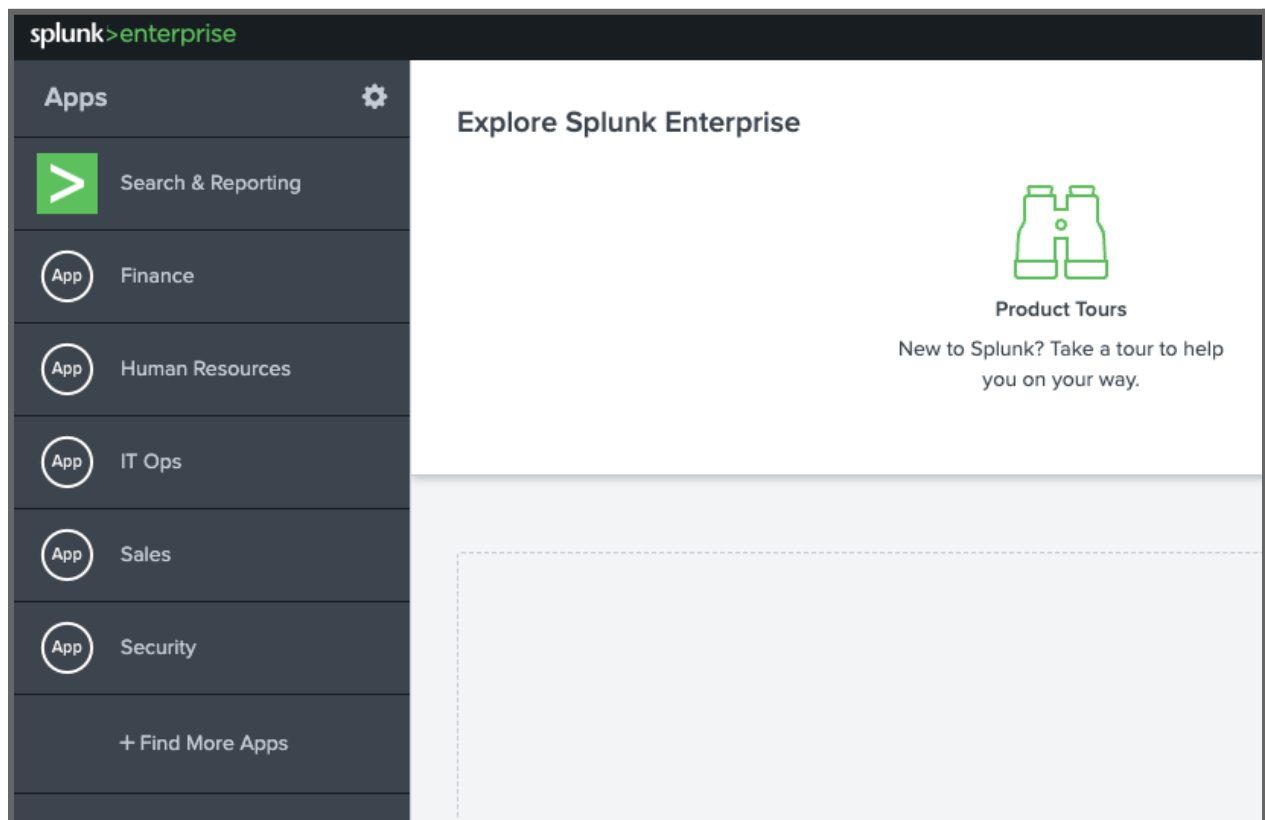
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## Step 2 - Login to Splunk

Access the Splunk instance via the link and credentials from the second email



Notice that there are five custom apps visible to you as the admin user





## Step 3 - Configure LDAP

For this session we will be configuring LDAP Authentication

Click **Settings** followed by **Authentication Methods**

Select an authentication method. Splunk supports native authentication as well as the following external methods:

Internal ☒ Splunk Authentication (always on)

External ☐ None  
☒ LDAP  
☐ SAML

[Configure Splunk to use LDAP](#)

**Multifactor Authentication**

Not available with external authentication such as SAML.

☒ None  
☐ Duo Security  
☐ RSA Security

[Reload authentication configuration](#)

### ***Super Useful Resources***

We wholeheartedly recommend as essential learning




- “The Practical User’s Guide for Setting up LDAP in Splunk”. It was created by SplunkTrust member, Tom Kopchak over at Hurricane Labs. Check it out at <https://hurricanelabs.com/splunk-tutorials/the-practical-users-guide-for-setting-up-ldap-in-splunk/>
- Live Demo of SAML (OKTA) and LDAP from a Dallas Fort Worth user group session. Logan Carter and Dustin Church go into truly amazing detail . Check it out at <https://bit.ly/saml-ldap-okta>

Click **Configure Splunk to use LDAP**

Click **New LDAP** green button

New LDAP

We talk through these settings in the video. **Be sure to use LDAP host IP provided with the second email.** The LDAP password is fixed for the lab.

LDAP strategy name *	<input type="text"/>	
Enter a unique name for this strategy.		
<b>LDAP connection settings</b>		
Host *	<input type="text"/>	
Your Splunk server must be able to resolve this host.		
Port	<input type="text"/>	
The LDAP server port defaults to 389 if you are not using SSL, or 636 if SSL is enabled.		
<input type="checkbox"/> SSL enabled		
You must also have SSL enabled on your LDAP server.		
Bind DN	<input type="text"/>	
This is the distinguished name used to bind to the LDAP server. This is typically the DN of an administrator with access to all LDAP users you wish to add to Splunk. However, you can leave this blank if anonymous bind is sufficient.		
Bind DN Password	<input type="password"/>	
Enter the password for your Bind DN user.		
Confirm password	<input type="password"/>	

User settings	
User base DN *	<div><input type="text"/></div> <div>The location of your LDAP users, specified by the DN of your user subtree. If necessary, you can specify several DNs separated by semicolons.</div>
User base filter	<div><input type="text"/></div> <div>The LDAP search filter used to filter users. Highly recommended if you have a large amount of user entries under your user base DN. For example, '(department=IT)'</div>
User name attribute *	<div><input type="text"/></div> <div>The user attribute that contains the username. Note that this attribute's value should be case insensitive. Set to 'uid' for most configurations. In Active Directory (AD), this should be set to 'sAMAccountName'.</div>
Real name attribute *	<div><input type="text"/></div> <div>The user attribute that contains a human readable name. This is typically 'cn' (common name) or 'displayName'.</div>
Email attribute	<div><input type="text"/></div> <div>The user attribute that contains the user's email address. This is typically 'mail'.</div>
Group mapping attribute	<div><input type="text"/></div> <div>The user attribute that group entries use to define their members. If your LDAP groups use distinguished names for membership you can leave this field blank.</div>

Group settings	
Group base DN *	<input type="text"/>
The location of your LDAP groups, specified by the DN of your group subtree. If necessary, you can specify several DNs separated by semicolons.	
Static group search filter	<input type="text"/>
The LDAP search filter used to retrieve static groups. Highly recommended if you have a large amount of group entries under your group base DN. For example, '(department=IT)'	
Group name attribute *	<input type="text"/>
The group attribute that contains the group name. A typical value for this is 'cn'.	
Static member attribute *	<input type="text"/>
The group attribute whose values are the group's members. Typical values are 'member' or 'memberUid'. Groups list user members with values of groupMappingAttribute, as specified above.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Nested groups	
Controls whether Splunk will expand nested groups using the 'memberof' extension. Only check this if you have nested groups and the 'memberof' extension on your LDAP server.	
Dynamic group settings	
Dynamic member attribute	<input type="text"/>
The dynamic group attribute that contains the LDAP URL used to find members. This setting is required to configure dynamic groups. A typical value is 'memberURL'.	
Dynamic group search filter	<input type="text"/>
The LDAP search filter used to retrieve dynamic groups (optional). For example, '(objectclass=groupOfURLs)'	
<input type="checkbox"/> Advanced settings	
<div>Cancel Save</div>	

OU=Splunk,DC=bitsio,DC=local

cn

member

Click the green SAVE button

LDAP strategies

Authentication Methods » LDAP strategies

Successfully saved "a\_studyclub". Successfully performed a bind to the LDAP server.

Showing 1 of 1 item

LDAP strategy name	Host	Port	Connection order	Status	Actions
a_studyclub	10.4.216	389	1	Enabled   Disable	Map groups   Clone   Delete

## Step 4 - Map AD Groups to Splunk Roles

LDAP Groups

Authentication Methods » LDAP strategies » LDAP Groups

Back to strategies  
Showing 1 of 5 items

LDAP Group Name	LDAP Strategy	Group type	Roles
Finance	a_studyclub	static	
Human Resources	a_studyclub	static	
IT Ops	a_studyclub	static	
Sales	a_studyclub	static	
Security	a_studyclub	static	

Click Finance

Available Roles add all Selected Roles clear all

→ admin

→ can\_delete

→ finance

→ human resources

→ power

→ security

→ splunk-system-role

→ user

LDAP Users

CN=Heidi Wilder,CN=Users,DC=bitsio,DC=local  
CN=Lacey Rosario,CN=Users,DC=bitsio,DC=local

← finance

Cancel

Save

Click finance under “Available Roles”

Click green Save button

Repeat for **Security** and **Human Resources** AD Groups

Notice that there are no existing Splunk roles for **IT Ops** and **Sales**  
Let's start adding those roles by clicking on **Settings** followed by **Roles**

Roles New Role

5 Roles

Name	Actions	Native capabilities	Inherited capabilities	Default App
admin	Edit	96	32	
can_delete	Edit	4	0	
power	Edit	9	23	
splunk-system-role	Edit	0	128	
user	Edit	23	0	

Click the down arrow in the **Actions** column for **power** role and select **Clone**

splunk > enterprise Apps

## Roles

9 Roles

Name	Actions
admin	Edit
can_delete	Edit
finance	Edit
human resources	Edit
it ops	Edit
power	Edit
security	
splunk-system-role	
user	

Edit

View Capabilities

View Indexes

Clone

## Add **Sales** as Name

Clone Role power Aleem C

Name \*  X

1. Inheritance 2. Capabilities 3. Indexes 4. Restrictions 5. Resources

Specify roles from which this role inherits capabilities and indexes. Inherited capabilities and indexes cannot be disabled. If multiple roles are specified, this role inherits capabilities and indexes from all selected roles.

☐ Role name  Showing all ▾

- ☐ admin
- ☐ can\_delete
- ☐ finance
- ☐ human resources
- ☐ it ops
- ☐ power
- ☐ security
- ☐ splunk-system-role
- ☒ user

Repeat to add **IT Ops** role

Now we need to Map AD Groups to these newly created Splunk Roles

Click **Settings** followed by **Authentication Methods**

Check the **LDAP** radio button followed by **LDAP Settings**

Click **Map groups** from the **Actions** column

LDAP Groups

[Authentication Methods](#) > [LDAP strategies](#) > LDAP Groups

[Back to strategies](#)  
Showing 1-5 of 5 items

filter

LDAP Group Name ▴	LDAP Strategy ▴	Group type ▴	Roles ▴
Finance	a_studyclub	static	finance
Human Resources	a_studyclub	static	human resources
IT Ops	a_studyclub	static	
Sales	a_studyclub	static	
Security	a_studyclub	static	security

Click **IT Ops** and repeat steps from earlier

Click **Sales** and repeat steps from earlier

All Splunk roles are now mapped to AD Groups

LDAP Group Name ▴	LDAP Strategy ▴	Group type ▴	Roles ▴
Finance	a_studyclub	static	finance
Human Resources	a_studyclub	static	human resources
IT Ops	a_studyclub	static	it ops
Sales	a_studyclub	static	sales
Security	a_studyclub	static	security

## Step 4 - Configure App Permissions

Lock down permissions for finance app to finance role

*Security role is also added as best practice*

### App permissions

Users with read access can only save objects for themselves, and require write access to be able to share objects with other users.

Roles	Read	Write
Everyone	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
admin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
can_delete	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
human resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
it ops	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
power	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
sales	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
security	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
splunk-system-role	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
user	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Apply selected role permissions to:

[Learn more](#)

☒ This app only (Finance) ☐ All apps (system)

Cancel

Save

Repeat to

- Lock down permissions for IT Ops app to IT Ops role
- Lock down permissions for Sales app to Sales role
- Lock down permissions for Security app to Security role
- Lock down permissions for Human Resources app to Human Resources role

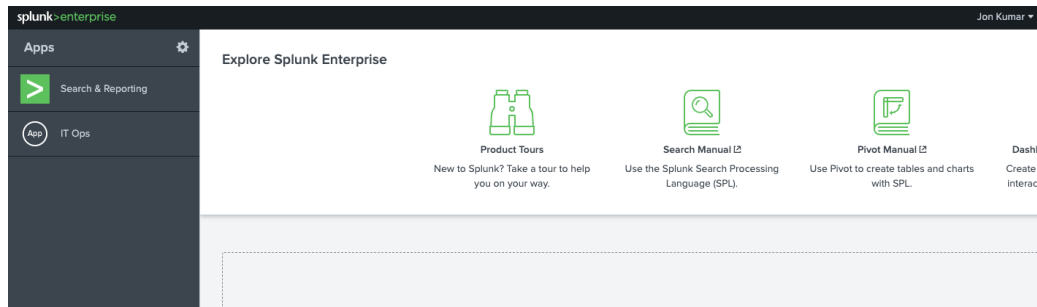
## Step 5 - Test LDAP Authentication Configuration

Let's validate our configuration by logging in as users from multiple AD groups. The apps listed should match the permissions we applied.

### Test 1

Logout as **Admin** user

Login as IT Ops user **jon.kumar** with password **spljk123!**

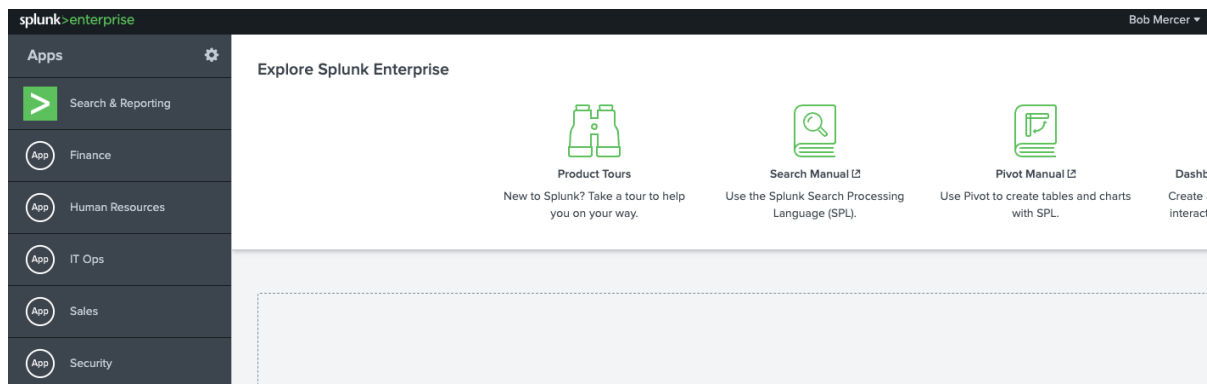


Jon from the IT Ops Splunk role mapped to the AD Group IT Ops can only see the IT Ops dashboard as anticipated.

Logout as **jon.kumar** user

### Test 2

Login as Security user **bob.mercer** with password **splbm123!**



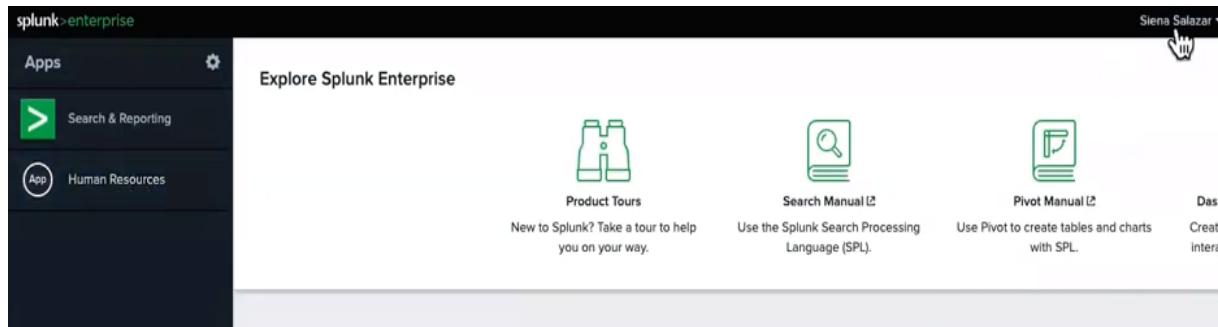
Bob from the Security Splunk role mapped to the AD Group Security can see the Security dashboard and also the dashboards from Sales, Human Resources, IT Ops and Finance as anticipated.

Logout as **bob.mercer** user



## Test 3

Login as Human Resources user **siena.salazar** with password **splbm123!**



Bob from the Security Splunk role mapped to the AD Group Security can see the Security dashboard and also the dashboards from Sales, Human Resources, IT Ops and Finance as anticipated.

Logout as **siena.salazar** user

A complete list of AD Groups and Users can be seen in Appendix A. Feel free to play around with the app permissions on the UI or even in the CLI to aid your shared learning

## Step 6 - View Configuration Files

### SSH Client Application

To fully participate in the lab you will need an SSH client on your computer. If you do not own your computer, please speak to your IT support team. The following are common options

Name	OS	Download
PuTTY	Windows	<a href="https://www.putty.org">https://www.putty.org</a>
MobaXterm	Windows	<a href="https://mobaxterm.mobatek.net">https://mobaxterm.mobatek.net</a>
Terminal	Mac	Built into Mac OS
iTerm2	Mac	<a href="https://iterm2.com">https://iterm2.com</a>

Tip: When pasting commands from applications such as pdf readers, non printing characters may also be inadvertently copied. If this happens, then the commands will look okay but simply not run.

```
#Required btool command
/opt/splunk/bin/splunk cmd btool authorize list --debug | grep /local

#Non printing character pollution
/opt/splunk/bin/splunk cmd btool authorize list --debug | grep /local
```

The sample commands can be safely copied from

<http://bsides22.commands.studyclub.community>

Or alternatively, copying to an application such as [Microsoft Visual Studio Code](https://code.visualstudio.com/) and copying again from there will solve this.

## Access Jump Box via SSH

[illegible]

An example of the command format is as follows

```
ssh nickname@bitsio-gas-kig8uk-bsides22-ad-ldap-jumpbox.gas.bitsioservices.com
```

The first time around you will need to add the fingerprint for the servers by typing **yes**. You will then be challenged for the **password**

The exact command and the password will be included in the second email



## BTOOL

Btool is a command line utility for troubleshooting splunk configurations. It ships with Splunk. We know that Splunk configurations can exist in many places. Btool will merge all configurations that have been written to disk and display the merged configurations. We did a Study Club for Splunk session at .conf21 all about how btool is your friend. It absolutely is. Splunk docs has this covered at

<https://docs.splunk.com/Documentation/Splunk/latest/Troubleshooting/Usebtooltotroubleshootconfigurations>

Tip: Splunk does not need to be running to use btool

### Locate Roles Configuration File

authorize.conf is the configuration file for storing role configuration in Splunk. This file is relied upon by the Splunk UI when we map AD Groups to Splunk Roles. To locate this file we use the following command assuming install folder is /opt/splunk

```
/opt/splunk/bin/splunk cmd btool authorize list --debug | grep /local
```

This command will be executed under the user which you are logged in as. In the lab, Splunk is running under the account of 'splunk'. This will mean that your command will fail on permissions

```
[studyclub@bitsio-gas-kig8uk-bsides22-ad-ldap-node ~]$ /opt/splunk/bin/splunk cmd btool authorize list --debug | grep /local
Please run 'splunk ftr' as boot-start user
```

To run the command, you will need to run as the user account 'splunk'. This is achieved using the sudo command.

```
[studyclub@bitsio-gas-kig8uk-bsides22-ad-ldap-node ~]$ sudo su splunk
```

The output will then display the location of authorize.conf

```
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authorize.conf  
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/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authorize.conf  
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/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authorize.conf  
[role_sales]  
cumulativeRTSrchJobsQuota = 200  
cumulativeSrchJobsQuota = 100  
edit_log_alert_event = enabled  
edit_sourcetypes = enabled  
edit_statsd_transforms = enabled  
embed_report = enabled  
importRoles = user  
metric_alerts = enabled  
rtSrchJobsQuota = 20  
rtsearch = enabled  
run_msearch = enabled  
schedule_search = enabled  
search_process_config_refresh = enabled  
srchDiskQuota = 500  
srchIndexesAllowed = *;main  
srchIndexesDefault = main  
srchJobsQuota = 10  
srchMaxTime = 8640000
```

We can then use the `view` command to examine the content of the file

```
[splunk@bitsio-gas-kig8uk-bsides22-ad-ldap-node studyclub]$ view /opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authorize.conf
```

```

[role_human resources]
cumulativeRTSrchJobsQuota = 200
cumulativeSrchJobsQuota = 100
edit_log_alert_event = enabled
edit_sourcetypes = enabled
edit_statsd_transforms = enabled
embed_report = enabled
importRoles = user
metric_alerts = enabled
rtSrchJobsQuota = 20
rtsearch = enabled
run_msearch = enabled
schedule_search = enabled
search_process_config_refresh = enabled
srchDiskQuota = 500
srchIndexesAllowed = *;main
srchIndexesDefault = main
srchJobsQuota = 10
srchMaxTime = 8640000

[role_security]
cumulativeRTSrchJobsQuota = 200
cumulativeSrchJobsQuota = 100
edit_log_alert_event = enabled
edit_sourcetypes = enabled
edit_statsd_transforms = enabled
embed_report = enabled
importRoles = user
metric_alerts = enabled
rtSrchJobsQuota = 20
rtsearch = enabled
run_msearch = enabled
schedule_search = enabled
search_process_config_refresh = enabled
srchDiskQuota = 500
srchIndexesAllowed = *;main
srchIndexesDefault = main
srchJobsQuota = 10
srchMaxTime = 8640000

```

An example file can be seen on our gitHub repository at [https://github.com/SplunkStudyClub/bsides22\\_AD\\_LDAP/blob/main/authorize.conf](https://github.com/SplunkStudyClub/bsides22_AD_LDAP/blob/main/authorize.conf)

## Locate Authentication Configuration File

authentication.conf is the configuration file for storing authentication configuration in Splunk. This configuration is relied upon by Splunk when connecting to external authentication systems. To locate this file we use the following command assuming install folder is /opt/splunk

```
/opt/splunk/bin/splunk cmd btool authentication list --debug | grep /local
```

```
[splunk@bitsio-gas-kig8uk-bsides22-ad-ldap-node studyclub]$ /opt/splunk/bin/splunk cmd btool authentication list --debug | grep /local
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf [a_studyclub]
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   SSLEnabled = 0
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   anonymous_referrals = 1
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   bindDN = CN=SplunkAdmin Student,CN=Managed Service Accounts,DC=bitsio,DC=local
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   bindDNpassword = $7$Wjk5qU8wPe63iHxXHISyEDgX6SpimfJQH7Kd3WYteBn3zIA+/in+bsbAZ5A=
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   charset = utf8
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   emailAttribute = mail
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   enableRangeRetrieval = 0
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   groupBaseDN = OU=Splunk,DC=bitsio,DC=local
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   groupMappingAttribute = dn
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   groupMemberAttribute = member
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   groupNameAttribute = cn
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   host = 10.4.7.116
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   nestedGroups = 0
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   network_timeout = 20
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   pagelimit = -1
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   port = 389
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   realNameAttribute = cn
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   sizelimit = 1000
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   timelimit = 15
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   userBaseDN = CN=Users,DC=bitsio,DC=local
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   userNameAttribute = samaccountname
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf [authentication]
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf authSettings = a_studyclub
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf authType = LDAP
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf [roleMap_a_studyclub]
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   finance = Finance
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   human resources = Human Resources
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   it ops = IT Ops
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   sales = Sales
/opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf   security = Security
```



We can then use the view command to examine the content of the file

```
[splunk@bitsio-gas-kig8uk-bsides22-ad-ldap-node studyclub]$ view /opt/splunk/etc/system/local/authentication.conf
```

```
[a_studyclub]
SSLEnabled = 0
anonymous_referrals = 1
bindDN = CN=SplunkAdmin Student,CN=Managed Service Accounts,DC=bitsio,DC=local
bindDNpassword = $7$Wjk5qU8wPe63iHxXHISyEDgX6SpimfJQH7Kd3WYteBn3zIA+/in+bsbAZ5A=
charset = utf8
emailAttribute = mail
enableRangeRetrieval = 0
groupBaseDN = OU=Splunk,DC=bitsio,DC=local
groupMappingAttribute = dn
groupMemberAttribute = member
groupNameAttribute = cn
host = 10.4.7.116
nestedGroups = 0
network_timeout = 20
pagelimit = -1
port = 389
realNameAttribute = cn
sizelimit = 1000
timelimit = 15
userBaseDN = CN=Users,DC=bitsio,DC=local
userNameAttribute = samaccountname

[authentication]
authSettings = a_studyclub
authType = LDAP

[roleMap_a_studyclub]
finance = Finance
human resources = Human Resources
it ops = IT Ops
sales = Sales
security = Security
```

An example file can be seen on our gitHub repository at authentication.conf

[https://github.com/SplunkStudyClub/bsides22\\_AD\\_LDAP/blob/main/authentication.conf](https://github.com/SplunkStudyClub/bsides22_AD_LDAP/blob/main/authentication.conf)

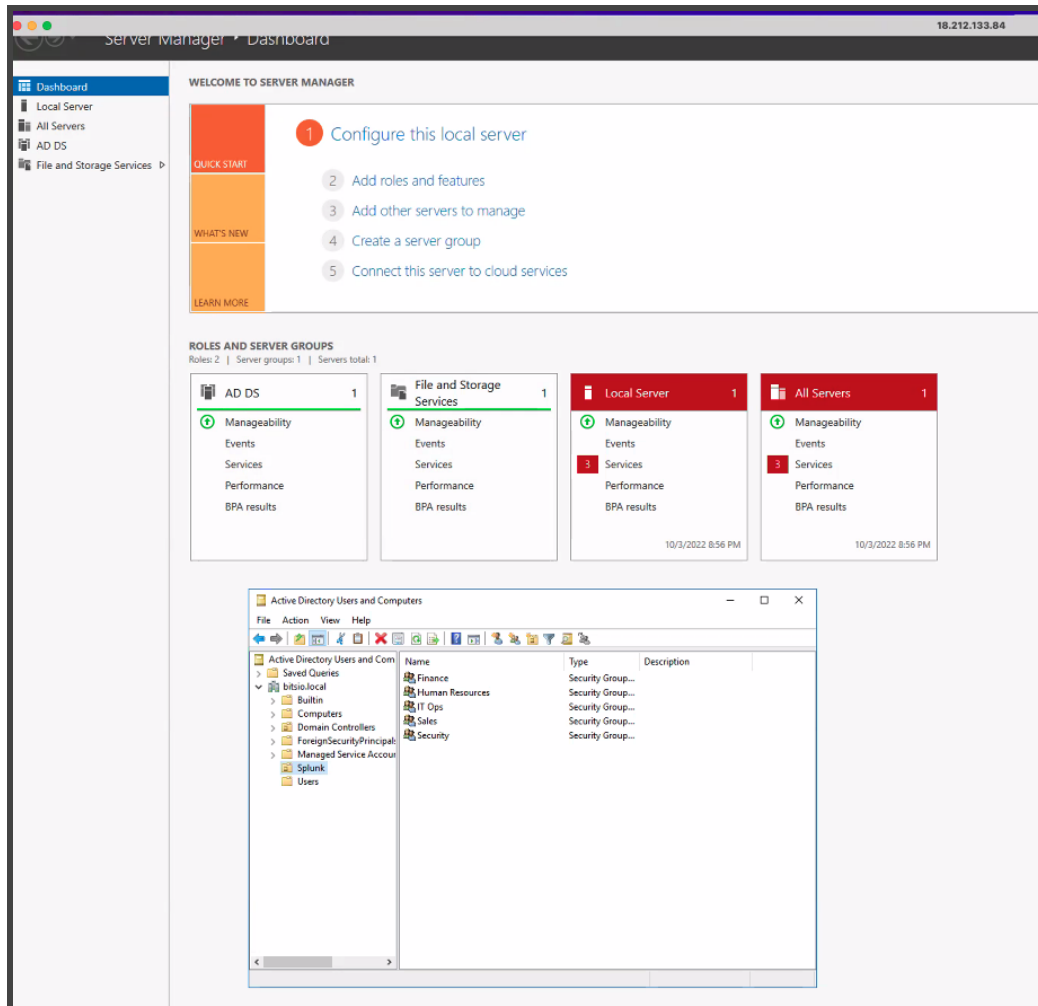
The LDAP password is hashed when configuration is saved using the UI or when Splunk is restarted is added using the command line

## Appendix A - AD Groups and Users

AD Group	AD User	AD Username	AD User Password
IT Ops	Jon Kumar	jon.kumar	spljk123!
	Laurel Carson	laurel.carson	spllc123!
	Sally Pitts	sally.pitts	splsp123!
Security	Gita Singh	gita.singh	splgs123!
	Bob Mercer	bob.mercer	splbm123!
	Rita Murphy	rita.murphy	splrm123!
Finance	Heidi Wilder	heidi.wilder	splhw123!
	Lacey Rosario	lacey.rosario	spllr123!
	Rea Nelson	rea.nelson	splrn123!
Human Resources	Siena Salazar	siena.salazar	splss123!
	Jude Fountain	jude.fountain	spljf123!
	Otto Bull	otto.bull	splob123!
Sales	Tia Lister	tia.lister	spltl123!
	Emma Kenny	emma.kenny	splek123!
	Brent Ireland	brent.ireland	splbi123!

## Appendix B - Microsoft Active Directory (AD)

The study club lab includes a configured Microsoft AD. It is accessible via the Splunk LDAP configuration only. For reference, this is what the user interface looks like for the lab.



Watch Logan Carter and Dustin Church go into greater detail in their session video at <https://bit.ly/saml-ldap-okta>