# Set up multifactor authentication

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## Set up multifactor authentication

Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) authentication allows users to log in to an application by using a secure identity provider (IdP).

In System Manager, in addition to standard ONTAP authentication, SAML-based authentication is provided as an option for multifactor authentication.

Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) is an XML-based framework for authentication and authorization between two entities: a service provider and an identity provider.

### **Enable SAML authentication**



To enable SAML authentication, perform the following steps:

#### Steps

- 1. Click Cluster > Settings.
- 2. Next to **SAML Authentication**, click 🌼.
- 3. Ensure there is a check in the **Enable SAML Authentication** checkbox.
- 4. Enter the URL of the IdP URI (including "https://").
- 5. Modify the host system address, if needed.
- 6. Ensure the correct certificate is being used:
  - If your system was mapped with only one certificate with type "server", then that certificate is considered the default and it isn't displayed.
  - If your system was mapped with multiple certificates as type "server", then one of the

certificates is displayed. To select a different certificate, click **Change**.

- 7. Click **Save**. A confirmation window displays the metadata information, which has been automatically copied to your clipboard.
- 8. Go to the IdP system you specified and copy the metadata from your clipboard to update the system metadata.
- 9. Return to the confirmation window (in System Manager) and check the checkbox **I have** configured the IdP with the host URI or metadata.
- 10. Click **Logout** to enable SAML-based authentication. The IdP system will display an authentication screen.
- 11. In the IdP system, enter your SAML-based credentials. After your credentials are verified, you will be directed to the System Manager home page.

## **Disable SAML authentication**

To disable SAML authentication, perform the following steps:

### Steps

- 1. Click **Cluster > Settings**.
- 2. Under **SAML Authentication**, click the **Enabled** toggle button.
- 3. *Optional*: You can also click to SAML Authentication, and then uncheck the Enable SAML Authentication checkbox.

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