



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

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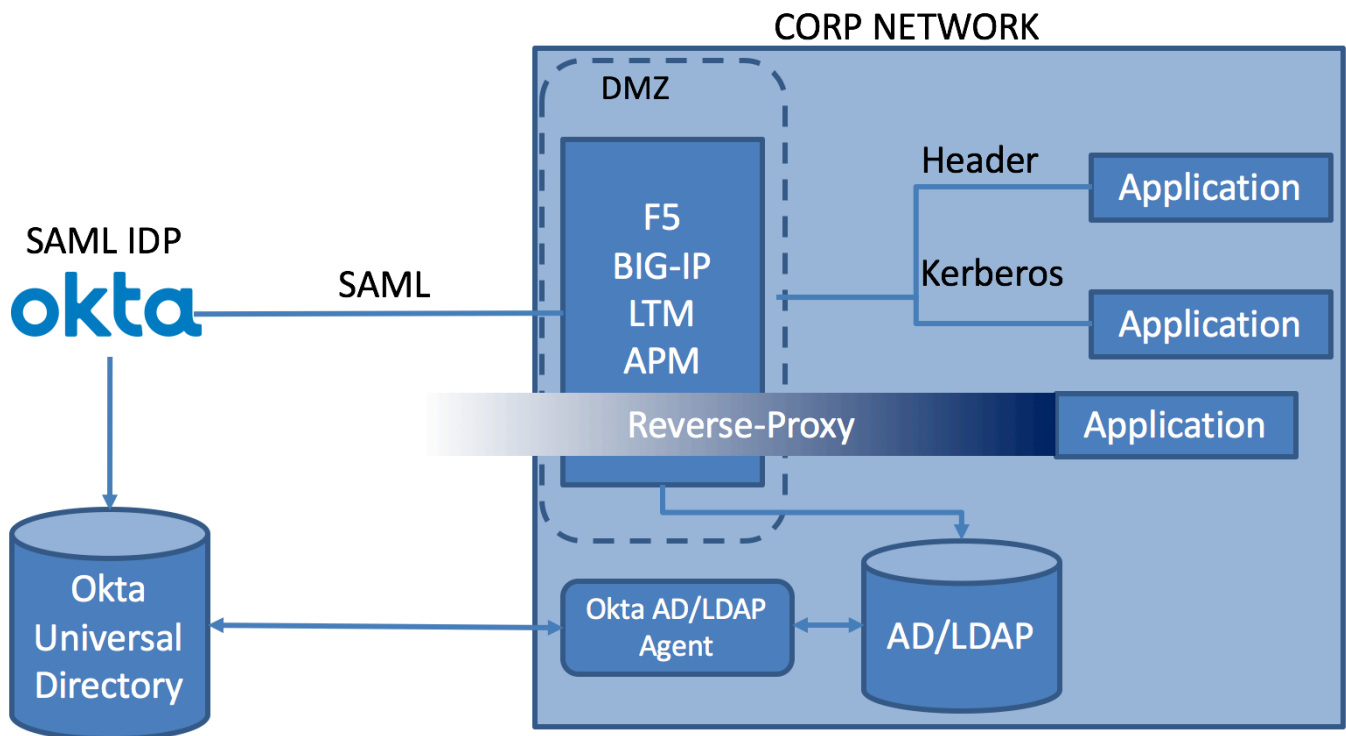
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Introduction

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/kb/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 webserver). Also provide the Virtual Server IP-Address on the external interface (e.g., 12.12.1.12)

Hostname: f5-bipip.democorp.co IP Address: 10.10.1.2		Date: Mar 29, 2016 Time: 5:51 PM (PDT)		User: admin Role: Administrator	
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ONLINE (ACTIVE)
 Standalone
 Provisioning Warning

Main Help About

iApp » Application Services » WebApp

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

Template Selection: Basic

Name	SSOWebApp
Template	f5.microsoft_iis

Welcome to the Microsoft IIS template

Introduction	This template supports Microsoft Internet Information Services version 7 and 7.5
Check for updates	Ensure you are using the most recent template before continuing. This template was re online at the AskF5 Knowledge Base (http://support.f5.com/kb/en-us/solutions/public/1
Prerequisites	If you plan on using this template to configure the BIG-IP system for processing encryp and key that correspond to all fully-qualified DNS names that you are using for the traff part of this template; see Local Traffic >> SSL Certificate List.
Additional features available	Provisioning WAM will enable additional options in this template.
Additional features available	Provisioning AVR will enable additional options in this template.

SSL Encryption Questions

Do you want the BIG-IP system to offload SSL processing from the Microsoft IIS servers?	No
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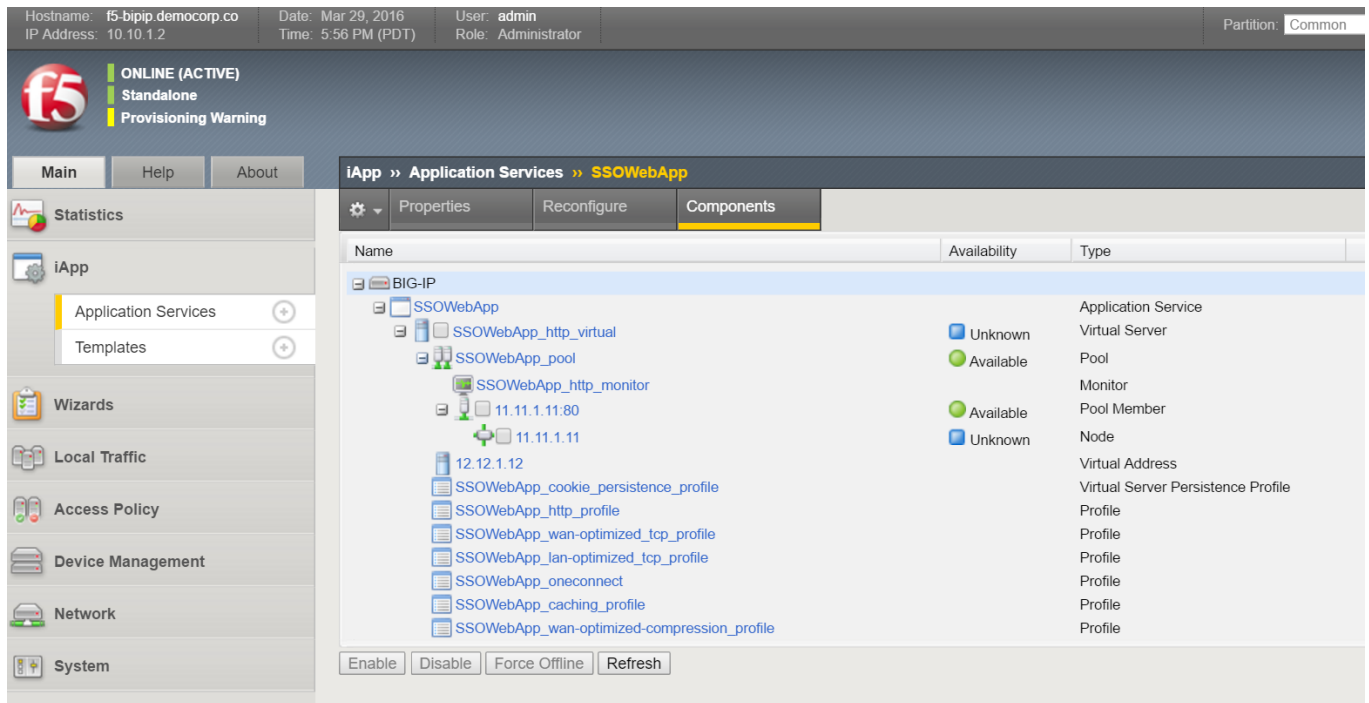
Virtual Server Questions

What IP address do you want to use for this virtual server?	12.12.1.12
What port do you want to use for this virtual server?	80
Do the Microsoft IIS servers have a route back to application clients via this BIG-IP system?	No

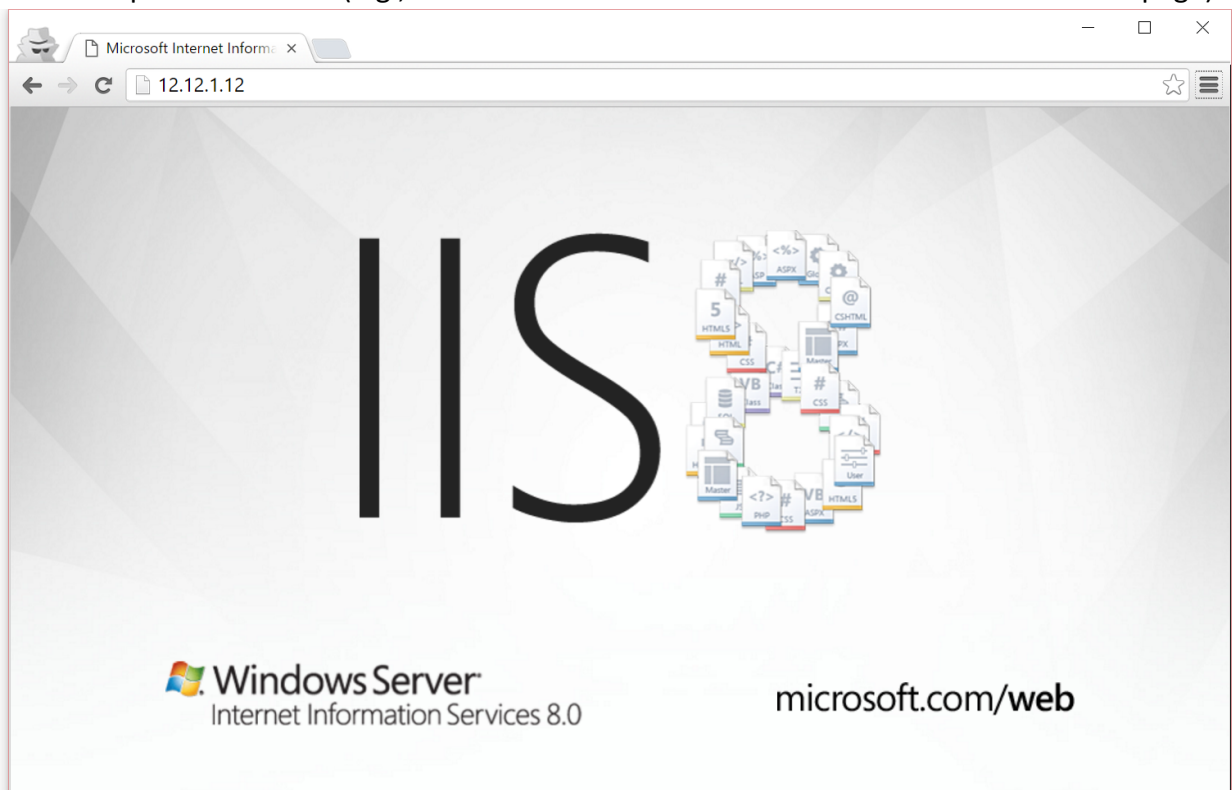
3. Scroll down on the same page and under Server Pool, Load Balancing section, provide the IP-address of the test web server and port it is listening on (e.g., 11.11.1.11 and 80). Also provide an FQDN for the web server hostname (e.g., www.democorp.co) and click 'Finish'

Server Pool, Load Balancing, and Service Monitor Questions	
Do you want to create a new pool or use an existing one?	Create New Pool ▼
Which load balancing method do you want to use?	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.)	<div> <div>Address</div> <div>11.11.1.11</div> <div>Port</div> <div>80</div> <div>Connection Limit</div> <div>0</div> <div>X</div> </div> <div>Add</div>
Do you want the BIG-IP to queue TCP requests?	No ▼
Do you want to create a new health monitor or use an existing one?	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?	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?	WAN ▼

- F5 BIG-IP will show the status of this application



- 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:

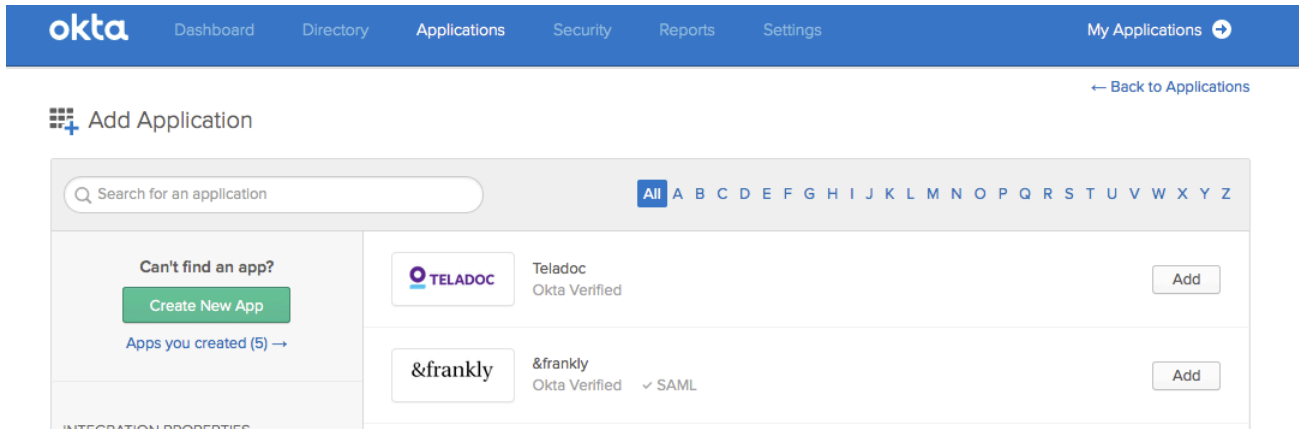
```
<%@ Page Language="C#" Trace="true"%>
```

← → ↻	www.democorp.co/headers.aspx
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”.



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

Create SAML Integration



1 General Settings

App name: F5 ASP.net SSOApp

App logo (optional) ?

test.png Browse..

Upload Logo

App visibility

☐ Do not display application icon to users

☐ Do not display application icon in the Okta Mobile app

- 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

- 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	<div></div> <div></div>

ACTIONS

 ACCESS

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

☐ 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

- 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 ▾

 [View Log](#)

General
Sign On
Mobile
Import
People
Groups


Settings Edit

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.

View Setup Instructions

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

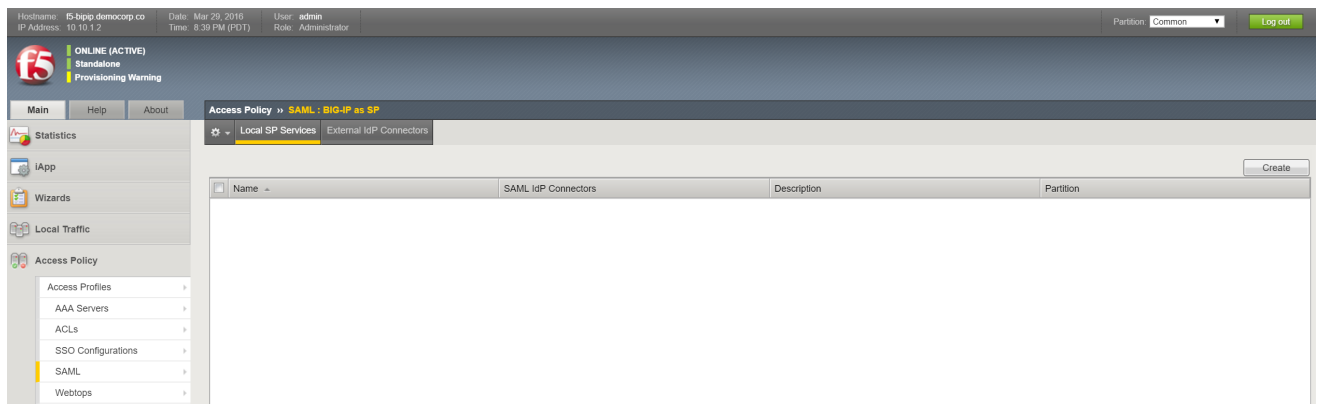
8. Okta SAML Identity Provider setup is complete.

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



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:

Relay State:

OK

Cancel

Create New SAML SP Service

General Settings

Security Settings

Authentication and Encryption Settings

☐ Signed Authentication Request

☐ Want Encrypted Assertion

☒ Want Signed Assertion

SP's Authentication Signing/Assertion Decryption Private Key :

Select a value...

SP Certificate :

Select a value...

OK

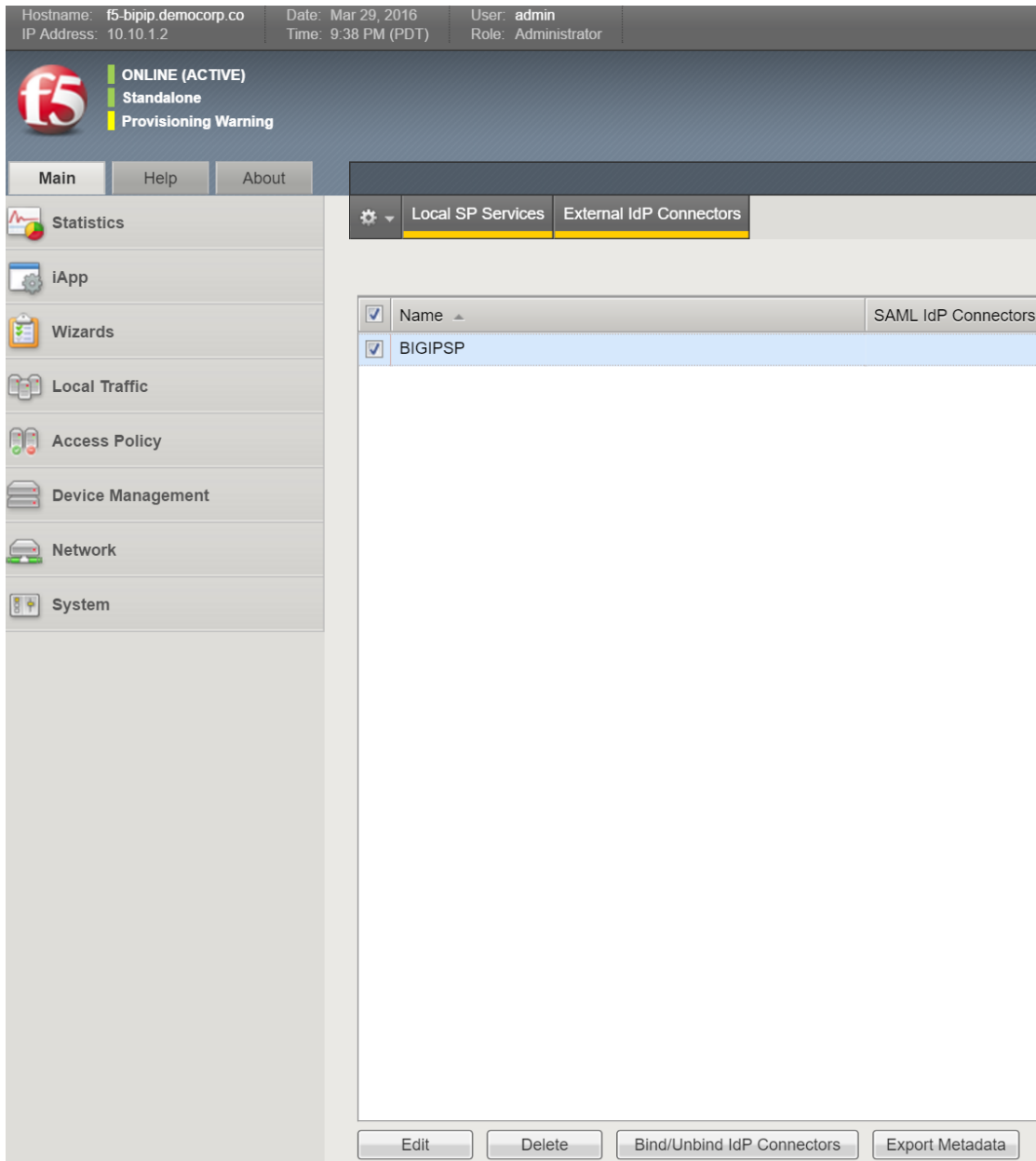
Cancel

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.



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

Edit SAML IDP's that use this SP

IDP Connectors associated with this SP Service

Add New Row Create New IdP Connector ▾

SAML IdP Connectors	Matching Source

Custom
From Metadata
From Template ▶

Edit Delete

OK Cancel

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)

Browse

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

IDP Connectors associated with this SP Service

Add New Row

Create New IdP Connector

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

Update

Cancel

Edit

Delete

OK

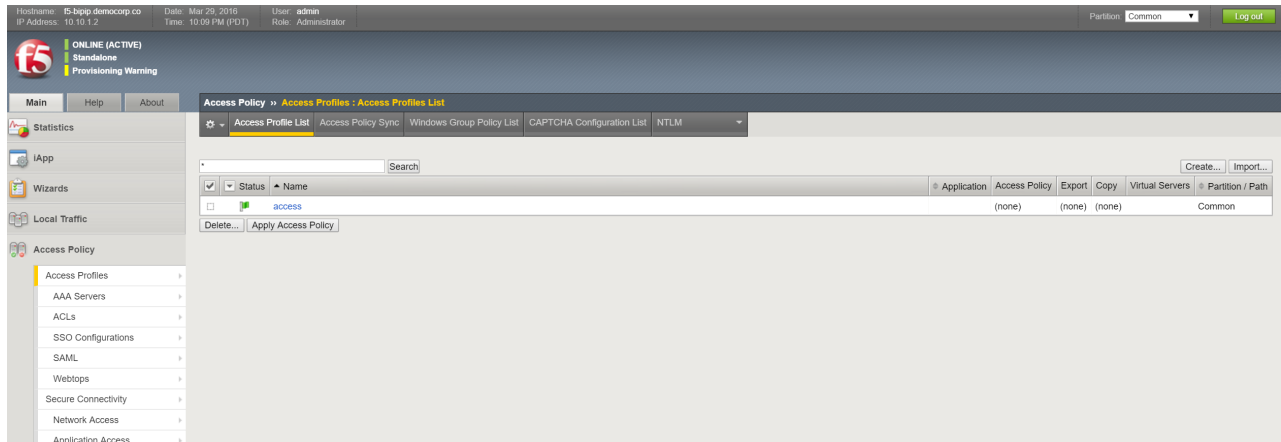
Cancel

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'



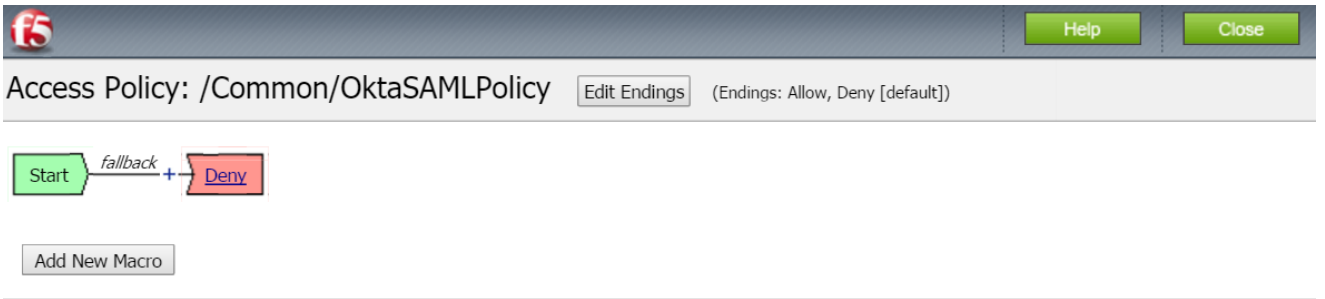
2. Provide the policy a name. In non-HTTPS test environment, make sure the "Secure" cookie option is deselected. Other custom values for timeouts and session can be optionally provided. Choose a Language and click 'Finished'

The screenshot shows the F5 BIG-IP configuration interface. The top status bar indicates 'ONLINE (ACTIVE)', 'Standalone', and a 'Provisioning Warning'. The breadcrumb trail is 'Access Policy » Access Profiles : Access Profiles List » New Profile...'. The left sidebar contains navigation menus for Statistics, iApp, Wizards, Local Traffic, and Access Policy. The 'Access Policy' menu is expanded, showing options like Access Profiles, AAA Servers, ACLs, SSO Configurations, SAML, Webtops, Secure Connectivity, Network Access, Application Access, Portal Access, Manage Sessions, Reports, Customization, and Dashboard. The main content area is divided into three sections: General Properties, Settings, and Configurations. The 'General Properties' section has a 'Name' field set to 'OktaSAMLPolicy' and a 'Parent Profile' dropdown set to 'access'. The 'Settings' section contains several timeout and session limit settings, all with input fields and 'seconds' units. The 'Configurations' section includes a 'Logout URI Include' list with an 'Add' button and a 'Logout URI Timeout' set to 5 seconds. At the bottom, the 'SSO Across Authentication Domains (Single Domain mode)' section has a 'Domain Cookie' field and 'Cookie Options' (Secure, Persistent, HTTP Only) checkboxes.

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

The screenshot shows the F5 BIG-IP configuration interface with the 'Access Profiles List' table. The top status bar and breadcrumb trail are the same as the previous screenshot. The left sidebar is also the same. The main content area shows a table with columns for 'Status', 'Name', 'Application', and 'Access Policy'. The table contains two rows: 'OktaSAMLPolicy' and 'access'. The 'OktaSAMLPolicy' row has an 'Edit...' link in the 'Access Policy' column. The 'access' row has '(none)' in the 'Access Policy' column. Below the table are 'Delete...' and 'Apply Access Policy' buttons.

- 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'

Access Policy: /Com

Start

fallback

+

Deny

Add New Macro

An access policy consists of a sequence of steps. To create a new access policy, click on the link inside the box. You can get started with [Device Configuration wizard](#), to create more on creating and editing an access policy. Please see the [Online Help](#) for more information.

☐

RADIUS Auth

RADIUS authentication of end user credentials

☐

RADIUS Acct

Send accounting messages to a RADIUS server when users log on and off

☐

RSA SecurID

RSA SecurID two-factor authentication of end user credentials

☐

TACACS+ Auth

TACACS+ Authentication of end user credentials

☐

TACACS+ Acct

Send accounting messages to a TACACS+ server when users log on and off

☐

Kerberos Auth

Kerberos authentication, typically following an HTTP 401 Response action

☐

OAM

Oracle Access Manager (OAM) authentication of end user credentials

☒

SAML Auth

SAML Auth using SAML Service Provider Interface

☐

OTP Generate

Generate One Time Passcode (OTP)

☐

OTP Verify

Verify One Time Passcode (OTP)

☒

Client Side Checks

☐

Antivirus Check

Antivirus Check for Windows, Mac and Linux

☐

Firewall Check

Firewall Check for Windows, Mac and Linux

☐

Windows File Check

Windows File Check

☐

Machine Cert Auth

Windows Machine Cert Auth

Cancel

Add Item

Help

Help

Close

figure an action or ending, then to add a purpose-built set of actions. For more information, see [Access Policy Manager](#) for more information.

- 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

7. 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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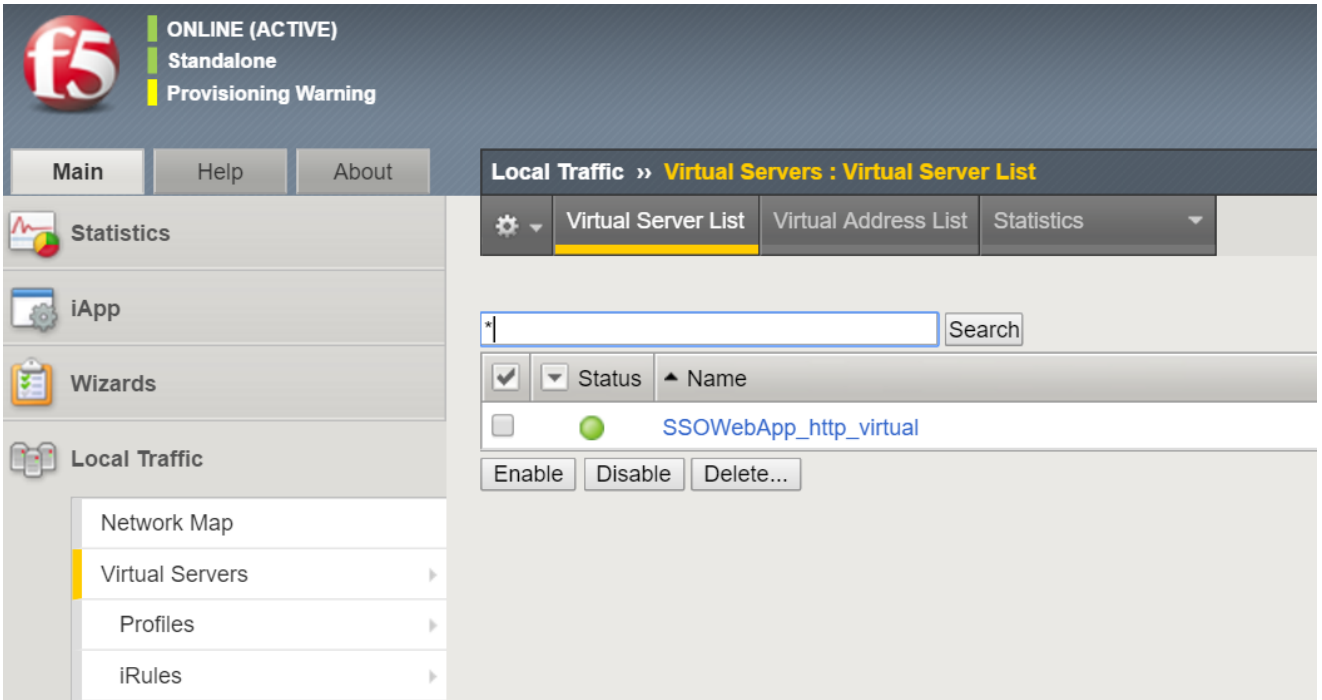
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8. Click 'Apply Access Policy'. Then click 'Close'
9. To put the access policy into effect, you must attach it to the virtual server that was created for the test ASP .NET IIS web app

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



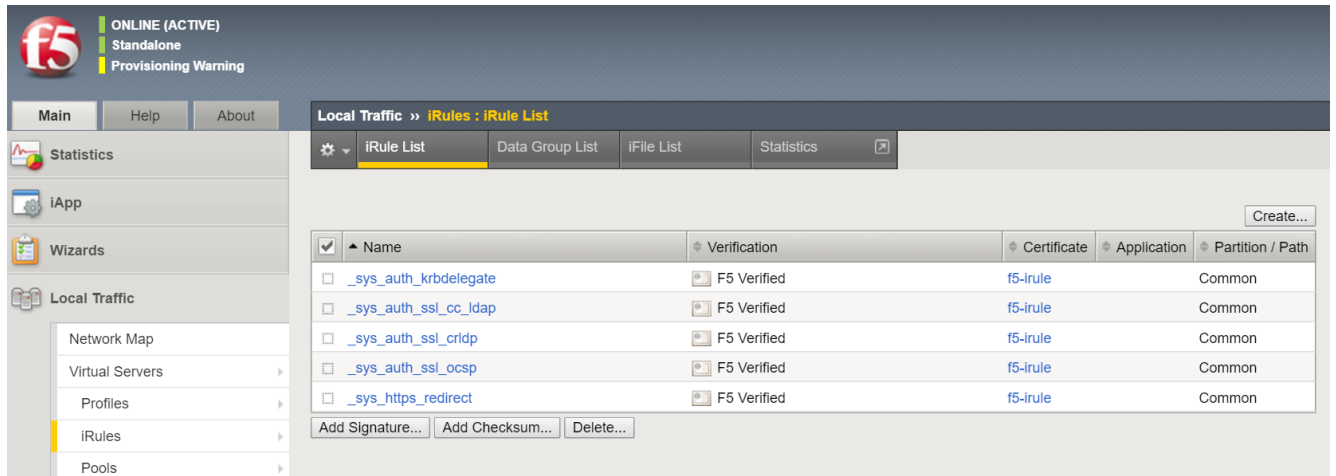
2. Click on the virtual server. Then scroll all the way to the bottom to the 'Access Policy' section. Select the previously defined 'Access Profile' and click 'Update'

Access Policy

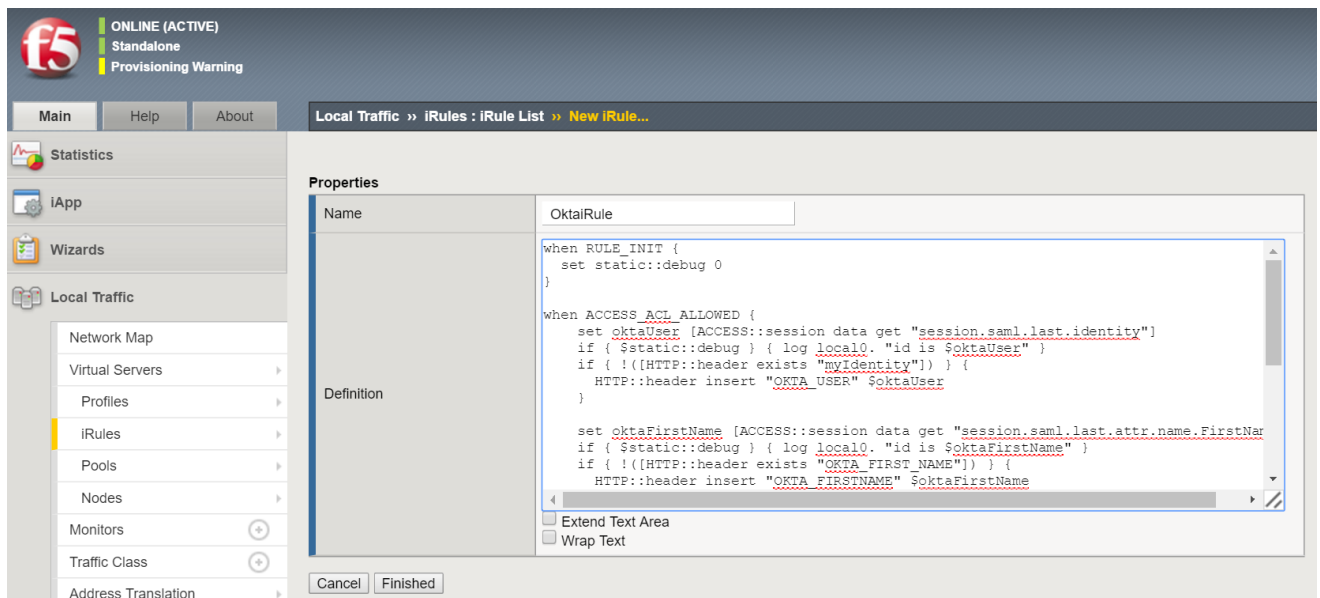
Access Profile	OktaSAMLPolicy ▼
Connectivity Profile	None ▼
Rewrite Profile	None ▼
Citrix & Java Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Enabled
OAM Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Enabled

Update
Delete

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'



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



```
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
    }

    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"]) } {

```

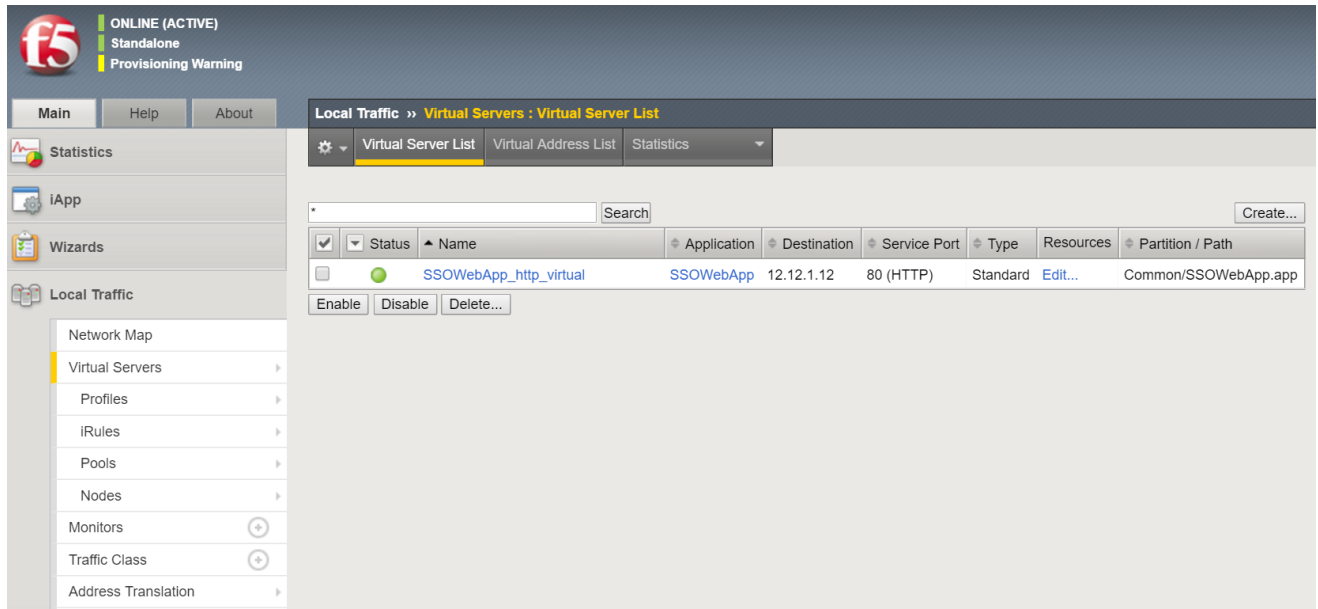
```

HTTP::header insert "OKTA_LASTNAME" $oktaLastName
}

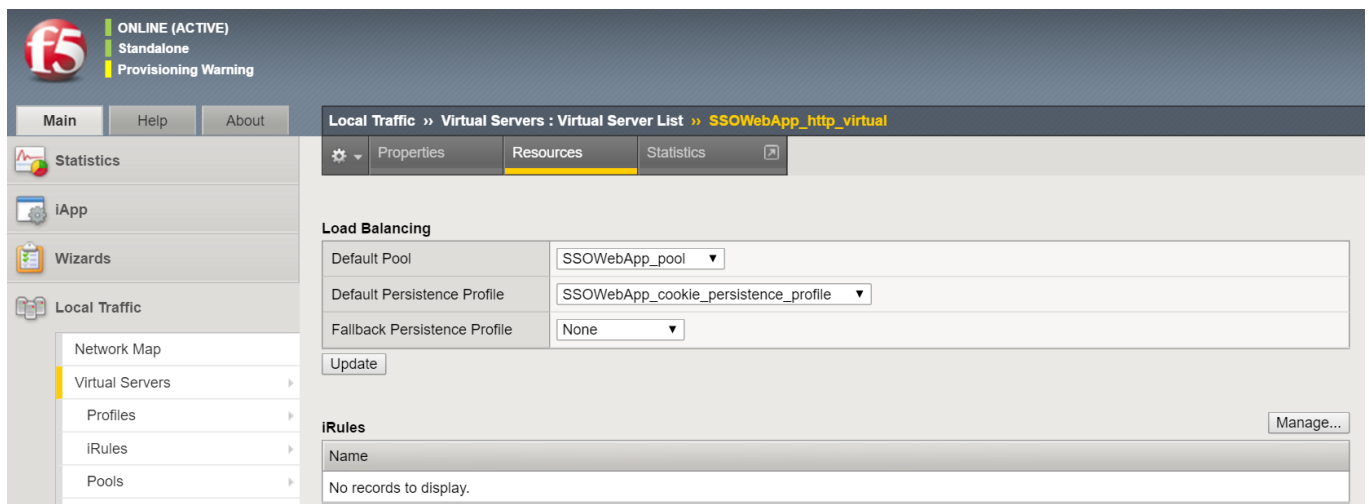
set oktaCity [ACCESS::session data get "session.saml.last.attr.name.City"]
if { $static::debug } { log local0. "id is $oktaCity" }
if { !([HTTP::header exists "OKTA_CITY"]) } {
    HTTP::header insert "OKTA_CITY" $oktaCity
}
}

```

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

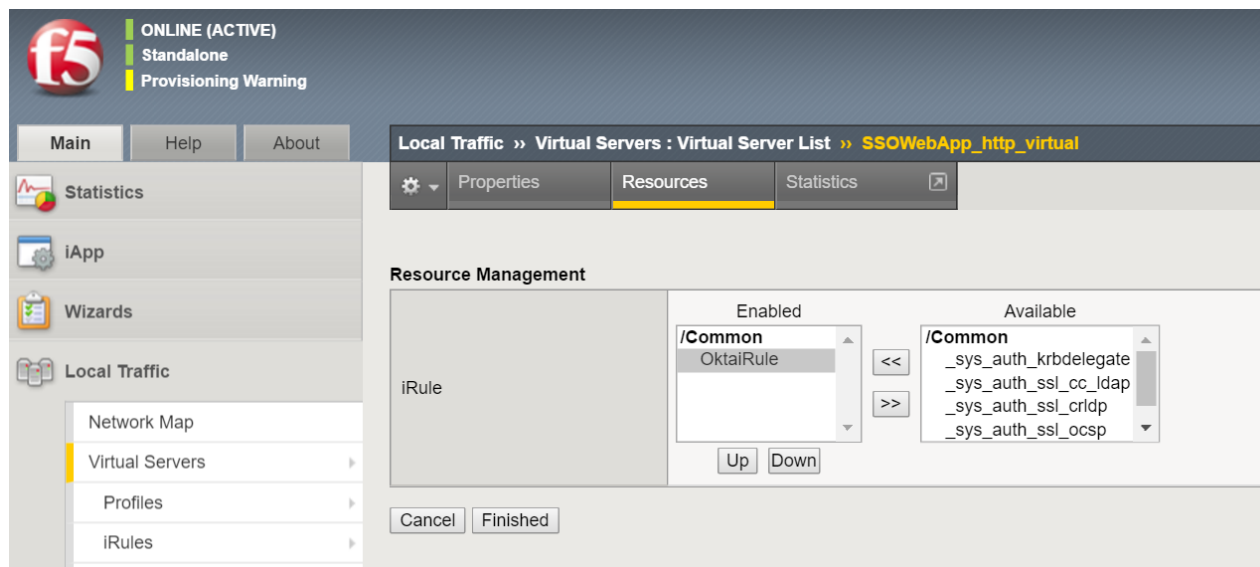


6. Click 'Edit' under Resources column



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

Please sign in below to access F5
ASP.NET SSOApp






Sign In

Username

Password


☐ Remember me ?


[Forgot password?](#) | [Unlock account?](#) | [Help](#) | [Register](#) | [Desktop Single Sign-on](#)

Your security image ?


3. Complete the MFA challenge

Please verify your account below to access F5 ASP.NET SSOApp




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Sign In with Okta Verify

Your computer or mobile device has not been verified, or a previous verification has expired.

✓ Push to device

or

🔑 Enter code

Verify

Verify with Okta Verify ▼

4. Should be redirected to the published application web page

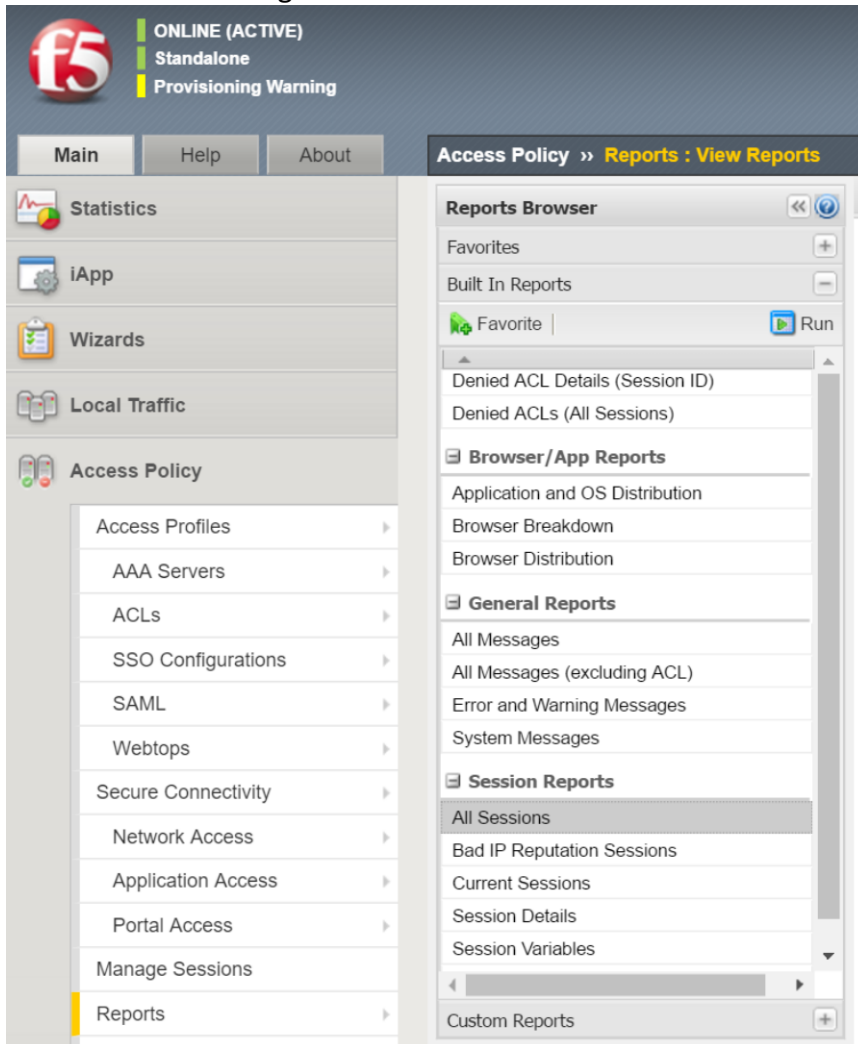
HTTP_CACHE_CONTROL	max-age=0
HTTP_CONNECTION	keep-alive
HTTP_ACCEPT	text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=
HTTP_ACCEPT_LANGUAGE	en-US,en;q=0.8
HTTP_COOKIE	BIGipServerSSOWebApp.app~SSOWebApp_pool=184617739.20480.0000;
HTTP_HOST	www.democorp.co
HTTP_USER_AGENT	Mozilla/5.0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



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

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

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

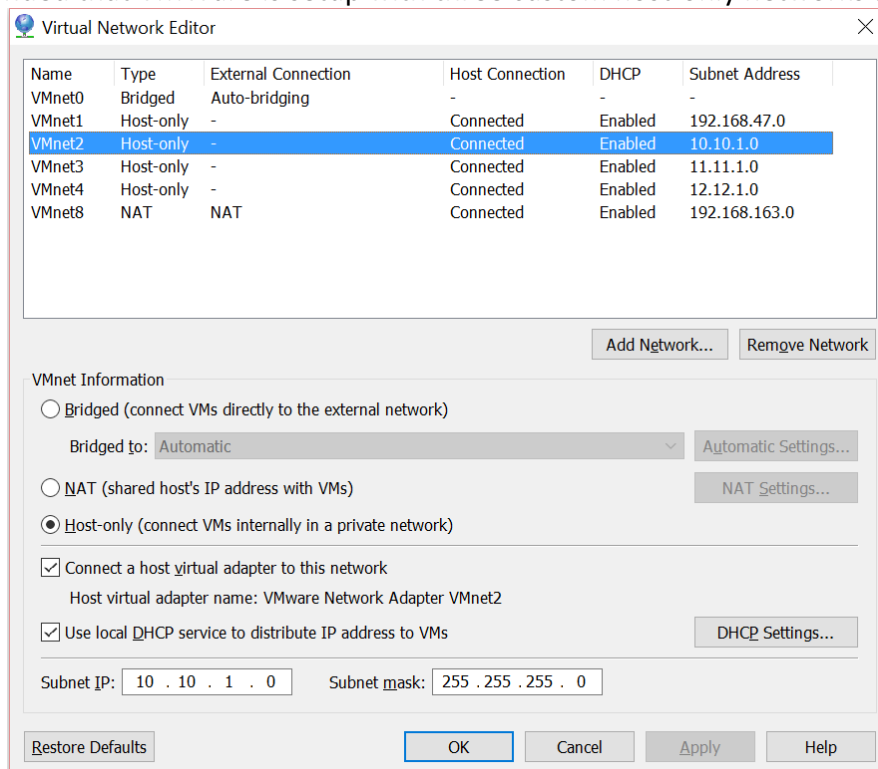
Sample F5 BIG-IP Virtual Lab Setup with VMWare

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:

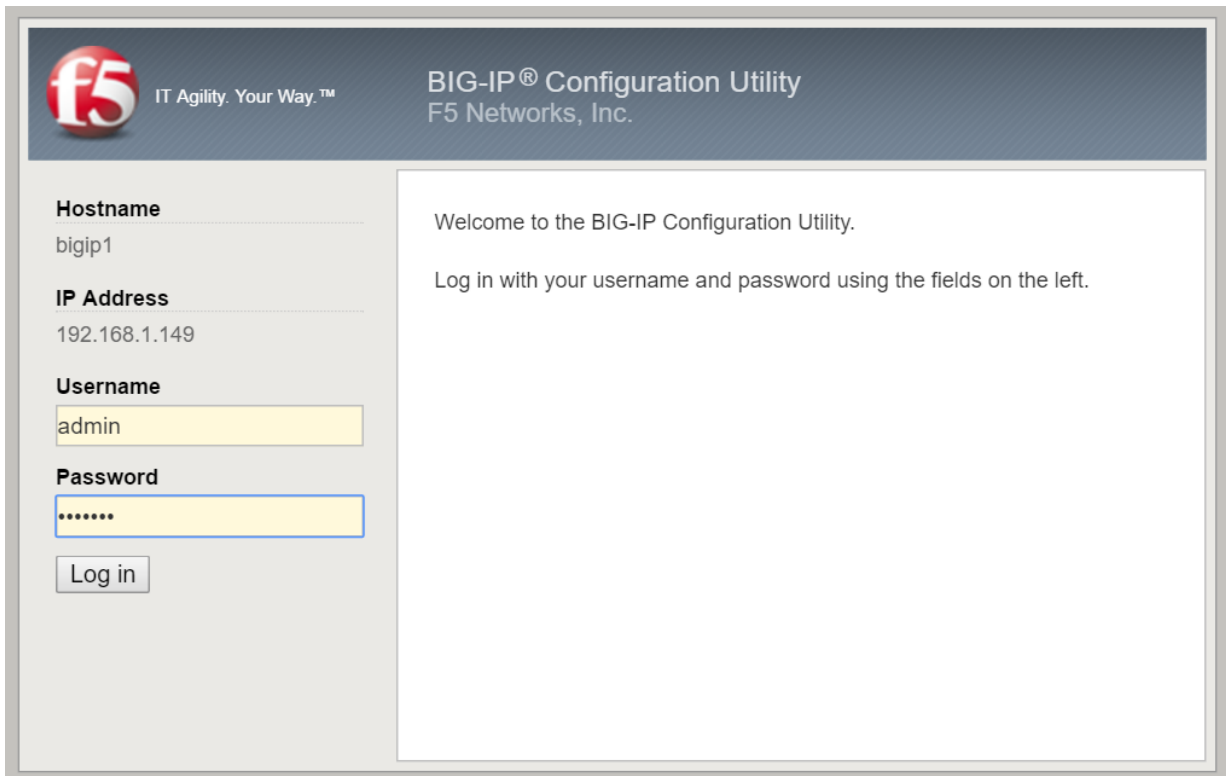


2. There should be an IIS or Apache webserver to test backend application with the suggested IP-address: 11.11.1.11
3. Open the downloaded image file in VMWare Workstation and deploy it using default options, then start the F5 BIG-IP VM

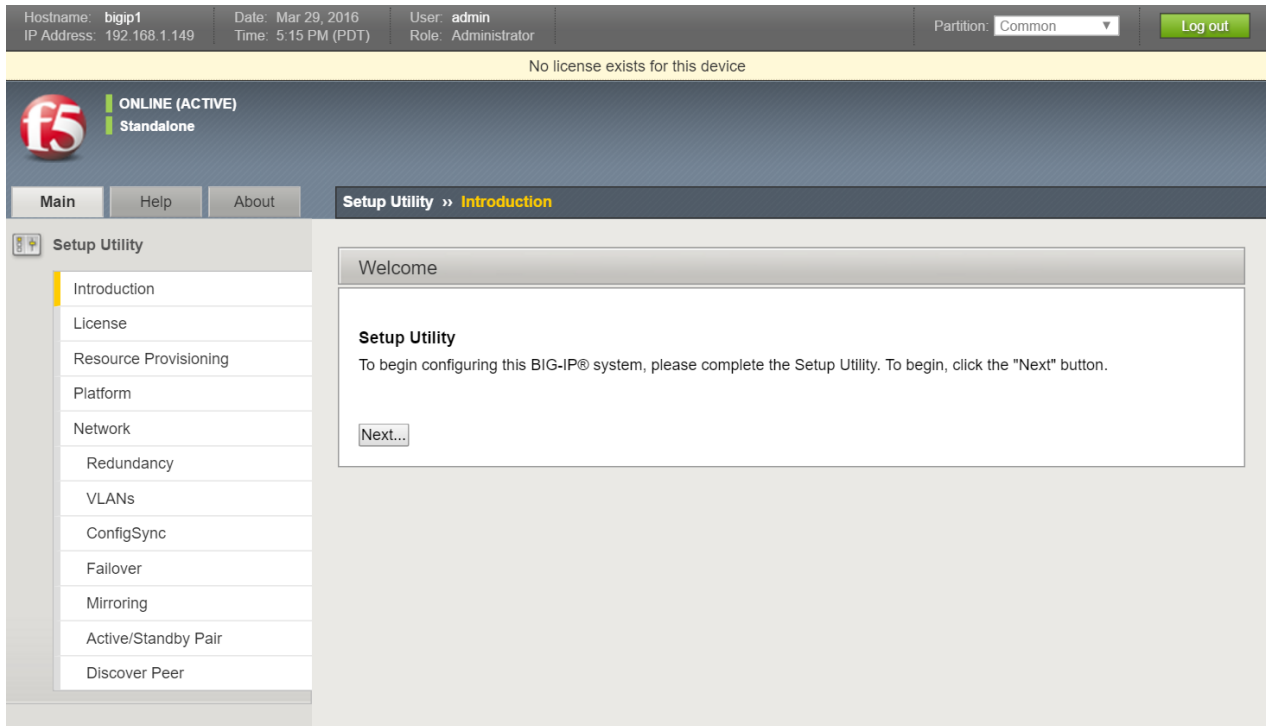
4. Switch to VM console and on login prompt, enter `root` as username and `default` as password
5. Enter `ifconfig -a | more` to find the DHCP assigned IP-address to this VM. For example, inet addr: 192.168.1.149 is the IP-address below:

```
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)
```

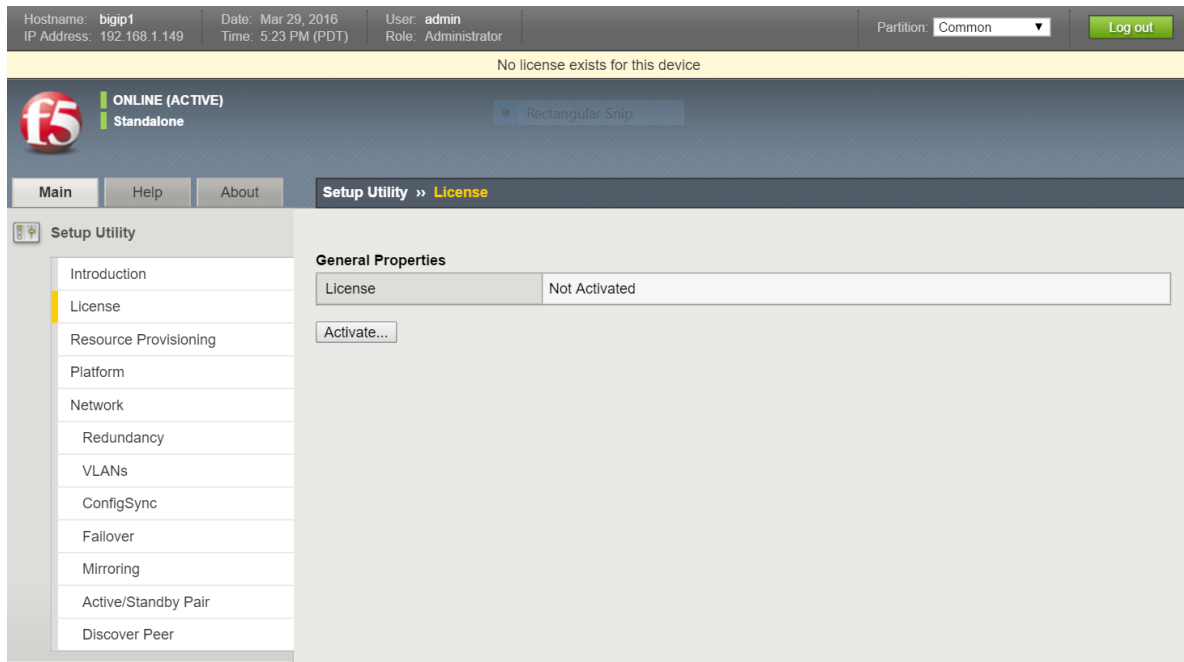
6. Launch a browser on the host machine and enter the `https://IP-address` obtained in the previous step, For example: `https://192.168.1.149`
7. A certificate warning will be issued by the browser. This is normal, click proceed to the login page:



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



10. Click 'Activate' under License



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

Hostname: bigip1 IP Address: 192.168.1.149 Date: Mar 29, 2016 Time: 5:25 PM (PDT) User: admin Role: Administrator Partition: Common Log out

No license exists for this device

f5 ONLINE (ACTIVE) Standalone

Main Help About Setup Utility » License

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- VLANs
- ConfigSync
- Fallover
- Mirroring
- Active/Standby Pair
- Discover Peer

General Properties

Base Registration Key: YYAI-QHUGU-QAKUZ-SGROK-CCSGVJI Revert

Add-On Key: Add

Add-On Registration Key List

Edit Delete

Activation Method: ☒ Automatic ☐ Manual

Outbound Interface: mgmt

Next...

12. Click 'Accept' after reviewing the license agreement

Hostname: bigip1 IP Address: 192.168.1.149 Date: Mar 29, 2016 Time: 5:27 PM (PDT) User: admin Role: Administrator Partition: Common Log out

No license exists for this device

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General Properties

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Accept... Decline

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

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Standalone

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

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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)	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)	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

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Provisioning Warning

Activation Complete
Configure your platform.

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General Properties

Management Port Configuration: ☐ Automatic (DHCP) ☒ 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: ☒ 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.

The screenshot shows the F5 Setup Utility interface. At the top, a status bar displays: Hostname: f5-bipip.democorp.co, IP Address: 10.10.1.2, Date: Mar 29, 2016, Time: 5:37 PM (PDT), User: admin, Role: Administrator. Below this, the F5 logo is shown next to 'ONLINE (ACTIVE)', 'Standalone', and a 'Provisioning Warning'. The main navigation bar includes 'Main', 'Help', 'About', and 'Setup Utility » Network'. The left sidebar lists the Setup Utility steps: Introduction, License, Resource Provisioning, Platform, Network (highlighted), Redundancy, VLANs, ConfigSync, Failover, Mirroring, Active/Standby Pair, and Discover Peer. The main content area is titled 'Standard Network Configuration' and instructs the user to 'Create a standard network configuration by configuring these features:'. A list of features includes Redundancy, VLANs, Config Sync, Failover, Mirroring, and Peer Device Discovery (for Redundant Configurations). A 'Next...' button is located below the list. Below this, the 'Advanced Network Configuration' section instructs the user to 'Create advanced device configurations by clicking **Finished** and navigating to the Main tab of the Configuration Utility.' with a 'Finished' button.

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

The screenshot shows the F5 Setup Utility interface for the 'Redundancy' step. The status bar at the top is identical to the previous screenshot. The main navigation bar shows 'Setup Utility » Redundancy'. The left sidebar lists the Setup Utility steps, with 'Redundancy' highlighted. The main content area is titled 'Redundant Device Wizard Options'. It contains a 'Config Sync' section with a checkbox labeled 'Display configuration synchronization options' which is currently unchecked. Below this, there are 'Cancel' and 'Next...' buttons.

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

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Standalone
Provisioning Warning

Main Help About Setup Utility » VLANs

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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

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- Redundancy
- VLANs**

External Network Configuration

External VLAN ☒ Create VLAN external ☐ Select existing VLAN

Self IP Address: 12.12.1.2
Netmask: 255.255.255.0
Port Lockdown: Allow 443

Default Gateway: 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.