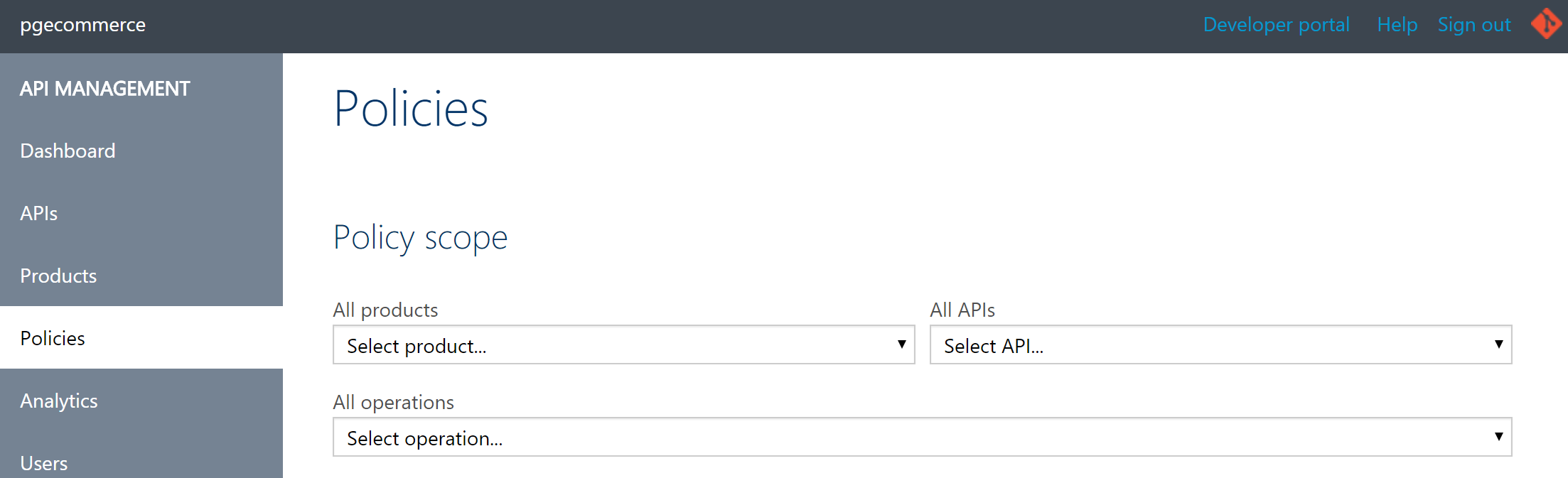
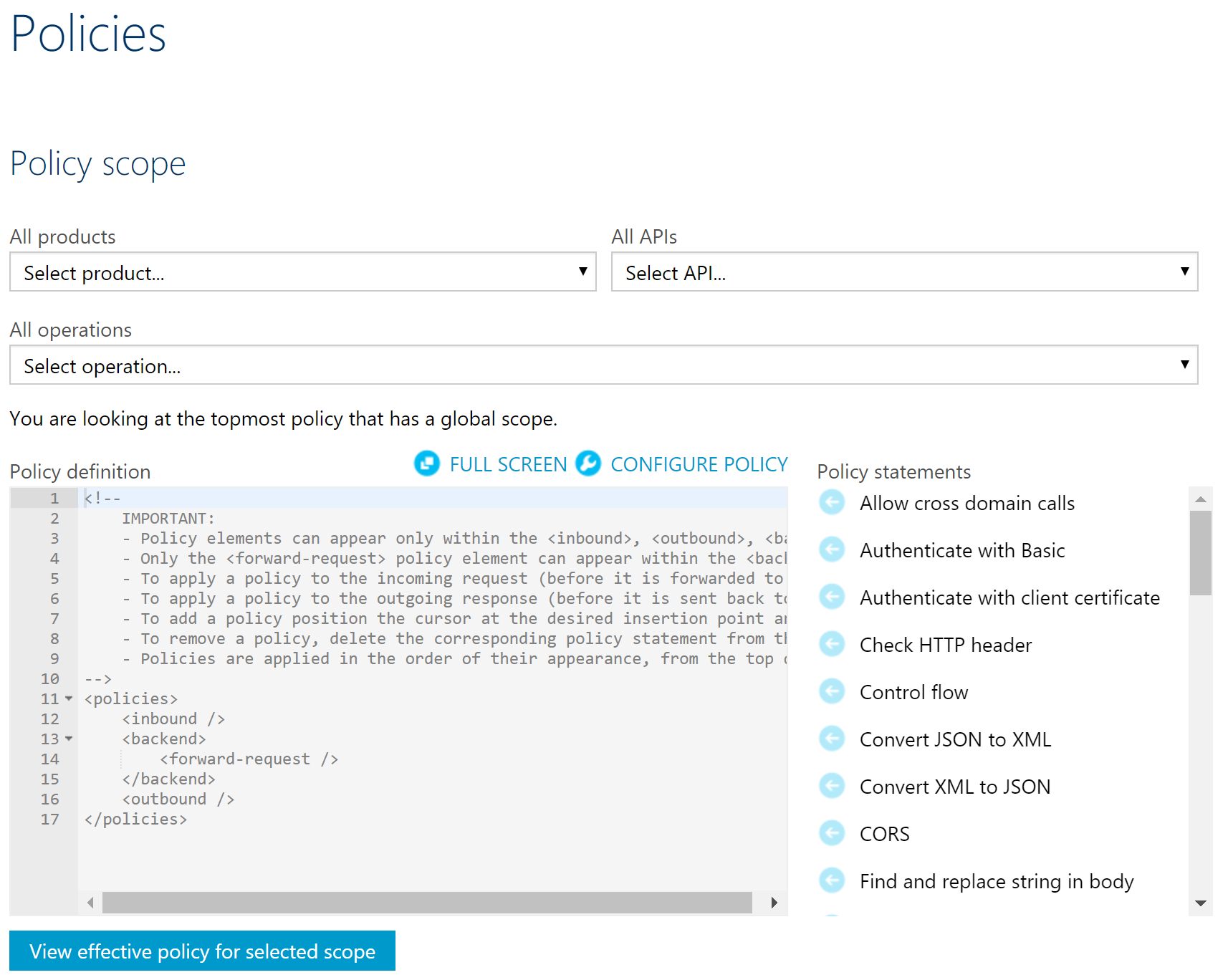
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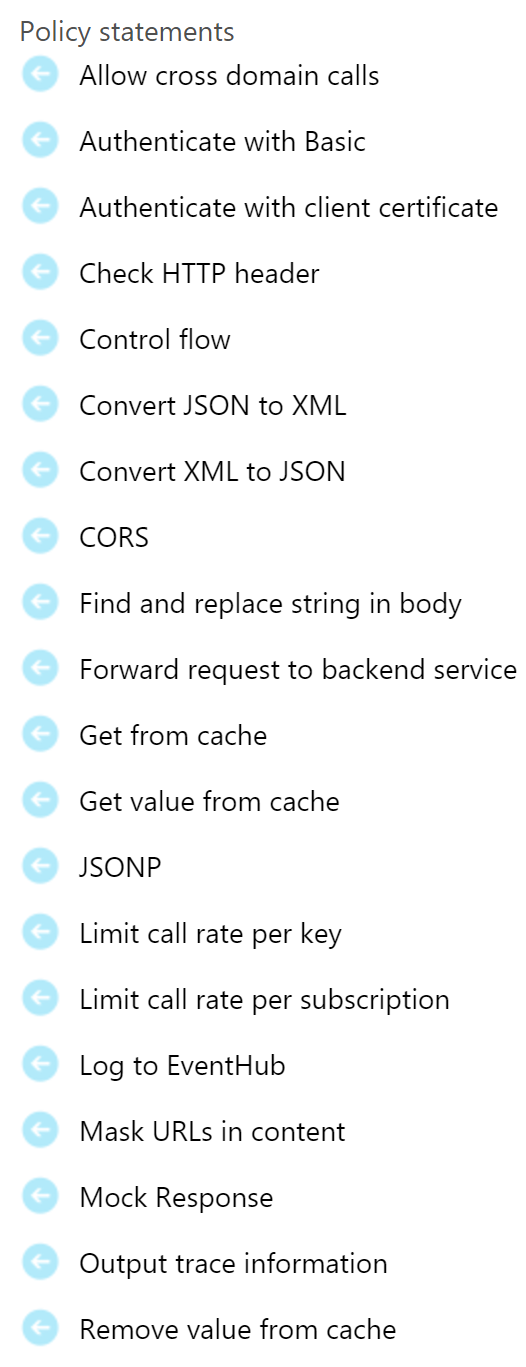
1. In the Publisher Portal, go to Policies to view the various API policies that can be configured and is already configured.



1. Look at the different scope levels at which a policy can be defined.
   1. Global level
   2. Product level
   3. API level
   4. Operation level



1. Understand the 3 key areas of an API request lifecycle where policies can be configured – inbound, backend and outbound.
2. Look at the various policy options available in Azure API Management – authentication, access restrictions, data transformation, caching and so on.



# References

* Policy reference – <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/api-management/api-management-policy-reference>
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