



Okta Integration Guide for Web Access Management with F5 BIG-IP

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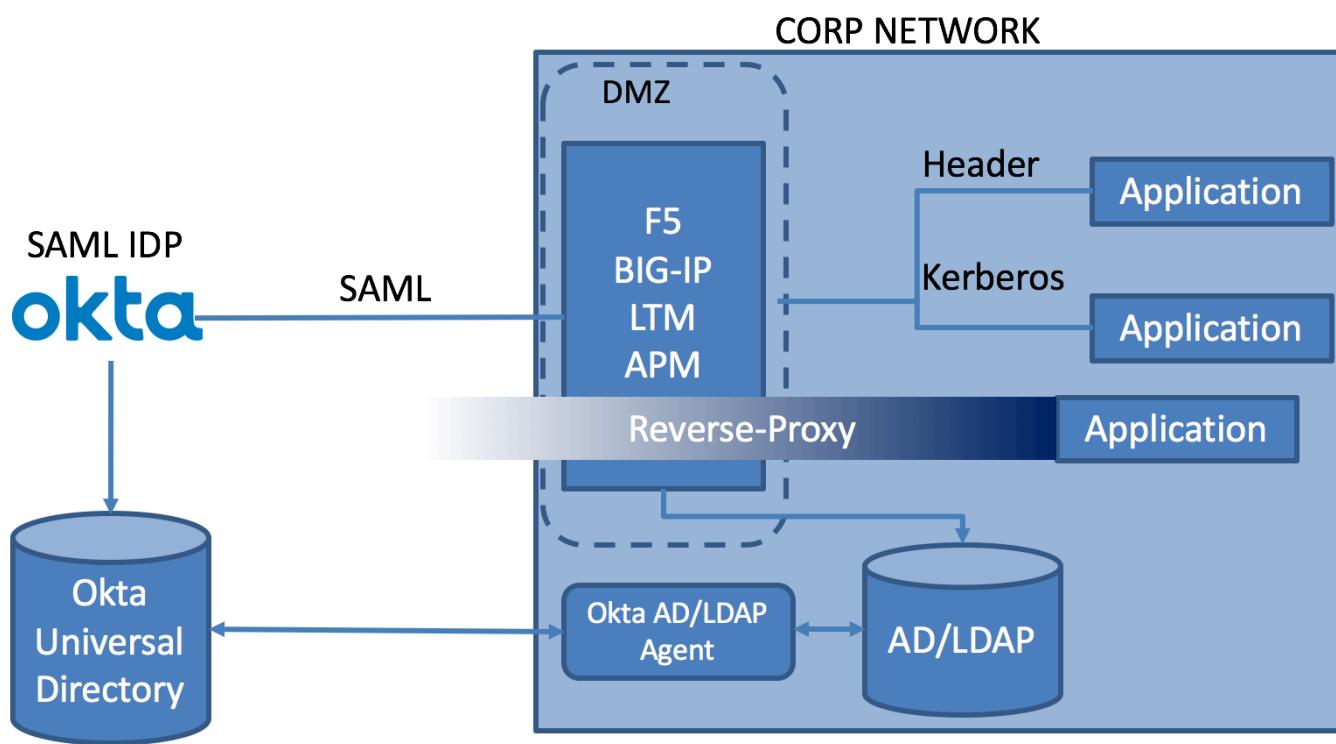
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Introduction

F5® BIG-IP® Local Traffic Manager™ (BIG-IP LTM®) and F5 BIG-IP Access Policy Manager® (BIG-IP APM®) provide extended capabilities in conjunction with Okta identity management platform. The integration in this document allows Okta to support applications with header-based authentication, kerberos-based authentication. In addition, F5 BIG-IP also can act as a reverse proxy for publishing on-premise apps beyond the firewall where they can be accessed through Okta.



The diagram above illustrates the basic integration between the two products.

- 1) Okta is the identity provider. Users can be defined locally within Okta. In most cases, an on-prem Active Directory and/or LDAP is the source of identities and is integrated with Okta via Okta's AD/LDAP agent.
- 2) Between Okta and F5 BIG-IP, a SAML trust is built where F5 BIG-IP acts as a SAML Service Provider.
- 3) The target applications are protected behind F5 BIG-IP. This document covers applications that are either protected by header-based authentication or Kerberos.
- 4) SAML assertion from Okta is consumed by F5 BIG-IP which then “translates” the assertion appropriately for the downstream application based on their authentication scheme.

This combined solution provides best-of-breed Identity as a Service (IDaaS) deployment with full legacy and on-premise app support that is easy to deploy and configured through Okta. It also helps lower TCO by removing the need to maintain traditional on-prem identity solutions for on-premise apps.

The following table illustrates the use cases when considering using Okta and F5 BIG-IP together.

	Authentication Mechanism	Okta	F5 BIG-IP
1.	SAML	Acts as SAML Identity Provider	-
2.	WS-Fed	Acts as WS-Fed Identity Provider	-
3.	Login Page only (username/pwd)	Okta's Secure Web Authentication providing form-post capability through browser plug-in	-
4.	Header-based	Acts as identity provider	Receives SAML from Okta – generates header(s) for downstream app
5.	Kerberos	Acts as identity provider	Receives SAML from Okta – obtains Kerberos ticket for downstream Kerberos-enabled app.
6.	Reverse-Proxy to access on-prem application from outside the firewall	Acts as identity provider if only authenticated users are allowed	Acts as reverse proxy

This document will go through the following:

- Publish a sample ASP .NET IIS web application via F5 BIG-IP
- Configure Okta as SAML 2.0 IdP for F5 BIG-IP
- Configure F5 BIG-IP as SAML 2.0 SP for Okta
- Testing the SSO integration

The instructions provided here should work for F5 BIG-IP version 11.* and up. You can apply this to any production or lab edition of the product.

For an example of how to set up F5 BIG-IP environment, the Appendix presents a basic set of instructions around a VMWare example.

Publishing SAMPLE Web Application VIA F5 BIG-IP

We assume that you have an existing F5 BIG-IP setup where you can test the Okta integration.

If you are new to F5 BIG-IP, please refer to the F5 Support Site for download, setup and general information around F5 BIG-IP (https://support.f5.com/en-us/products/big-ip_apm.html).

The instructions below assumes a Microsoft Windows Server environment with IIS enabled.

1. It is recommended to configure F5 BIG-IP to proxy requests to the test webserver by creating an iApp. Click iApp -> Application Services -> 'Create'
2. Provide a Name for this application and choose f5.microsoft_iis as the Template (use http template for generic webservers). Also provide the Virtual Server IP-Address on the external interface (e.g., 12.12.1.12)

The screenshot shows the F5 BIG-IP Configuration interface. At the top, it displays system information: Hostname: f5-bipip.democorp.co, IP Address: 10.10.1.2, Date: Mar 29, 2016, Time: 5:51 PM (PDT), User: admin, Role: Administrator. Below this is a status bar with the f5 logo and indicators: ONLINE (ACTIVE), Standalone, and Provisioning Warning.

The main navigation bar includes Main, Help, and About. The current view is under the iApp category, specifically Application Services > WebApp.

In the 'Template Selection' section, 'Basic' is selected. The 'Name' field is set to 'SSOWebApp' and the 'Template' dropdown is set to 'f5.microsoft_iis'.

The 'Welcome to the Microsoft IIS template' section provides an introduction to the template, mentioning support for Microsoft Internet Information Services version 7 and 7.5. It also includes links for checking for updates and viewing prerequisites.

The 'SSL Encryption Questions' section asks if the BIG-IP system should offload SSL processing from Microsoft IIS servers. The answer is 'No'.

The 'Virtual Server Questions' section asks for the IP address (12.12.1.12), port (80), and whether Microsoft IIS servers have a route back to application clients via this BIG-IP system (No).

3. Scroll down on the same page and under Server Pool, Load Balancing section, provide the IP-address of the test web server and port it is listening on (e.g., 11.11.1.11 and 80). Also provide an FQDN for the web server hostname (e.g., www.democorp.co) and click 'Finish'

Server Pool, Load Balancing, and Service Monitor Questions

Do you want to create a new pool or use an existing one?	<input type="button" value="Create New Pool ▾"/>
Which load balancing method do you want to use?	<input type="button" value="Least Connections (member) ▾"/>
Which servers do you want this virtual server to reference? (The virtual server will not be available until at least one server is added.)	<input type="button" value="Address"/> 11.11.1.11 <input type="button" value="Port"/> 80 <input type="button" value="Connection Limit"/> 0 <input type="button" value="X"/> <input type="button" value="Add"/>
Do you want the BIG-IP to queue TCP requests?	<input type="button" value="No ▾"/>
Do you want to create a new health monitor or use an existing one?	<input type="button" value="Create New Monitor ▾"/>
How often (in seconds) do you want the BIG-IP system to check on the health of each Microsoft IIS server?	30
What HTTP request should be sent to check the health of each Microsoft IIS server?	GET /
What HTTP version do your Microsoft IIS servers expect clients to use?	<input type="button" value="Version 1.1 ▾"/>
What fully qualified DNS name are HTTP 1.1 clients expected to use to access Microsoft IIS?	www.democorp.co
What string can the BIG-IP system expect to see within the health check response for the server to be considered healthy?	

Protocol Optimization Questions

Will clients be connecting to this virtual server primarily over a LAN or a WAN?	<input type="button" value="WAN ▾"/>
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4. F5 BIG-IP will show the status of this application

Hostname: f5-bipip.democorp.co Date: Mar 29, 2016
IP Address: 10.10.1.2 Time: 5:56 PM (PDT) User: admin Role: Administrator Partition: Common

f5 ONLINE (ACTIVE)
Standalone Provisioning Warning

Main Help About

iApp Application Services Templates Wizards Local Traffic Access Policy Device Management Network System

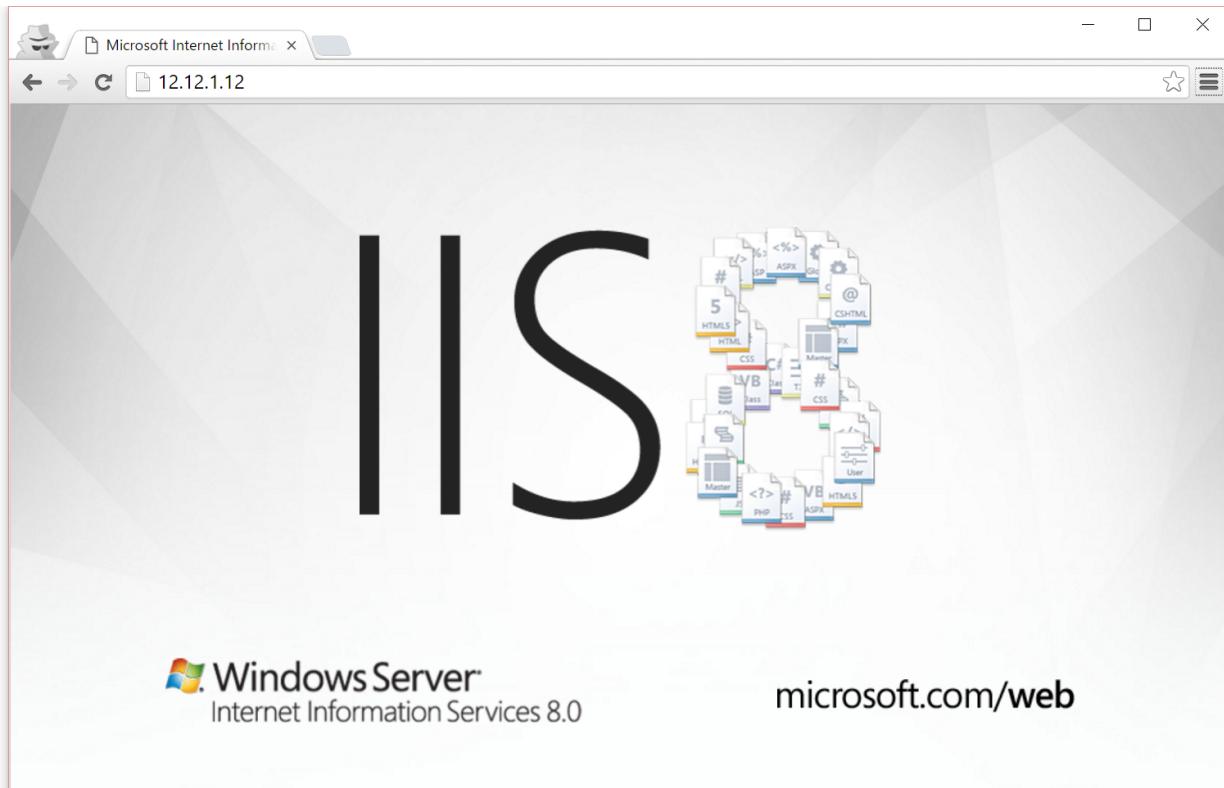
iApp » Application Services » SSOWebApp

Components

Name	Availability	Type
BIG-IP		
SSOWebApp	Available	Application Service
SSOWebApp_http_virtual	Unknown	Virtual Server
SSOWebApp_pool	Available	Pool
SSOWebApp_http_monitor	Available	Monitor
11.11.1.11:80	Available	Pool Member
11.11.1.11	Unknown	Node
12.12.1.12	Available	Virtual Address
SSOWebApp_cookie_persistence_profile	Unknown	Virtual Server Persistence Profile
SSOWebApp_http_profile	Available	Profile
SSOWebApp_wan-optimized_tcp_profile	Available	Profile
SSOWebApp_lan-optimized_tcp_profile	Available	Profile
SSOWebApp_oneconnect	Available	Profile
SSOWebApp_caching_profile	Available	Profile
SSOWebApp_wan-optimized-compression_profile	Available	Profile

Enable Disable Force Offline Refresh

- To test the connection, launch a browser on the host machine and point it to the external IP-address chosen in the previous screen (e.g., 12.12.1.12 and it should render the backend webserver page)



- It is recommended to put a hosts file entry to point a test hostname (e.g., www.democorp.co) to this backend app IP-address (e.g., 12.12.1.12). Also, place a file headers.aspx in the root of the webserver's folder with the following line to display all headers:

```
<%@ Page Language="C#" Trace="true"%>
```

	www.democorp.co/headers.aspx
CONTENT_ENCODING	gzip, deflate
HTTPS	off
HTTPS_KEYSIZE	
HTTPS_SECRETKEYSIZE	
HTTPS_SERVER_ISSUER	
HTTPS_SERVER_SUBJECT	
INSTANCE_ID	1
INSTANCE_META_PATH	/LM/W3SVC/1
LOCAL_ADDR	11.11.1.11
PATH_INFO	/headers.aspx
PATH_TRANSLATED	C:\inetpub\wwwroot\headers.aspx
QUERY_STRING	
REMOTE_ADDR	11.11.1.2
REMOTE_HOST	11.11.1.2
REMOTE_PORT	62644
REQUEST_METHOD	GET
SCRIPT_NAME	/headers.aspx
SERVER_NAME	www.democorp.co
SERVER_PORT	80
SERVER_PORT_SECURE	0
SERVER_PROTOCOL	HTTP/1.0
SERVER_SOFTWARE	Microsoft-IIS/8.0
URL	/headers.aspx
HTTP_CONNECTION	keep-alive
HTTP_ACCEPT	text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
HTTP_ACCEPT_LANGUAGE	en-US,en;q=0.8
HTTP_COOKIE	BIGipServerSSOWebApp.app~SSOWebApp_pool=184617739.20480.0000
HTTP_HOST	www.democorp.co
HTTP_USER_AGENT	Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like Gecko)
HTTP_UPGRADE_INSECURE_REQUESTS	1
HTTP_DNT	1

Microsoft .NET Framework Version:4.0.30319; ASP.NET Version:4.0.30319.17929

7. The page in previous step will be used to verify Okta integration in the next section

Configuring Okta as SAML 2.0 Identity Provider for F5 BIG-IP

- Under “Applications” – choose “Add Application” option and click on “Create New App”.

The screenshot shows the Okta Applications dashboard. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links for Dashboard, Directory, Applications (which is selected), Security, Reports, and Settings. On the right, it says "My Applications" with a "Back to Applications" link. Below the navigation is a search bar with placeholder text "Search for an application". To the right of the search bar is a grid of letters from A to Z. Underneath the search bar, there's a section titled "Can't find an app?" with a "Create New App" button. To the right of this is a list of existing applications: "TELADOC" (Okta Verified) and "&frankly" (Okta Verified, SAML). Each application has an "Add" button next to it. At the bottom left, there's a small note about "INTEGRATION PROPERTIES".

- Create a new SAML 2.0 App in Okta and provide it a name and optionally choose a logo

The screenshot shows the "Create SAML Integration" wizard. It has three steps: 1. General Settings, 2. Configure SAML, and 3. Feedback. Step 1 is active and visible. It contains fields for "App name" (set to "F5 ASP.net SSOApp"), "App logo (optional)" which shows a preview of the "ASP.net" logo, and "Upload Logo" with a "test.png" file selected. There are also two checkboxes for "App visibility": "Do not display application icon to users" and "Do not display application icon in the Okta Mobile app". Steps 2 and 3 are shown as tabs at the top of the wizard.

- In SAML Settings, provide the Single Sign On URL (should be: <<https://external-f5-hostname/saml/sp/profile.acs>>), Audience URI (SP Entity ID).

Note that F5 BIG-IP versions prior to 11.5.0 (not included) only supports SHA1 as Signature Algorithm so it has to be set to **RSA-SHA1**. F5 BIG-IP version 11.5.0 and above supports RSA-SHA256. It is strongly recommended that you upgrade to a version that supports RSA-SHA256.

A SAML Settings

GENERAL

Single sign on URL ? Use this for Recipient URL and Destination URL

Audience URI (SP Entity ID) ?

Default RelayState ?
If no value is set, a blank RelayState is sent

Name ID format ?

Application username ?

[Hide Advanced Settings](#)

Response ?

Assertion Signature ?

Signature Algorithm ?

Digest Algorithm ?

Assertion Encryption ?

Enable Single Logout ? Allow application to initiate Single Logout

Authentication context class ?

Honor Force Authentication ?

4. Scroll down on the same page and provide custom attributes to be passed in the SAML assertion to the ASP .NET application

ATTRIBUTE STATEMENTS (OPTIONAL)

LEARN MORE

Name	Name format (optional)	Value
FirstName	Unspecified	user.firstName
LastName	Unspecified	user.lastName
EmailAddress	Unspecified	user.email
City	Unspecified	user.city

Add Another

GROUP ATTRIBUTE STATEMENTS (OPTIONAL)

Name	Name format (optional)	Filter
	Unspecified	Starts with

Add Another

5. Click 'Finish' on the next screen

 Create SAML Integration

1 General Settings 2 Configure SAML

3 Help Okta Support understand how you configured this application

Are you a customer or partner? I'm an Okta customer adding an internal app
 I'm a software vendor. I'd like to integrate my app with Okta

 The optional questions below assist Okta Support in understanding your app integration.

App type  This is an internal app that we have created

[Previous](#) [Finish](#)

6. This app can now be assigned to authorized users or groups. Additional security options like App Sign On policy to provide MFA and granular control can be applied as well

 F5 ASP.NET SSOApp

Active   View Log

General Sign On Mobile Import People Groups

Groups Assigned F5 ASP.net SSOApp

Assign to Groups		Convert Assignments
Group	Actions	
Employees democorp.com/Groups/Employees	 	

ACTIONS

ACCESS

When the conditions above are met, sign on to this application is:

Prompt for re-authentication ?

Prompt for factor · [Multifactor Settings](#)

Every sign on

Once per session

Once a day

Once a week

Once a month

Only once

7. Click on the 'Sign On' tab in the app and then click on then 'Identity Provider metadata' link to save the SAML metadata.xml that will be imported in F5 BIG-IP

F5 ASP.NET SSOApp

Active

General Sign On Mobile Import People Groups

Settings

SIGN ON METHODS

The sign-on method determines how a user signs into and manages their credentials for an application. Some sign-on methods require additional configuration in the 3rd party application.

SAML 2.0

Default Relay State

SAML 2.0 is not configured until you complete the setup instructions.

[Identity Provider metadata](#) is available if this application supports dynamic configuration.

8. Okta SAML Identity Provider setup is complete.

Configuring F5 BIG-IP as SAML 2.0 Service Provider for Okta

Configure SAML SP Service

Configure a SAML SP service for F5 BIG-IP Access Policy Manager to provide AAA authentication, requesting authentication and receiving assertions from a SAML IdP.

1. On the Main tab, click Access Policy > SAML > BIG-IP as SP. The BIG-IP as SP screen opens and displays a list of local SP services



The screenshot shows the F5 BIG-IP Access Policy Manager web interface. At the top, there's a header bar with 'Hostname: f5-bigm domocorp.co', 'Date: Mar 29, 2016', 'User: admin', 'Role: Administrator', and a 'Partition: Common' dropdown. On the right, there's a 'Log out' button. Below the header, there's a navigation bar with tabs: 'Main' (selected), 'Help', and 'About'. To the left is a sidebar with icons for 'Statistics', 'iApp', 'Wizards', 'Local Traffic', and 'Access Policy'. Under 'Access Policy', the 'SAML' option is highlighted with a yellow bar. The main content area has a title 'Access Policy > SAML : BIG-IP as SP'. Below it, there are three tabs: 'Local SP Services' (selected, highlighted in yellow), 'External IdP Connectors', and 'SAML IdP Connectors'. A table below these tabs has columns for 'Name', 'SAML IdP Connectors', 'Description', and 'Partition'. There's also a 'Create' button at the top right of the table area.

2. In the Name field, type a unique name for the SAML SP service. In the Entity ID field, provide the Audience URI that was provided in Okta SAML configuration

Create New SAML SP Service

General Settings Security Settings

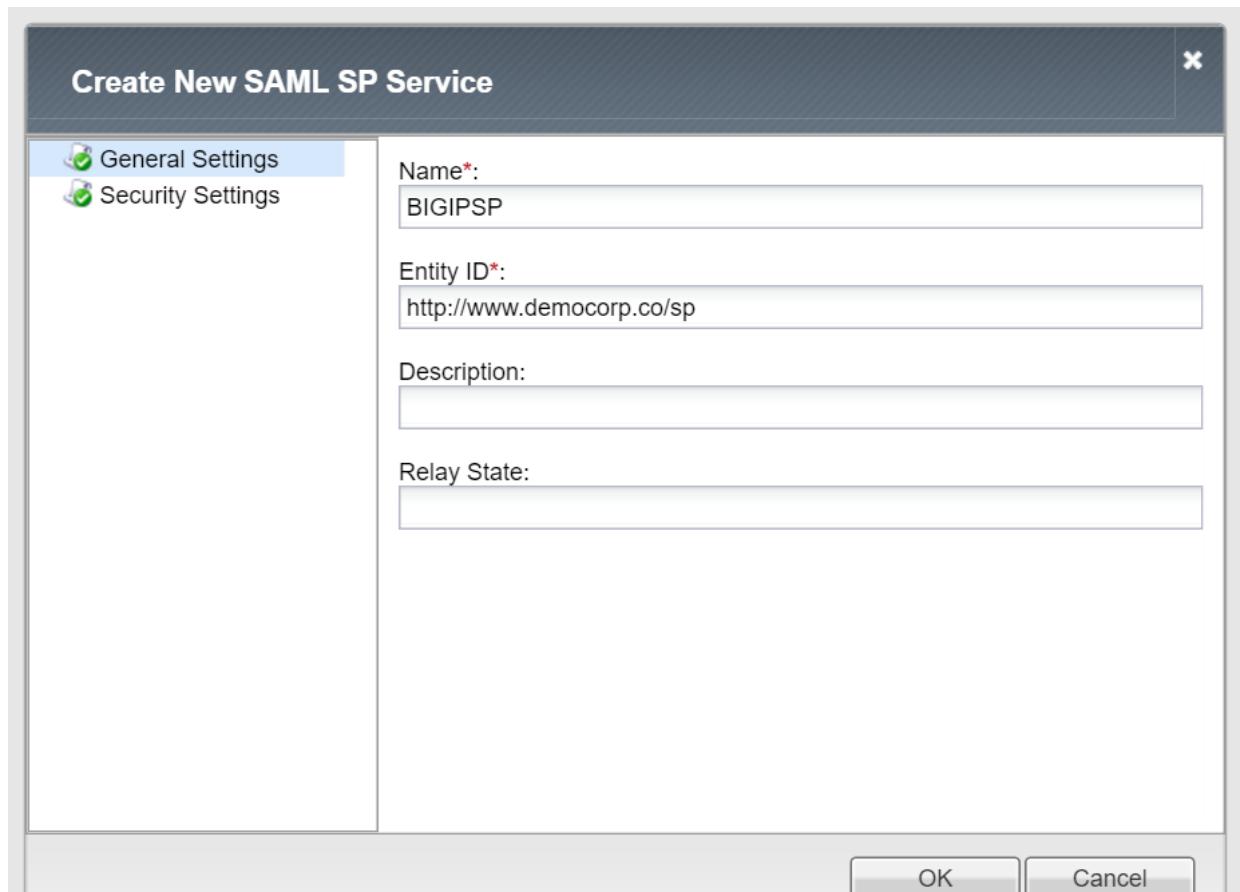
Name*: BIGIPSP

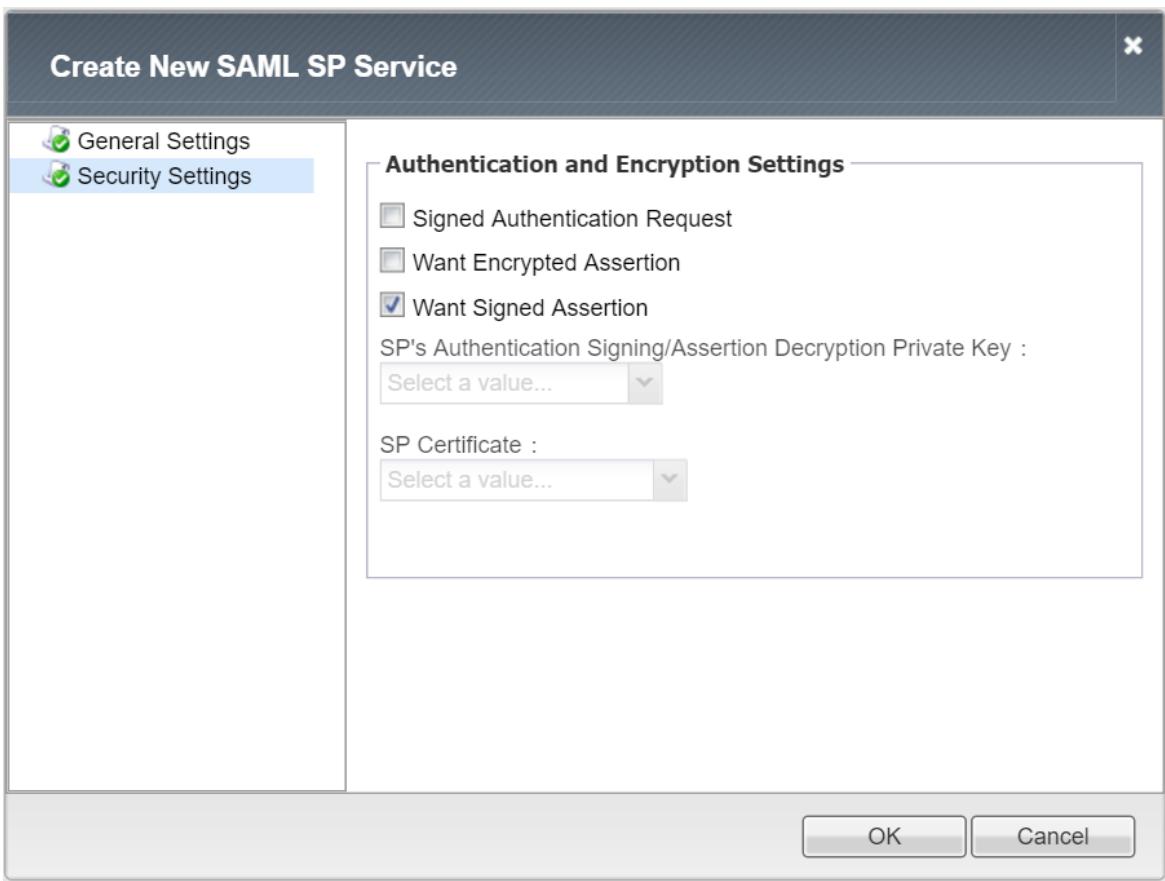
Entity ID*: http://www.democorp.co/sp

Description:

Rely State:

OK Cancel





3. Click 'OK'

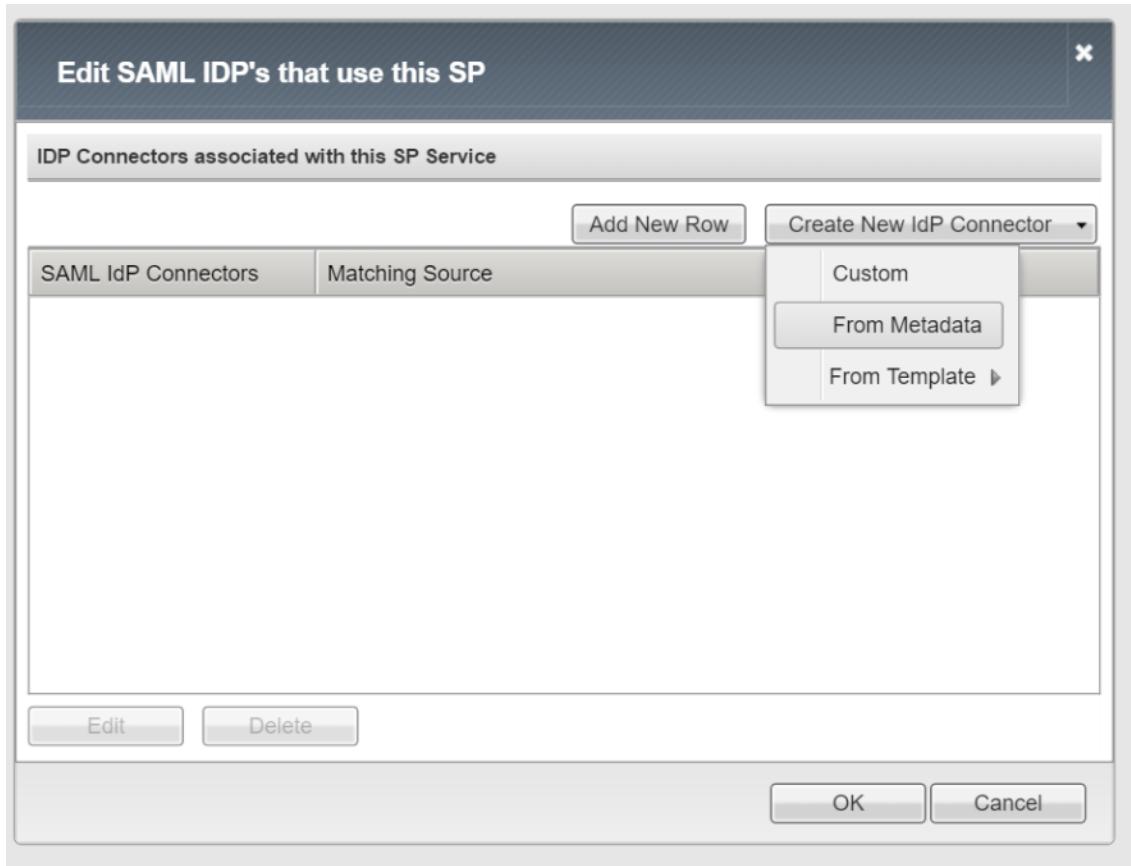
Configure SAML IdP Connector and Bind SAML SP Service to SAML IdP Connector

Configure Okta as SAML IdP connector in F5 BIG-IP so that Access Policy Manager (as a SAML service provider) can send authentication requests to Okta IdP, relying on it to authenticate users and to provide access to resources behind APM.

1. On the Main tab, click Access Policy > SAML > BIG-IP as SP. The BIG-IP as SP screen opens and displays a list of local SP services. Select 'BIGIPSP' SAML SP service from the list.

The screenshot shows the F5 BIG-IP as SP configuration interface. At the top, there is a header bar with the following information: Hostname: f5-bipip.democorp.co, IP Address: 10.10.1.2, Date: Mar 29, 2016, Time: 9:38 PM (PDT), User: admin, Role: Administrator. Below the header, there is a status indicator: ONLINE (ACTIVE), Standalone, Provisioning Warning. The main navigation menu on the left includes: Main, Help, About, Statistics, iApp, Wizards, Local Traffic, Access Policy, Device Management, Network, and System. The central area has tabs for Local SP Services (which is selected and highlighted in yellow) and External IdP Connectors. Under Local SP Services, there is a table with two rows. The first row is a header with columns: Name (sorted by Name) and SAML IdP Connectors. The second row contains a checkbox checked, the name 'BIGIPSP', and a 'Bind/Unbind IdP Connectors' button. At the bottom of the screen, there are buttons for Edit, Delete, Bind/Unbind IdP Connectors, and Export Metadata.

2. Click 'Bind/Unbind IdP Connectors'. Then click 'Create New IdP Connector' and 'From Metadata'



3. Browse to metadata.xml download from Okta and enter an 'Identity Provider Name' and click 'OK'

Create New SAML IdP Connector

Select File*:

metadata (1)

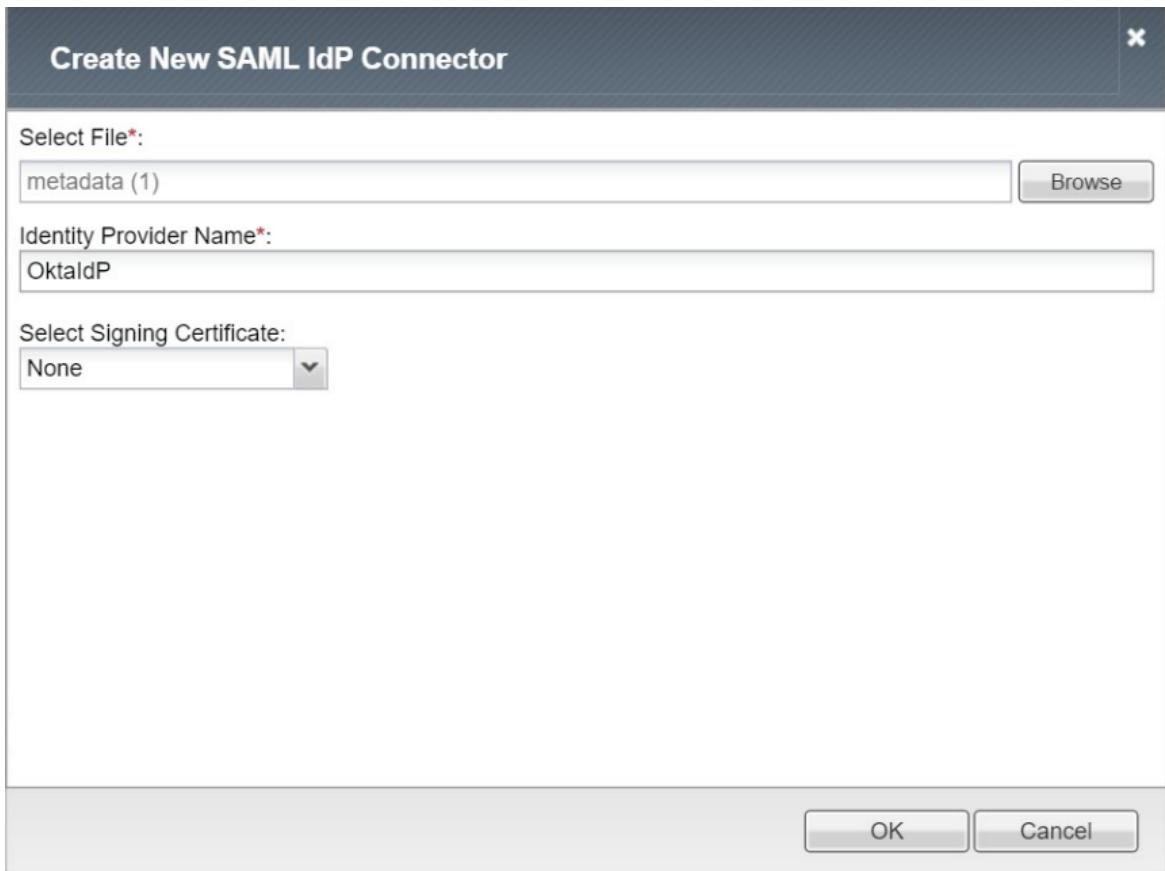
Identity Provider Name*:

OktaldP

Select Signing Certificate:

None

OK Cancel



4. This will create an Okta IdP Connector and also import its signing certificate
5. Click 'Add New Row'. Choose OktaldP as the SAML IdP Connect, Matching Source as: `%{session.server.landinguri}` and Matching Value as `/*`. It tells F5 BIG-IP to use OktaldP for all requests on this webserver. This URI can be adjusted based on specific folders or other Matching Source parameters. Click 'OK'

Edit SAML IdP's that use this SP

SAML IdP Connectors	Matching Source	Matching Value
/Common/OktaldP	%{session.server.landinguri}	/*

Update Cancel

Edit Delete

OK Cancel

6. SAML IdP and SP setup is complete.

Configure an F5 BIG-IP Access Policy to Authenticate with Okta SAML IdP

With the F5 BIG-IP system as a SAML service provider, configure an F5 BIG-IP access policy to direct users to Okta SAML IdP for authentication.

1. On the Main tab, click Access Policy > Access Profiles. The Access Profiles List screen opens. Click 'Create'

The screenshot shows the F5 BIG-IP management interface. At the top, there's a header bar with the IP address (10.10.1.2), date (Mar 29, 2016), time (10:09 PM (PDT)), user (admin), role (Administrator), and partition (Common). A 'Log out' button is also present. Below the header is a navigation bar with tabs: Main, Help, About, Statistics, IAPP, Wizards, Local Traffic, and Access Policy. Under 'Access Policy', the 'Access Profiles' tab is selected. The main content area is titled 'Access Policy > Access Profiles : Access Profiles List'. It features a search bar and a table with columns for Status, Name, Application, Access Policy, Export, Copy, Virtual Servers, and Partition / Path. One row is visible, showing 'access' as the name. At the bottom of the table are buttons for Create..., Import..., Delete..., and Apply Access Policy. To the left of the table is a sidebar with a tree view of access profile categories: Access Profiles, AAA Servers, ACLs, SSO Configurations, SAML, Webtops, Secure Connectivity, Network Access, and Application Access. The 'Access Profiles' node is expanded, showing its sub-items.

2. Provide the policy a name. In non-HTTPS test environment, make sure the "Secure" cookie option is deselected. Other custom values for timeouts and session can be optionally provided. Choose a Language and click 'Finished'

The screenshot shows the F5 BIG-IP APM interface with the following details:

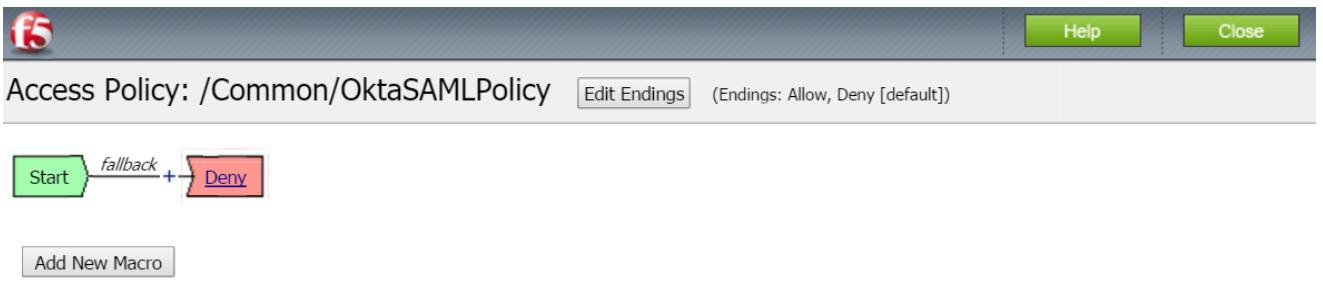
- General Properties:**
 - Name: OktaSAMLPolicy
 - Parent Profile: access
- Settings:**
 - Inactivity Timeout: 900 seconds
 - Access Policy Timeout: 300 seconds
 - Maximum Session Timeout: 0 seconds
 - Max Concurrent Users: 0
 - Max Sessions Per User: 0
 - Max In Progress Sessions Per Client IP: 0
 - Restrict to Single Client IP:
- Configurations:**
 - URI: Add
 - Logout URI Include: Edit Delete
 - Logout URI Timeout: 5 seconds
- SSO Across Authentication Domains (Single Domain mode):**
 - Domain Cookie:
 - Cookie Options: Secure, Persistent, HTTP Only

- After the policy has been created, click on 'Edit...' under the 'Access Policy' column

The screenshot shows the F5 BIG-IP APM interface with the following details:

- Access Profiles List:**
 - OktaSAMLPolicy
 - access

- The F5 BIG-IP APM visual policy editor opens the access policy in a separate screen displaying the default policy

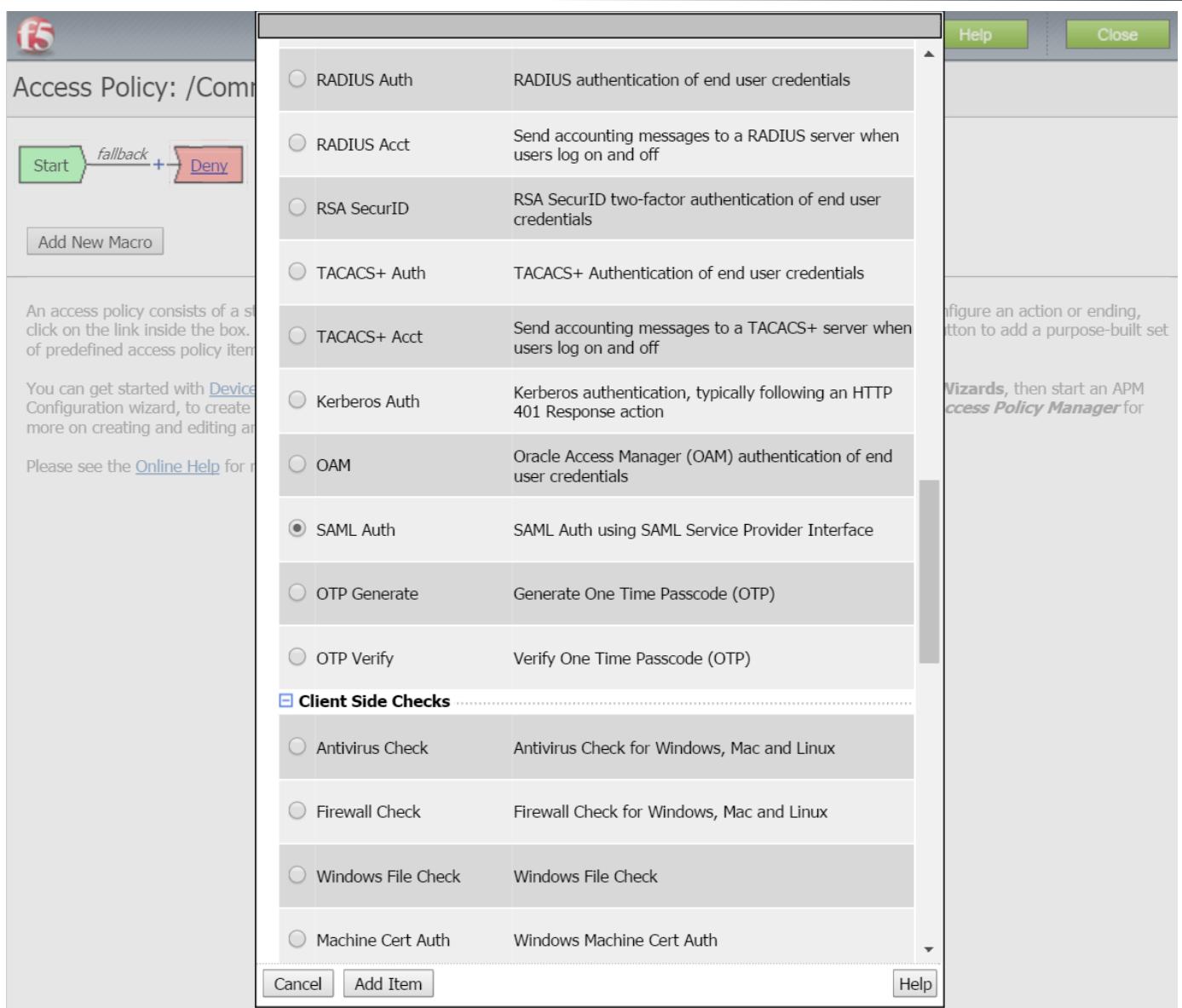


An access policy consists of a start point, actions, and one or more endings. To insert a new action, click on the + sign. To configure an action or ending, click on the link inside the box. To delete an action, click on the x on the upper right edge of the box. Click the **Add Macro** button to add a purpose-built set of predefined access policy items, to simplify access policy creation.

You can get started with [Device Wizards](#). On the main navigation pane, expand **Templates and Wizards**, and click **Device Wizards**, then start an APM Configuration wizard, to create a simple access policy that you can later modify. See the [Configuration Guide for BIG-IP Access Policy Manager](#) for more on creating and editing an access policy.

Please see the [Online Help](#) for more Visual Policy Editor basics.

5. Click on the '+' icon between Start and Deny nodes and on the pop-up window, choose 'SAML Auth'



6. On the next screen, under 'Properties', choose a name for the auth method and in AAA Server dropdown, select the previously configured BIG-IP SP. Click 'Save'

Properties Branch Rules

Name: Okta SAML Auth

SAML Authentication SP

AAA Server /Common/BIGIPSP ▾

Cancel Save Help

- The access policy looks like the following. Note that F5 BIG-IP APM is a very powerful tool and additional processing including fetching attributes from other AD/LDAP sources for insertion and additional backend authorization can be performed.



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8. Click 'Apply Access Policy'. Then click 'Close'
9. To put the access policy into effect, you must attach it to the virtual server that was created for the test ASP .NET IIS web app

Adding the access profile to the virtual server

Associate the access profile with the virtual server so that F5 BIG-IP APM can apply the profile to incoming traffic and run the previously defined access policy

1. On the Main tab, click Local Traffic > Virtual Servers. The Virtual Server List screen opens

The screenshot shows the F5 BIG-IP management interface. In the top left, there's a red 'f5' logo. To its right, a status bar indicates 'ONLINE (ACTIVE)', 'Standalone', and 'Provisioning Warning'. Below this is a navigation bar with 'Main', 'Help', and 'About' tabs. The main content area has a title 'Local Traffic > Virtual Servers : Virtual Server List'. On the left, a sidebar under 'Local Traffic' has 'Network Map' selected, along with 'Virtual Servers', 'Profiles', and 'iRules'. The main panel displays a table for 'Virtual Server List' with one entry: 'SSOWebApp_http_virtual' (status: green circle). Below the table are buttons for 'Enable', 'Disable', and 'Delete...'. At the bottom of the main panel are 'Search' and 'Status' filters.

2. Click on the virtual server. Then scroll all the way to the bottom to the 'Access Policy' section. Select the previously defined 'Access Profile' and click 'Update'

The screenshot shows the 'Access Policy' configuration dialog. It contains five fields:

- 'Access Profile' dropdown set to 'OktaSAMLPolicy'
- 'Connectivity Profile' dropdown set to 'None'
- 'Rewrite Profile' dropdown set to 'None'
- 'Citrix & Java Support' checkbox is unchecked ('Enabled')
- 'OAM Support' checkbox is unchecked ('Enabled')

At the bottom are 'Update' and 'Delete' buttons.

3. Next create an F5 BIG-IP iRule® to extract the custom SAML attributes from the incoming assertion and pass them as HTTP headers to the backend test ASP .NET IIS application. Click 'Create'

Name	Verification	Certificate	Application	Partition / Path
_sys_auth_krbdelegate	F5 Verified	f5-irule		Common
_sys_auth_ssl_cc_ldap	F5 Verified	f5-irule		Common
_sys_auth_ssl_crldp	F5 Verified	f5-irule		Common
_sys_auth_ssl_ocsp	F5 Verified	f5-irule		Common
_sys_https_redirect	F5 Verified	f5-irule		Common

4. Paste the F5 BIG-IP iRule text below into the Definition window

```

Properties
Name: OktaiRule

Definition
when RULE_INIT {
    set static::debug 0
}

when ACCESS_ACL_ALLOWED {
    set oktaUser [ACCESS::session data get "session.saml.last.identity"]
    if { $static::debug } { log local0. "id is $oktaUser" }
    if { !([HTTP::header exists "OKTA_USER"]) } {
        HTTP::header insert "OKTA_USER" $oktaUser
    }

    set oktaFirstName [ACCESS::session data get "session.saml.last.attr.name.FirstName"]
    if { $static::debug } { log local0. "id is $oktaFirstName" }
    if { !([HTTP::header exists "OKTA_FIRSTNAME"]) } {
        HTTP::header insert "OKTA_FIRSTNAME" $oktaFirstName
    }
}

when ACCESS_ACL_DENIED {
    set oktaLastName [ACCESS::session data get "session.saml.last.attr.name.LastName"]
    if { $static::debug } { log local0. "id is $oktaLastName" }
    if { !([HTTP::header exists "OKTA_LASTNAME"]) } {
        HTTP::header insert "OKTA_LASTNAME" $oktaLastName
    }
}

```

```

when RULE_INIT {
    set static::debug 0
}

when ACCESS_ACL_ALLOWED {
    set oktaUser [ACCESS::session data get "session.saml.last.identity"]
    if { $static::debug } { log local0. "id is $oktaUser" }
    if { !([HTTP::header exists "OKTA_USER"]) } {
        HTTP::header insert "OKTA_USER" $oktaUser
    }

    set oktaFirstName [ACCESS::session data get "session.saml.last.attr.name.FirstName"]
    if { $static::debug } { log local0. "id is $oktaFirstName" }
    if { !([HTTP::header exists "OKTA_FIRSTNAME"]) } {
        HTTP::header insert "OKTA_FIRSTNAME" $oktaFirstName
    }
}

when ACCESS_ACL_DENIED {
    set oktaLastName [ACCESS::session data get "session.saml.last.attr.name.LastName"]
    if { $static::debug } { log local0. "id is $oktaLastName" }
    if { !([HTTP::header exists "OKTA_LASTNAME"]) } {
        HTTP::header insert "OKTA_LASTNAME" $oktaLastName
    }
}

```

```

HTTP::header insert "OKTA_LASTNAME" $oktaLastName
}

set oktaCity [ACCESS::session data get "session.saml.last.attr.name.City"]
if { $static::debug } { log local0. "id is $oktaCity" }
if { !([HTTP::header exists "OKTA_CITY"]) } {
    HTTP::header insert "OKTA_CITY" $oktaCity
}
}
    
```

5. Next, apply this F5 BIG-IP iRule to the Virtual Server

The screenshot shows the F5 BIG-IP Local Traffic interface. The left sidebar has sections for Statistics, iApp, Wizards, and Local Traffic. Under Local Traffic, 'Virtual Servers' is selected. The main pane shows a table for 'Virtual Server List' with one entry:

Status	Name	Application	Destination	Service Port	Type	Resources	Partition / Path
●	SSOWebApp_http_virtual	SSOWebApp	12.12.1.12	80 (HTTP)	Standard	Edit...	Common/SSOWebApp.app

Below the table are buttons for 'Enable', 'Disable', and 'Delete...'. The top navigation bar shows 'Local Traffic > Virtual Servers : Virtual Server List'.

6. Click 'Edit' under Resources column

The screenshot shows the 'Properties' tab for the 'SSOWebApp_http_virtual' virtual server. The left sidebar shows 'Virtual Servers' selected. The main pane has tabs for 'Properties', 'Resources' (which is active), and 'Statistics'. The 'Resources' tab contains sections for 'Load Balancing' and 'iRules'.

Load Balancing

Default Pool	SSOWebApp_pool
Default Persistence Profile	SSOWebApp_cookie_persistence_profile
Fallback Persistence Profile	None

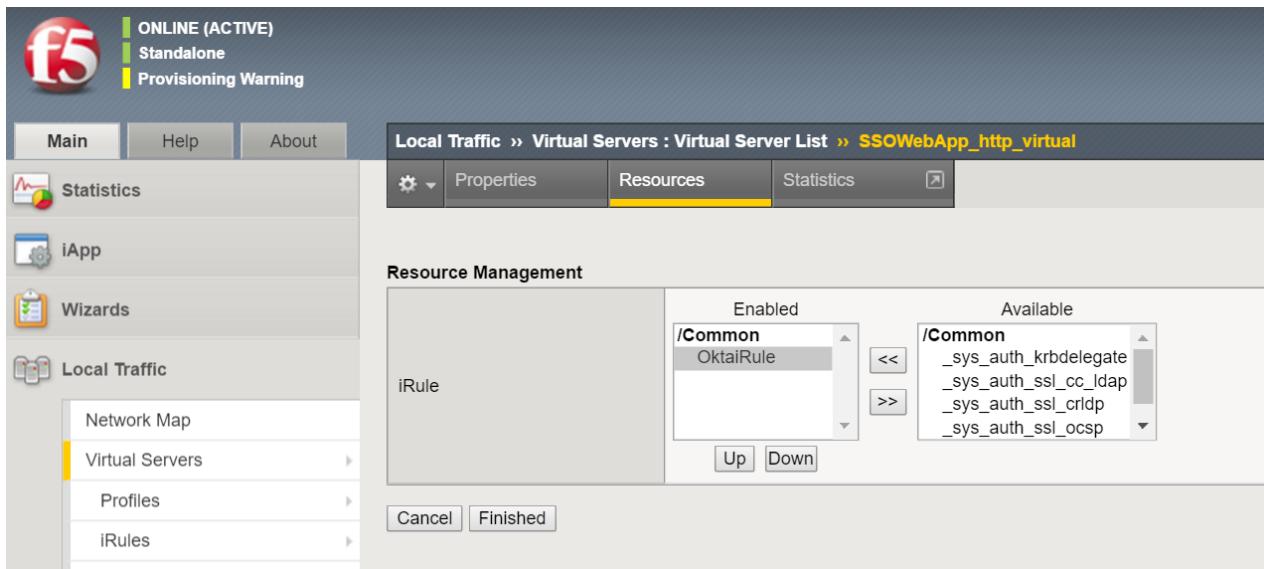
iRules

Name	Manage...
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Below the table, it says 'No records to display.'

7. Click 'Manage' under iRules

8. Add OktaiRule that previously created to the Enabled list and click Finished



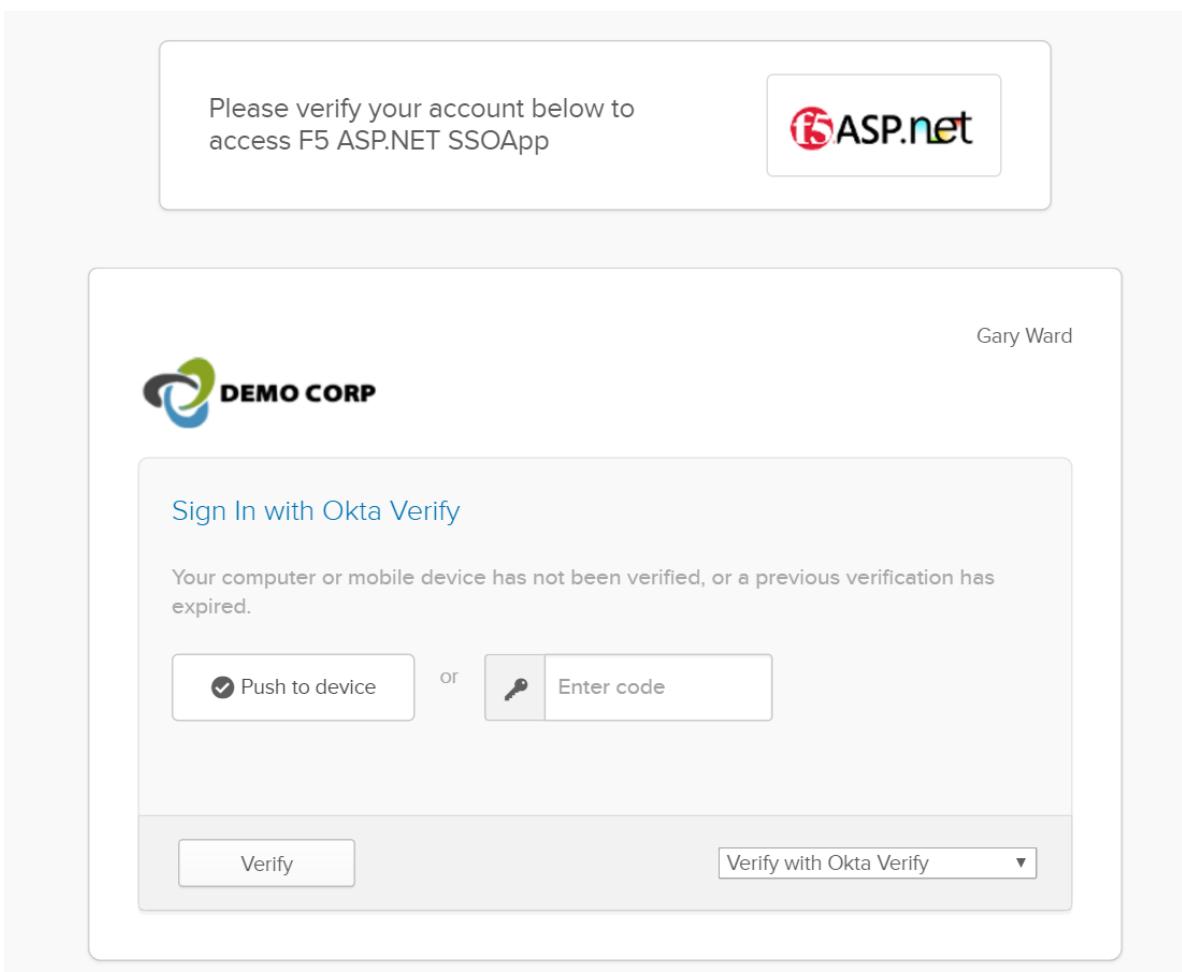
Testing the F5 BIG-IP + Okta Integration

Follow the steps below to test the integration

1. Go to the published application URL <http://www.democorp.co/headers.aspx>
2. F5 BIG-IP should redirect the request to Okta for authentication. Enter credentials

The image contains two screenshots. The top screenshot shows a login page for an ASP.NET application. It displays the message "Please sign in below to access F5 ASP.NET SSOApp" and the ASP.NET logo. The bottom screenshot shows a sign-in page for "DEMO CORP". It includes fields for "Username" (containing "gary.ward") and "Password" (containing "*****"), a "Sign In" button, a "Remember me" checkbox, and a "Your security image" section featuring a night view of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

3. Complete the MFA challenge



4. Should be redirected to the published application web page

HTTP_CACHE_CONTROL	max-age=0
HTTP_CONNECTION	keep-alive
HTTP_ACCEPT	text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=0.8
HTTP_ACCEPT_LANGUAGE	en-US,en;q=0.8
HTTP_COOKIE	BIGipServerSSOWebApp.app~SSOWebApp_pool=184617739.20480.0000;
HTTP_HOST	www.democorp.co
HTTP_USER_AGENT	Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10.0; WOW64) AppleWebKit/537.36 (KHTML, like
HTTP_UPGRADE_INSECURE_REQUESTS	1
HTTP_DNT	1
HTTP_OKTA_USER	gary.ward@democorpx.com
HTTP_OKTA_FIRSTNAME	Gary
HTTP_OKTA_LASTNAME	Ward
HTTP_OKTA_CITY	Seattle

5. Note the HTTP_OKTA_* headers indicating successful extraction of SAML headers

Appendix

Reports and Logs

F5 BIG-IP APM Reports -> All Sessions report and Okta System Log can provide traces of transactions that can aid in troubleshooting

The screenshot shows the F5 BIG-IP Application Policy Manager (APM) interface. At the top, there's a status bar with the F5 logo and indicators for 'ONLINE (ACTIVE)', 'Standalone', and 'Provisioning Warning'. Below the status bar is a navigation bar with 'Main', 'Help', and 'About' buttons. The main content area is titled 'Access Policy >> Reports : View Reports'. On the left, there's a sidebar with icons for 'Statistics', 'iApp', 'Wizards', 'Local Traffic', and 'Access Policy'. Under 'Access Policy', there are several expandable sections: 'Access Profiles', 'AAA Servers', 'ACLs', 'SSO Configurations', 'SAML', 'Webtops', 'Secure Connectivity', 'Network Access', 'Application Access', 'Portal Access', 'Manage Sessions', and 'Reports'. The 'Reports' section is currently selected. The right side of the interface is the 'Reports Browser' panel, which contains a tree view of available reports. The 'All Sessions' report is highlighted with a gray background. Other reports listed include 'Denied ACL Details (Session ID)', 'Denied ACLs (All Sessions)', 'Application and OS Distribution', 'Browser Breakdown', 'Browser Distribution', 'All Messages', 'All Messages (excluding ACL)', 'Error and Warning Messages', 'System Messages', 'Bad IP Reputation Sessions', 'Current Sessions', 'Session Details', 'Session Variables', and 'Custom Reports'. There are also 'Favorite' and 'Run' buttons at the top of the browser panel.

For more on Okta System Log – please refer to Okta documentation here –
(https://support.okta.com/help/articles/Knowledge_Article/27605453-Using-the-Okta-Reports-Page)

Additional References

Okta Company website – <https://www.okta.com>

Okta Customer Support – <https://support.okta.com>

Okta Documentation - <https://support.okta.com/help/documentation>

F5 BIG-IP APM Documentation - https://support.f5.com/kb/en-us/products/big-ip_apm.html

F5 BIG-IP LTM Documentation - https://support.f5.com/kb/en-us/products/big-ip_ltm.html

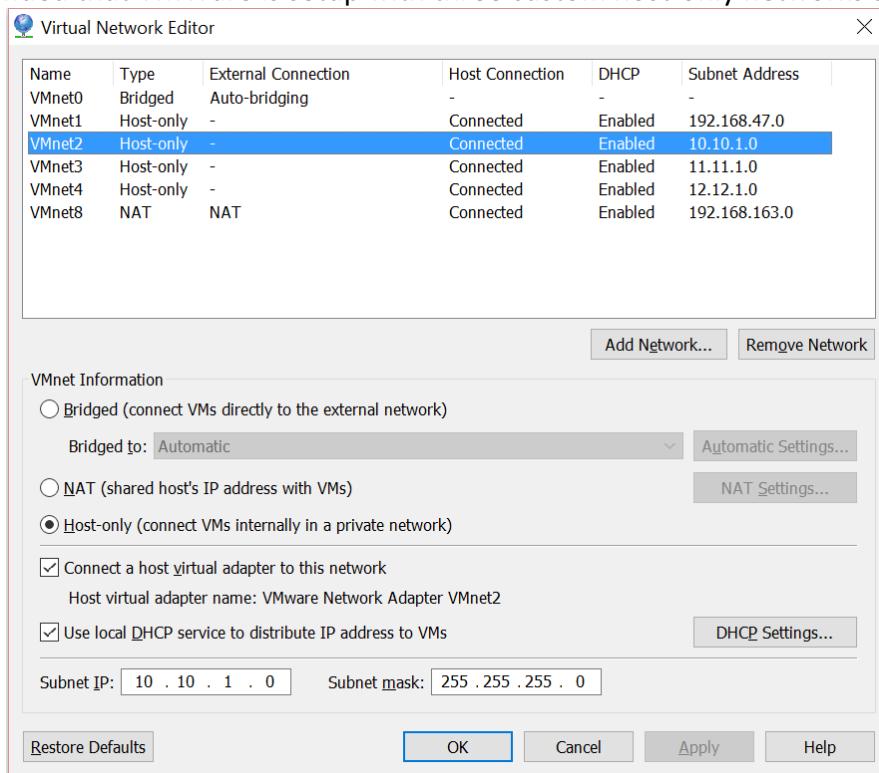
Sample F5 BIG-IP Virtual Lab Setup with VMWare

The following outlines the steps to create a basic setup of an F5 BIG-IP environment using VMWare.

NOTE: This should only be used as a sample guidance. To set up a production environment, please refer to the F5 BIG-IP documentation listed above.

1. F5 BIG-IP should be setup with three network interfaces:
 - i. Management (10.10.1.1)
 - ii. Internal (11.11.1.1)
 - iii. External (12.12.1.1)

It is recommended that VMWare is setup with three custom host-only networks as shown below:

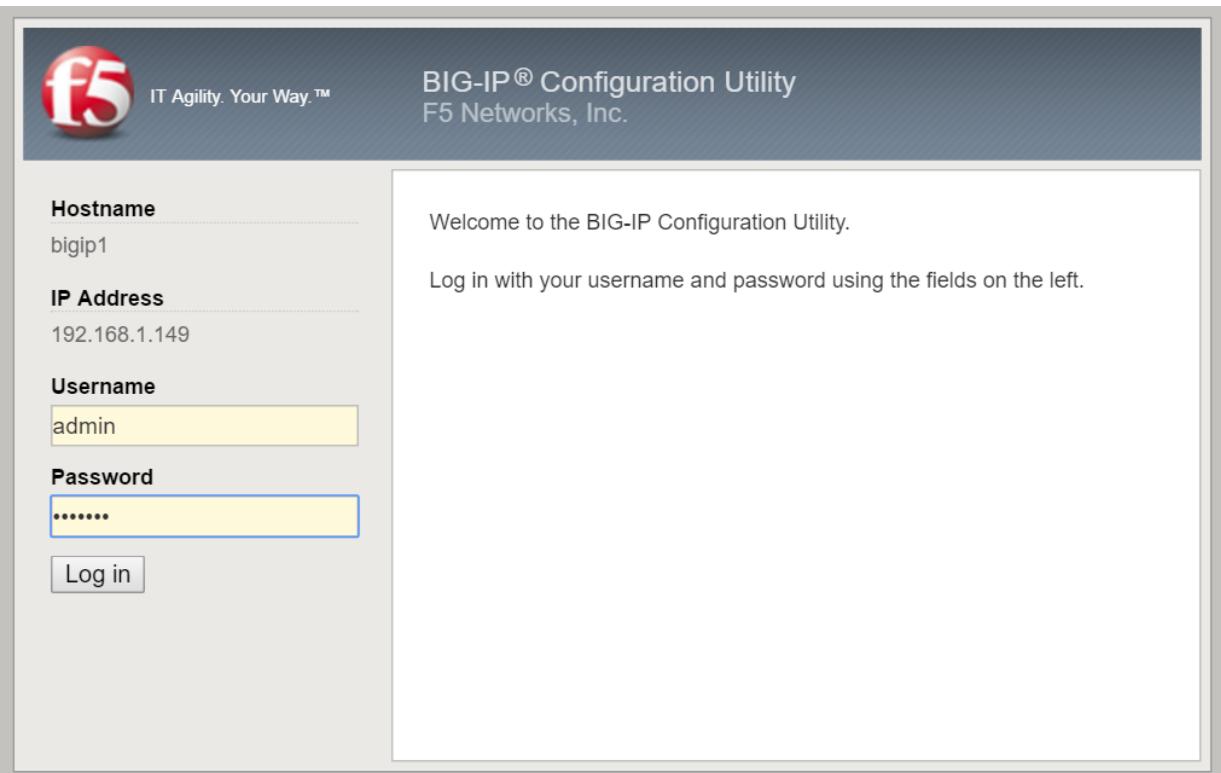


2. There should be an IIS or Apache webserver to test backend application with the suggested IP-address: 11.11.1.11
3. Open the downloaded image file in VMWare Workstation and deploy it using default options, then start the F5 BIG-IP VM

4. Switch to VM console and on login prompt, enter `root` as username and `default` as password
5. Enter `ifconfig -a | more` to find the DHCP assigned IP-address to this VM. For example, inet addr: 192.168.1.149 is the IP-address below:

```
eth0      Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 00:0C:29:AE:2C:FB
          inet addr:192.168.1.149 Bcast:192.168.1.255 Mask:255.255.255.0
          inet6 addr: fe80::20c:29ff:feae:2cfb/64 Scope:Link
             UP BROADCAST RUNNING MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1
             RX packets:1321 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0
             TX packets:16 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0
             collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000
             RX bytes:106996 (104.4 KiB) TX bytes:1886 (1.8 KiB)
```

6. Launch a browser on the host machine and enter the https://IP-address obtained in the previous step,
For example: <https://192.168.1.149>
7. A certificate warning will be issued by the browser. This is normal, click proceed to the login page:



8. Enter `admin` as username and `admin` as password and click 'Log in'
9. Click 'Next' in the Setup Utility section:

Hostname: bigip1 Date: Mar 29, 2016 User: admin Partition: Common Log out

No license exists for this device

f5 ONLINE (ACTIVE)
Standalone

Main Help About Setup Utility » Introduction

Setup Utility

- Introduction
- License
- Resource Provisioning
- Platform
- Network
- Redundancy
- VLANs
- ConfigSync
- Failover
- Mirroring
- Active/Standby Pair
- Discover Peer

Welcome

Setup Utility

To begin configuring this BIG-IP® system, please complete the Setup Utility. To begin, click the "Next" button.

Next...

10. Click 'Activate' under License

Hostname: bigip1 Date: Mar 29, 2016 User: admin Partition: Common Log out

No license exists for this device

f5 ONLINE (ACTIVE)
Standalone

Main Help About Setup Utility » License

Setup Utility

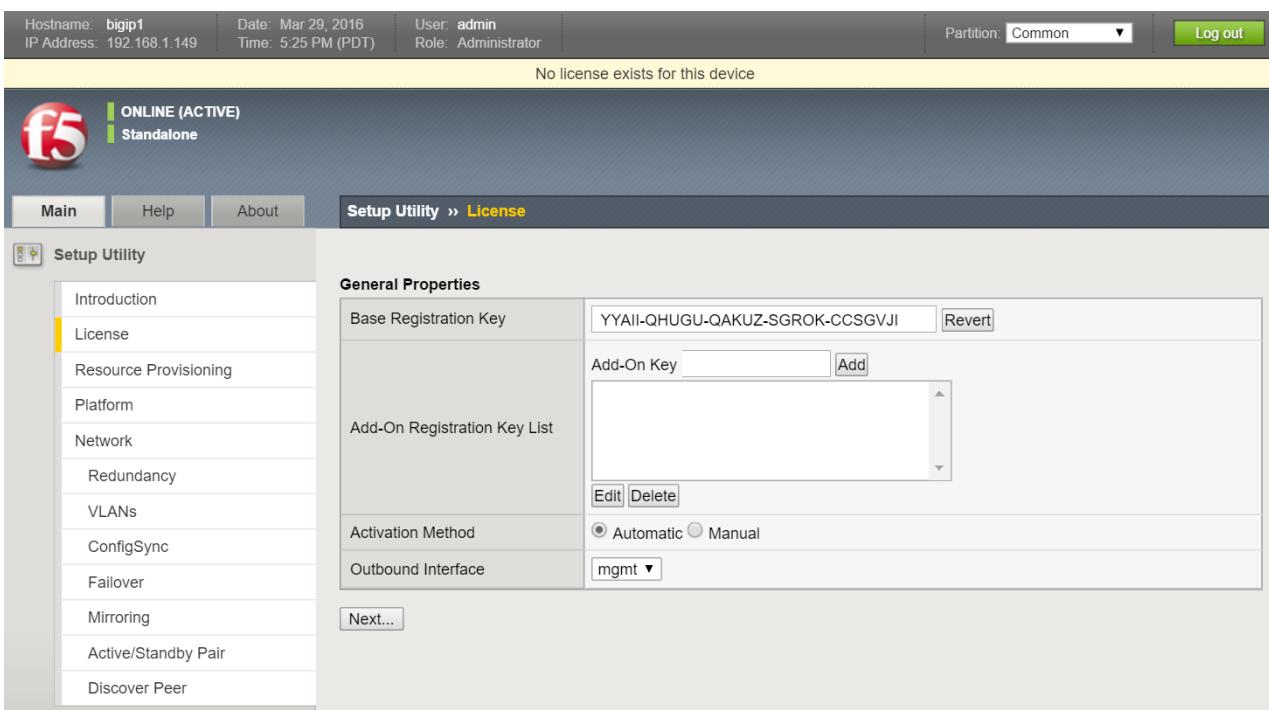
- Introduction
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General Properties

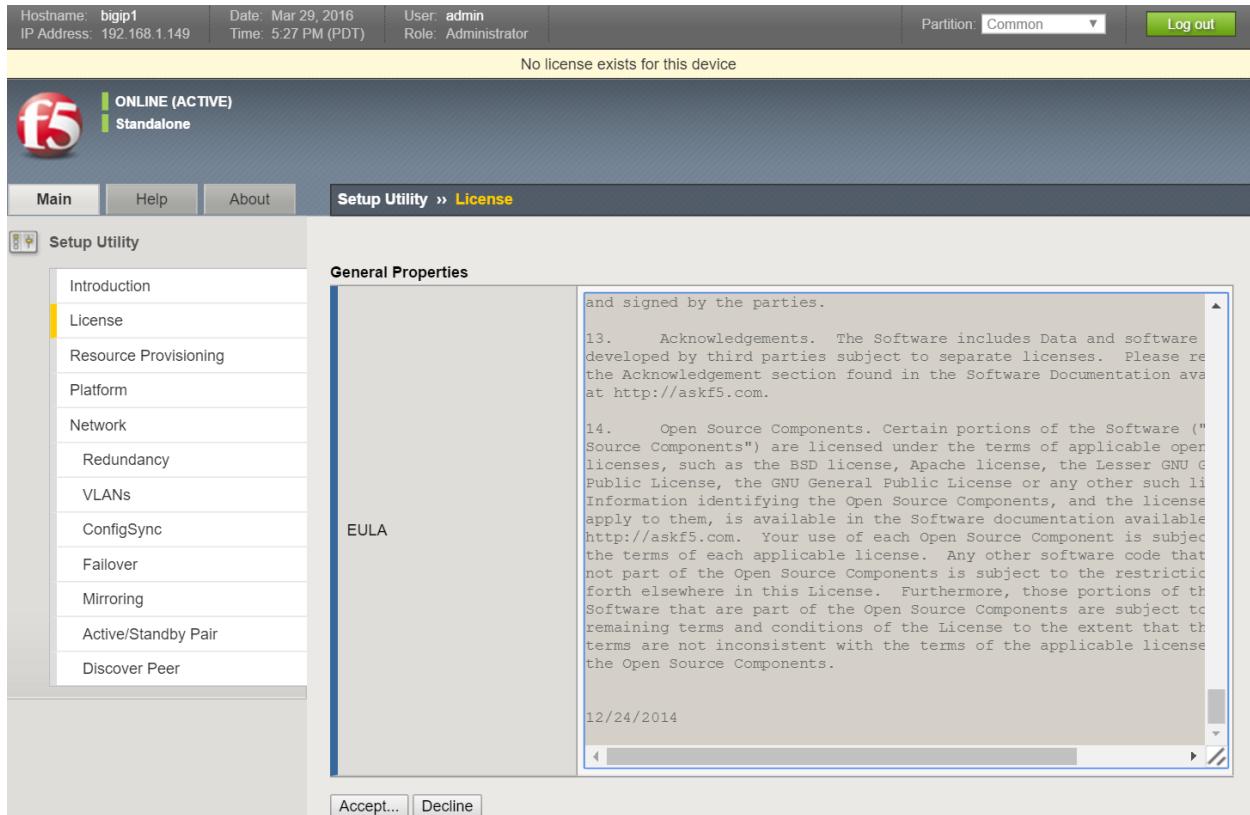
License	Not Activated
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Activate...

11. Enter Registration Key received via email and click 'Next'



12. Click 'Accept' after reviewing the license agreement



13. After license activation, in the Resource Provisioning screen, select Access Policy (APM) and make sure Local Traffic (LTM) is also selected. Then click 'Next'

Hostname: bigip1 Date: Mar 29, 2016 User: admin
IP Address: 192.168.1.149 Time: 5:29 PM (PDT) Role: Administrator Partition: Common Log out

f5 ONLINE (ACTIVE) Standalone

The chart is now showing the minimum resources required for the selected modules
Click Revert to again show the current resource allocation

Main Help About

Setup Utility » Resource Provisioning

Modified Resource Allocation (prior to redistribution)

CPU	MGMT	TMM(89%)	
Disk (12GB)	APM		
Memory (3.8GB)	MGMT	TMM APM LTM	Unallocated

Module Provisioning License Status Required Disk (GB) Required Memory (MB)

Management (MGMT)	Small	N/A	0	740
Carrier Grade NAT (CGNAT)	Disabled	Unlicensed	0	0
Advanced Firewall (AFM)	None	Unlicensed	16	478
Access Policy (APM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nominal (Limited u)	Limited mode available without a license	12	366
Application Security (ASM)	None	Unlicensed	12	808
Application Visibility and Reporting (AVR)	None	Licensed	16	448
Global Traffic (GTM)	None	Unlicensed	0	148
Link Controller (LC)	None	Unlicensed	0	148
Local Traffic (LTM)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nominal	Licensed	0	1198

14. In the Platform screen, enter the static IP address for Management Port and a Host Name for the F5 BIG-IP. Also choose passwords for Root and Admin accounts.

Hostname: bigip1 Date: Mar 29, 2016 User: admin
IP Address: 192.168.1.149 Time: 5:33 PM (PDT) Role: Administrator

**f5 ONLINE (ACTIVE)
Standalone
Provisioning Warning**

Activation Complete
Configure your platform.

Main Help About

Setup Utility » Platform

Setup Utility

General Properties

Management Port Configuration	<input type="radio"/> Automatic (DHCP) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Manual
Management Port	IP Address[/prefix]: 10.10.1.2 Network Mask: 255.255.255.0 Management Route: 10.10.1.1
Host Name	f5-bipip.democorp.co
Host IP Address	Use Management Port IP Address
Time Zone	America/Los Angeles

User Administration

Root Account	Password: Confirm:
Admin Account	Password: Confirm:
SSH Access	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enabled
SSH IP Allow	* All Addresses

Back Next...

15. The system should redirect to the new Management address and port. Log in with the new Admin password. Click ‘Next’ to configure the Network.

16. Unselect Config Sync options and click ‘Next’ as they are not needed for this lab

17. Configure the Internal Network

Hostname: f5-bipip.democorp.co Date: Mar 29, 2016 User: admin
IP Address: 10.10.1.2 Time: 5:40 PM (PDT) Role: Administrator

f5 ONLINE (ACTIVE)
Standalone
Provisioning Warning

Main Help About Setup Utility » VLANs

Setup Utility

Introduction License Resource Provisioning Platform Network Redundancy **VLANs**

Internal Network Configuration

Self IP	Address: 11.11.1.2
	Netmask: 255.255.255.0
	Port Lockdown: Allow Default ▾

Internal VLAN Configuration

VLAN Name	internal		
VLAN Tag ID	auto		
VLAN Interfaces	Untagged 1.2	Available 1.1 1.3	Tagged
	<>	<>	<>

Cancel Next...

18. Configure the External Network

Hostname: f5-bipip.democorp.co Date: Mar 29, 2016 User: admin
IP Address: 10.10.1.2 Time: 5:41 PM (PDT) Role: Administrator

f5 ONLINE (ACTIVE)
Standalone
Provisioning Warning

Main Help About Setup Utility » VLANs

Setup Utility

Introduction License Resource Provisioning Platform Network Redundancy **VLANs**

External Network Configuration

External VLAN	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Create VLAN external <input type="radio"/> Select existing VLAN
Self IP	Address: 12.12.1.2
	Netmask: 255.255.255.0
Default Gateway	Port Lockdown: Allow 443 ▾ 12.12.1.1

External VLAN Configuration

VLAN Name	external		
VLAN Tag ID	auto		
VLAN Interfaces	Untagged 1.3	Available 1.1 1.2	Tagged
	<>	<>	<>

Cancel Finished

19. Base setup is complete at this point.