

Hydra Installation & Setup Guide

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1 Prerequisites

1.1 System Requirements

Component	Requirement
Operating System	Ubuntu 22.04 LTS (recommended)
Docker	24.0+ with Compose V2
RAM	Minimum 8GB (16GB+ recommended)
Storage	100GB+ SSD
Network	Static IP, ports 80/443 open

1.2 Required Access

- Azure AD admin access for SAML Entity registrations
- DNS control for `hydr.yourdomain.edu`
- TLS certificate (Let's Encrypt or institutional cert)
- SSH access to the host server

1.3 Software Dependencies

```
# Install Docker
curl -fsSL https://get.docker.com | sh
sudo usermod -aG docker $USER

# Verify Docker Compose V2
docker compose version
# Should show: Docker Compose version v2.x.x

# Install useful tools
sudo apt install -y git curl jq sqlite3
```

2 Installation Steps

2.1 Step 1: Clone Repository

```
git clone https://github.com/your-org/hydra-saml-auth.git
```

2.3 Step 3: Configure Environment

Create a .env file in the project root:

```
# === Core Settings ===
PORT=6969
BASE_URL=https://hydra.yourdomain.edu
COOKIE_DOMAIN=.yourdomain.edu

# === SAML Configuration ===
METADATA_URL=https://login.microsoftonline.com/YOUR_TENANT/
    federationmetadata/2007-06/federationmetadata.xml
SAML_SP_ENTITY_ID=hydra-auth
SAML_CALLBACK_URL=https://hydra.yourdomain.edu/auth/callback

# === Database ===
DB_PATH=/app/data/webui.db

# === JWT Settings ===
JWT_TTL_SECONDS=86400
JWT_KEY_ID=hydra-key-1
JWT_PRIVATE_KEY_FILE=/app/certs/jwt-private.pem
JWT_PUBLIC_KEY_FILE=/app/certs/jwt-public.pem

# === Student Containers ===
PUBLIC_STUDENTS_BASE=https://hydra.yourdomain.edu/students
```

2.4 Step 4: Generate JWT Keys

```
mkdir -p certs
openssl genrsa -out certs/jwt-private.pem 2048
openssl rsa -in certs/jwt-private.pem -pubout -out certs/jwt-public.pem
```

2.5 Step 5: Configure Azure AD

1. Go to Azure Portal > Azure Active Directory > Enterprise Applications

2. Click "New application" > "Create your own application"

3. Name: "Hydra Auth", select "Non-gallery application"

4. Go to Single sign-on > SAML

5. Set Identifier (Entity ID): hydra-auth

6. Set Reply URL: <https://hydra.yourdomain.edu/auth/callback>

7. Download Federation Metadata XML, note the URL

8. Assign users/groups who should have access

Critical: The Entity ID in Azure must **exactly match** SAML_SP_ENTITY_ID in your .env file.

2.6 Step 6: Configure Traefik

Ensure docker-compose.yml has proper Traefik configuration:

```
# Key Traefik labels for hydra-saml-auth service:
labels:
  - "traefik.enable=true"
  - "traefik.http.routers.hydra.rule=Host('hydra.yourdomain.edu')"
  - "traefik.http.routers.hydra.entrypoints=websecure"
  - "traefik.http.routers.hydra.tls=true"
  - "traefik.http.services.hydra.loadbalancer.server.port=6969"
```

2.7 Step 7: Start Services

```
# Build and start all services
docker compose build
docker compose up -d

# Verify services are running
docker compose ps

# Check logs
docker compose logs -f hydra-saml-auth
```

2.8 Step 8: Verify Installation

```
# Test HTTPS access
curl -I https://hydra.yourdomain.edu/

# Should redirect to Azure AD login (302 to login.microsoftonline.com)

# Check JWKS endpoint
curl https://hydra.yourdomain.edu/.well-known/jwks.json
```

3 Post-Installation Setup

3.1 Create Admin User

After first login via SAML, promote a user to admin:

```
# Access database
sqlite3 /app/data/webui.db

# Find user ID
SELECT id, email, role FROM users WHERE email LIKE '%admin%';

# Set as admin
UPDATE users SET role = 'admin' WHERE email = 'admin@yourdomain.edu';
```

3.2 Test Container Creation

1. Log in to <https://hydra.yourdomain.edu/dashboard>
2. Navigate to "Containers" tab
3. Click "Initialize Container"
4. Verify VS Code and Jupyter are accessible

3.3 Configure Backup Cron

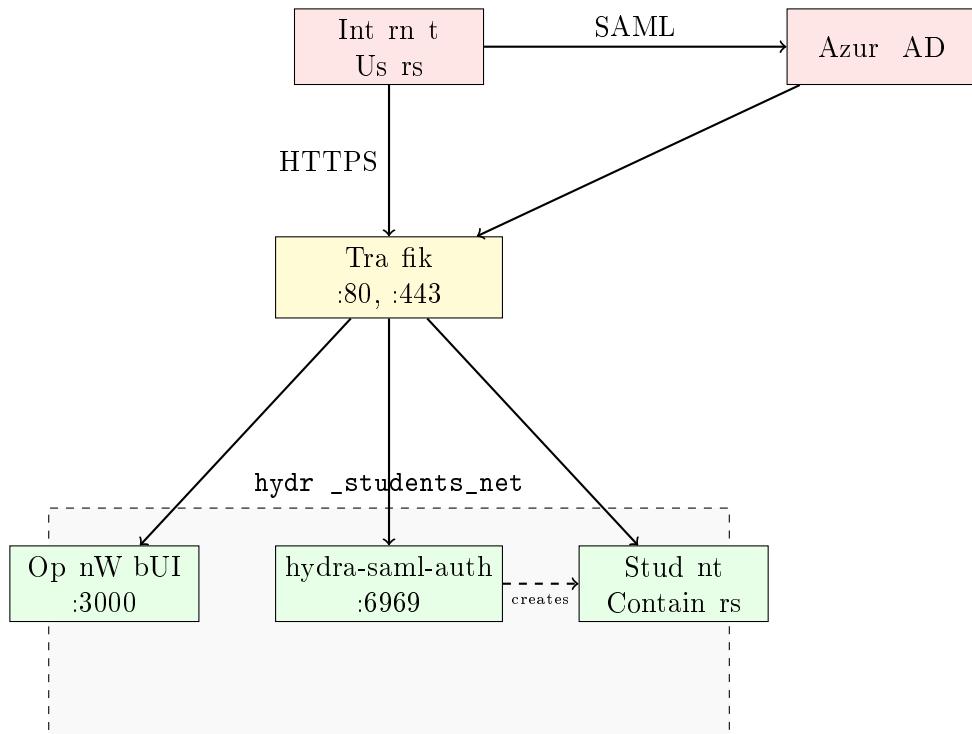
```
# Add to root crontab
crontab -e

# Daily database backup at 2 AM
0 2 * * * docker exec hydra-saml-auth sqlite3 /app/data/webui.db ".backup '/backups/hydra-$(date +\%Y\%m\%d).db'"

# Weekly cleanup of old backups
0 3 * * 0 find /backups -name "hydra-*.*" -mtime +30 -delete
```

4 Network Architecture

4.1 Deployment Diagram



4.2 Port Mapping

Service	Internal	External	Protocol
Traefik	-	80, 443	HTTP/HTTPS
hydra-saml-auth	6969	via Traefik	HTTP
OpenW bUI	3000	via Traefik	HTTP
Student VS Cod	8443	/students/{user}/vscod	HTTP
Student Jupyter	8888	/students/{user}/jupyter	HTTP

5 Security Configuration

5.1 TLS Certificates

For Let's Encrypt (recommended):

```

# Traefik handles automatic certificate management
# Add to docker-compose.yaml traefik command:
command:
  - "--certificatesresolvers.letsencrypt.acme.email=admin@yourdomain.edu"
  - "--certificatesresolvers.letsencrypt.acme.storage=/letsencrypt/acme.json"
  - "--certificatesresolvers.letsencrypt.acme.httpchallenge.entrypoint=web"
  
```

For institutional certificates:

```
# Mount certificates in Traefik
```

```

volumes:
  - ./certs/cert.pem:/certs/cert.pem:ro
  - ./certs/key.pem:/certs/key.pem:ro

# Configure in dynamic config
tls:
  certificates:
    - certFile: /certs/cert.pem
      keyFile: /certs/key.pem

```

5.2 Container Security

Student containers run in **privileged mode** by default to enable Docker-in-Docker. This grants significant access. Consider:

- Restricting to trusted users only
- Monitoring container activity
- Implementing resource quotas

6 Useful Aliases

Add to `~/.bashrc`:

```

# ===== HYDRA MANAGEMENT ALIASES =====

# Docker shortcuts
alias dps='docker ps --format "table {{.Names}}\t{{.Status}}\t{{.Ports
}}"',
alias dlogs='docker logs -f'
alias dexec='docker exec -it'

# Hydra-specific
alias hydra-logs='docker compose logs -f hydra-saml-auth'
alias hydra-restart='docker compose restart hydra-saml-auth'
alias hydra-rebuild='docker compose build hydra-saml-auth && docker
compose up -d hydra-saml-auth'

# Student container management
alias students='docker ps --filter "name=student-" --format "table {{.
Names}}\t{{.Status}}"',
alias student-logs='docker logs -f'
alias student-shell='docker exec -it'
alias student-stop='docker stop'
alias student-rm='docker rm -f'

# Find student by partial name
findstudent() {
    docker ps --filter "name=student-" --format "{{.Names}}" | grep -i
    "$1"
}

# Get student container stats
student-stats() {
    docker stats --no-stream --filter "name=student-"
}

```

```

}

# Backup database
backup-db() {
    docker exec hydra-saml-auth sqlite3 /app/data/webui.db ".backup '/
        backups/hydra-$(date +%Y%m%d-%H%M%S).db'"
    echo "Backup created: hydra-$(date +%Y%m%d-%H%M%S).db"
}

# Quick health check
hydra-health() {
    echo "==== Services ==="
    docker compose ps
    echo ""
    echo "==== Student Containers ==="
    docker ps --filter "name=student-" --format "table {{.Names}}\t{{.
        Status}}\t{{.RunningFor}}"
    echo ""
    echo "==== Resource Usage ==="
    docker stats --no-stream --format "table {{.Name}}\t{{.CPUPerc}}\t
        {{.MemUsage}}" | head -10
}

```

Apply changes:

```
source ~/.bashrc
```

7 Monitoring

7.1 Log Locations

Component	Command
Main service	docker compose logs hydr-auth
Traefik	docker compose logs traefik
Student container	docker logs student-<username>
All services	docker compose logs -f

7.2 Health Endpoints

```

# Check main service
curl https://hydra.yourdomain.edu/health

# Check JWKS (JWT verification)
curl https://hydra.yourdomain.edu/.well-known/jwks.json

# Check Traefik dashboard (if enabled)
curl http://localhost:8080/api/overview

```

8 Troubleshooting

8.1 Common Issues

Issue	Solution
SAML login fails	Verify METADATA_URL accurately matches exactly
Student container 404	Check container hydra_students_net, Traefik running
Container won't start	Verify hydr -student-container:1 test image built
Permission denied	Check Docker socket permissions, user in docker group
Database locked	Restart service, check for multiple writers

8.2 Debug Commands

```
# Check Docker networks
docker network ls
docker network inspect hydra_students_net

# Verify image exists
docker images | grep hydra-student-container

# Check container networking
docker exec student-<user> curl -I http://hydra-saml-auth:6969/

# View Traefik routes
docker exec traefik cat /etc/traefik/traefik.yml
```

9 Upgrade Procedures

9.1 Updating the Application

```
# Pull latest code
git pull origin main

# Rebuild and restart
docker compose build hydra-saml-auth
docker compose up -d hydra-saml-auth

# Verify
docker compose logs -f hydra-saml-auth
```

9.2 Updating Student Container Image

```
cd student-container
docker build -t hydra-student-container:latest .
```

Existing student containers continue using the old image. Students must download and replace their container image to get the updated image.

10 References

- Docker Documentation: <https://docs.docker.com/>
- Docker Compose: <https://docs.docker.com/compose/>
- Traefik Documentation: <https://doc.traefik.io/traefik/>
- Azure AD SAML Setup: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/active-directory/develop/single-sign-on-single-protocol>
- passport-saml: <https://github.com/node-saml/passport-saml>
- Code Server: <https://coder.com/docs/code-server/1-test>
- Jupyter: <https://jupyter.org/documentation>
- Let's Encrypt: <https://letsencrypt.org/docs/>

Installation Complete!

After completing these steps:

1. Visit <https://hydr.yourdomain.edu/login>
2. Authenticate via Azure AD
3. Navigate to the dashboard
4. Create a test container to verify the setup

For ongoing management, refer to the **Hydra Infrastructure Management Guide**.