



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

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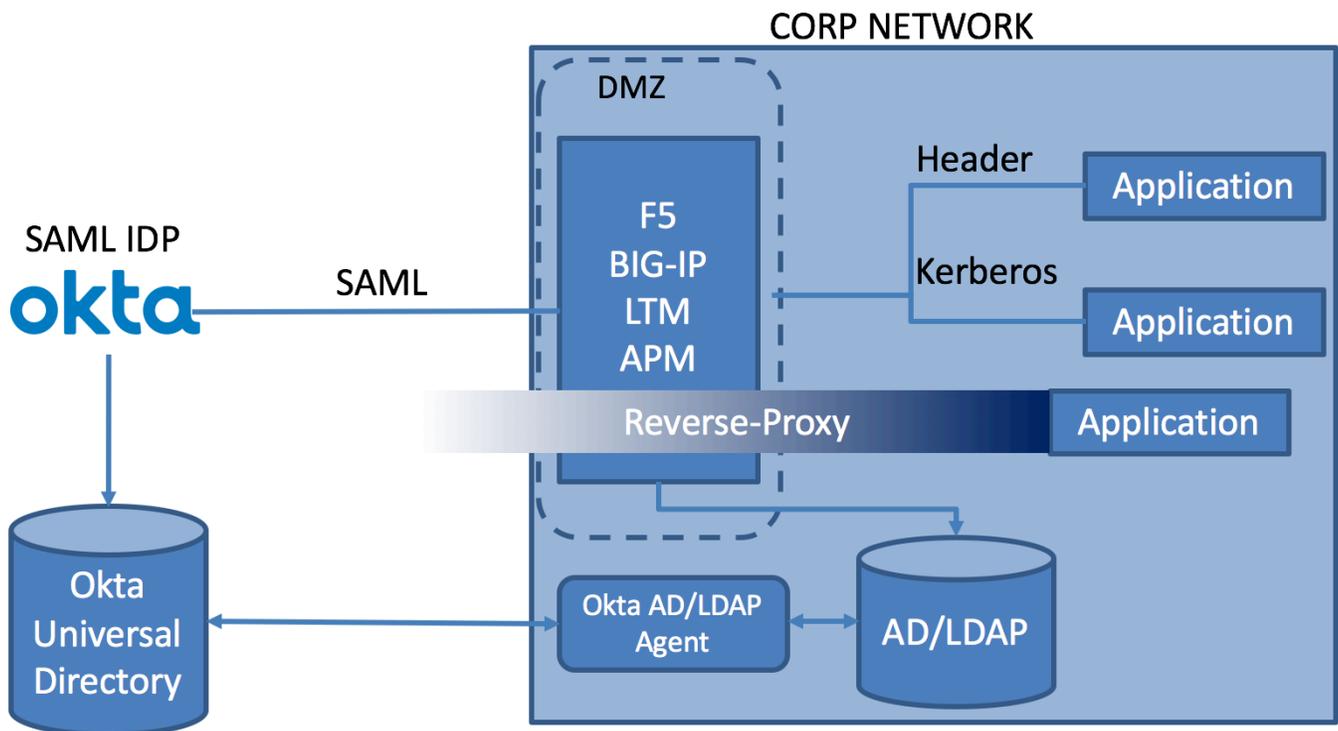
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Introduction

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.

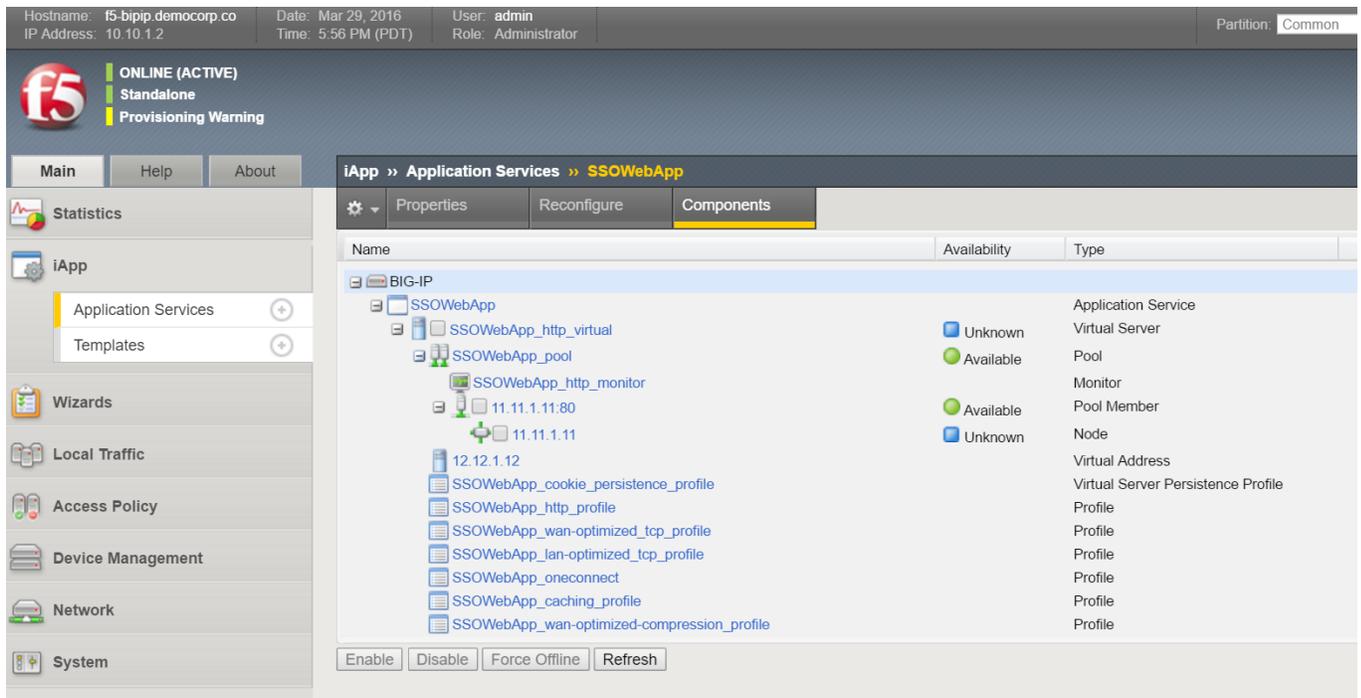
1. It is recommended to configure F5 BIG-IP to proxy requests to the test webserver by creating an iApp. Click iApp -> Application Services -> 'Create'
2. Provide a Name for this application and choose f5.microsoft_iis as the Template (use http template for generic webserver). Also provide the Virtual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

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. The status is ONLINE (ACTIVE) Standalone with a Provisioning Warning. The navigation menu includes Main, Help, About, iApp, Application Services, and WebApp. The left sidebar contains various management sections like Statistics, iApp, Wizards, Local Traffic, Access Policy, Device Management, Network, and System. The main content area is titled 'iApp » Application Services » WebApp' and shows the 'Template Selection' dropdown set to 'Basic'. Below this, the 'Name' field contains 'SSOWebApp' and the 'Template' dropdown is set to 'f5.microsoft_iis'. A 'Welcome to the Microsoft IIS template' section follows, with an introduction and a 'Check for updates' link. The 'Prerequisites' section provides instructions on DNS names and SSL certificates. Below this are 'Additional features available' sections for WAM and AVR. The 'SSL Encryption Questions' section has a dropdown set to 'No'. The 'Virtual Server Questions' section has three fields: '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), and 'Do the Microsoft IIS servers have a route back to application clients via this BIG-IP system?' (No).

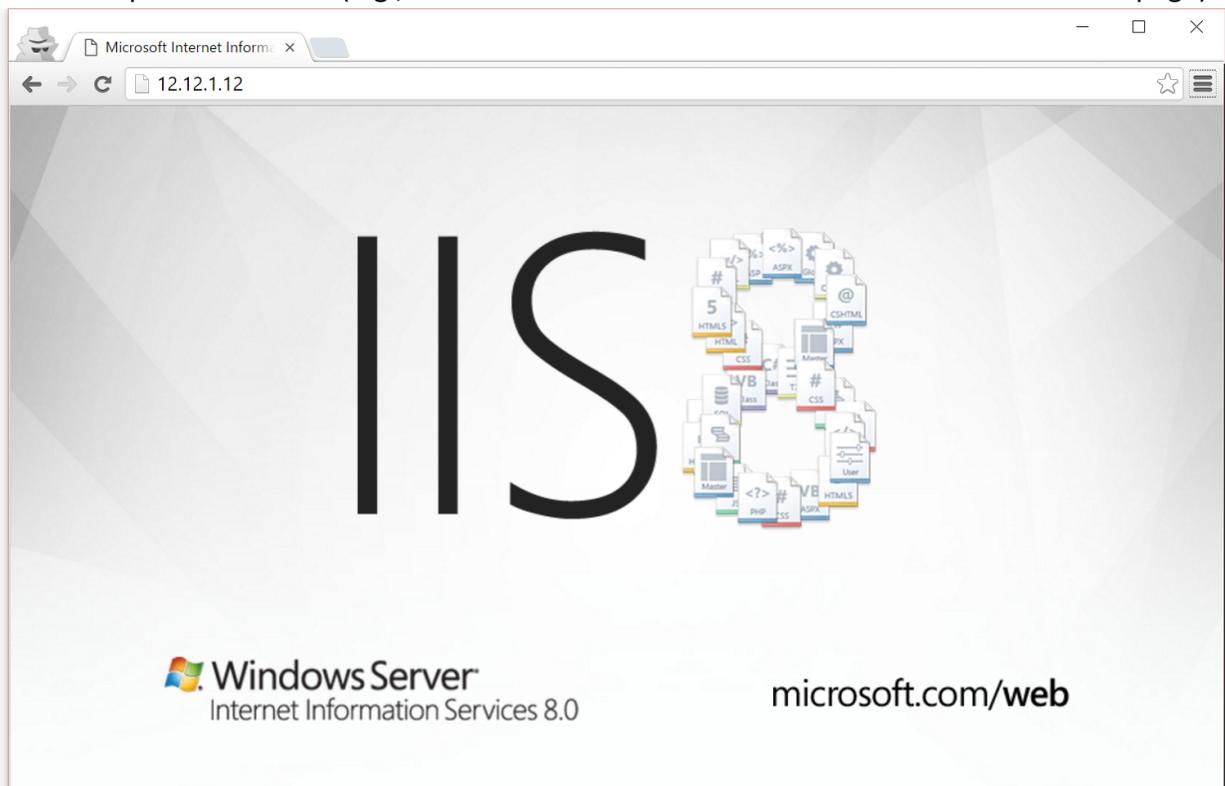
3. Scroll down on the same page and under Server Pool, Load Balancing section, provide the IP-address of the test web server and port it is listening on (e.g., 11.11.1.11 and 80). Also provide an FQDN for the web server hostname (e.g., www.democorp.co) and click 'Finish'

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.)	Address <input type="text" value="11.11.1.11"/> Port <input type="text" value="80"/> Connection Limit <input type="text" value="0"/> <input type="button" value="X"/> <input type="button" value="Add"/>
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?	<input type="text" value="30"/>
What HTTP request should be sent to check the health of each Microsoft IIS server?	<input type="text" value="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?	<input type="text" value="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?	<input type="text"/>
Protocol Optimization Questions	
Will clients be connecting to this virtual server primarily over a LAN or a WAN?	WAN ▼

4. 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"%>
```

```

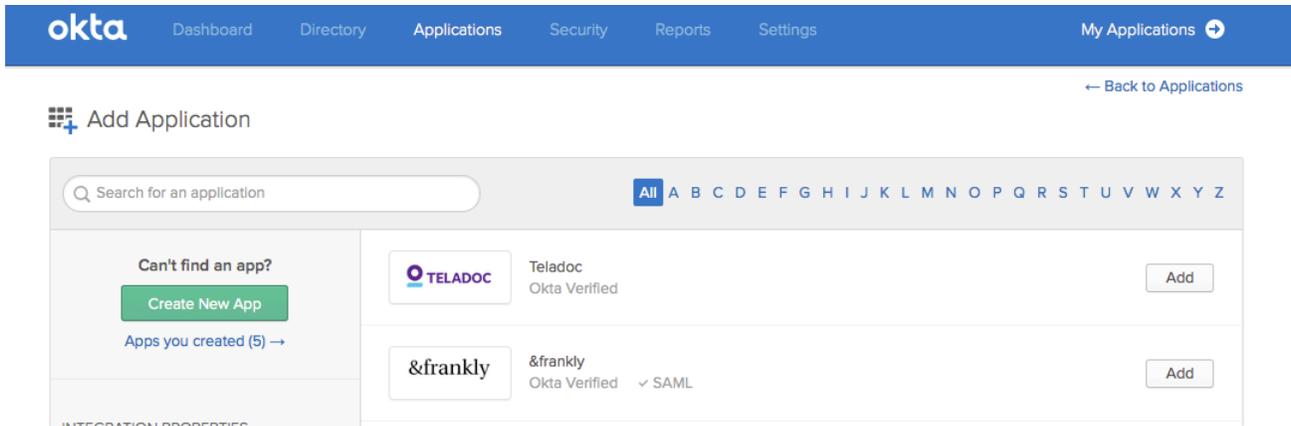
← → ↻ www.democorp.co/headers.aspx
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HTTPS                                     off
HTTPS_KEYSIZE
HTTPS_SECRETKEYSIZE
HTTPS_SERVER_ISSUER
HTTPS_SERVER_SUBJECT
INSTANCE_ID                               1
INSTANCE_META_PATH                       /LM/W3SVC/1
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
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Microsoft .NET Framework Version:4.0.30319; ASP.NET Version:4.0.30319.17929

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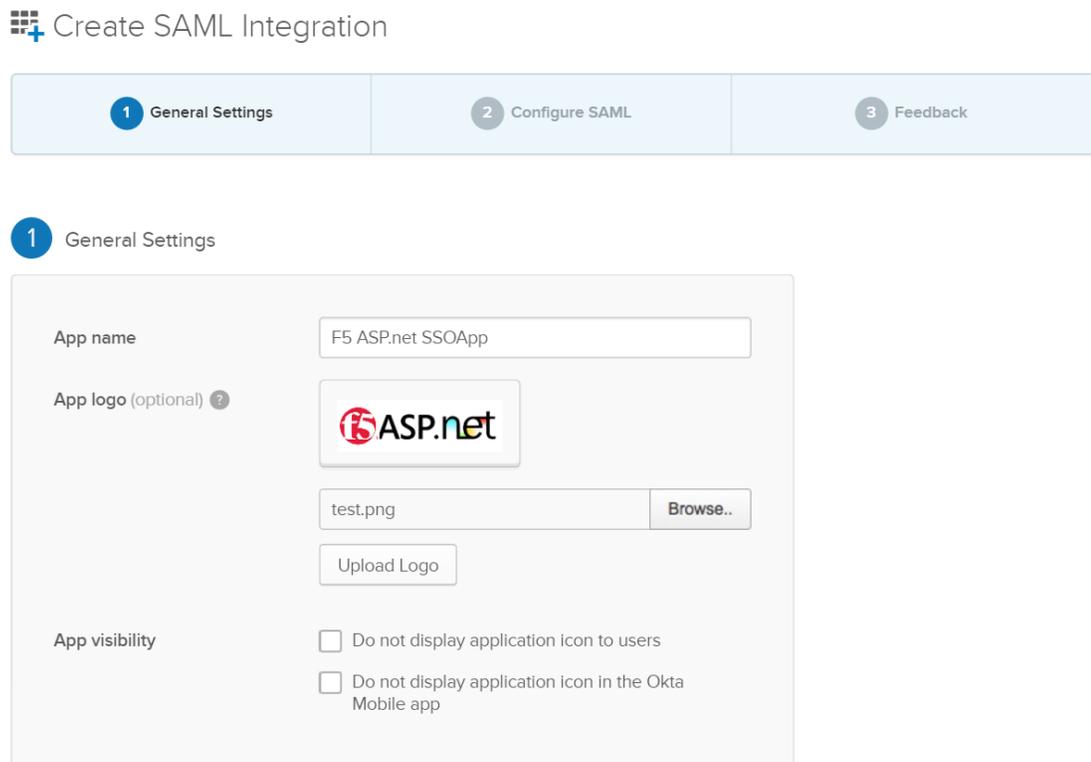
7. The page in previous step will be used to verify Okta integration in the next section

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



- 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	
<input type="text" value="FirstName"/>	<input type="text" value="Unspecified"/>	<input type="text" value="user.firstName"/>	×
<input type="text" value="LastName"/>	<input type="text" value="Unspecified"/>	<input type="text" value="user.lastName"/>	×
<input type="text" value="EmailAddress"/>	<input type="text" value="Unspecified"/>	<input type="text" value="user.email"/>	×
<input type="text" value="City"/>	<input type="text" value="Unspecified"/>	<input type="text" value="user.city"/>	×

GROUP ATTRIBUTE STATEMENTS (OPTIONAL)

Name	Name format (optional)	Filter	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text" value="Unspecified"/>	<input type="text" value="Starts with"/>	×

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

Group	Actions
Employees democorpx.com/Groups/Employees	<div style="display: flex; gap: 10px;"> </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 [Close]

General Settings (Selected)
Security Settings

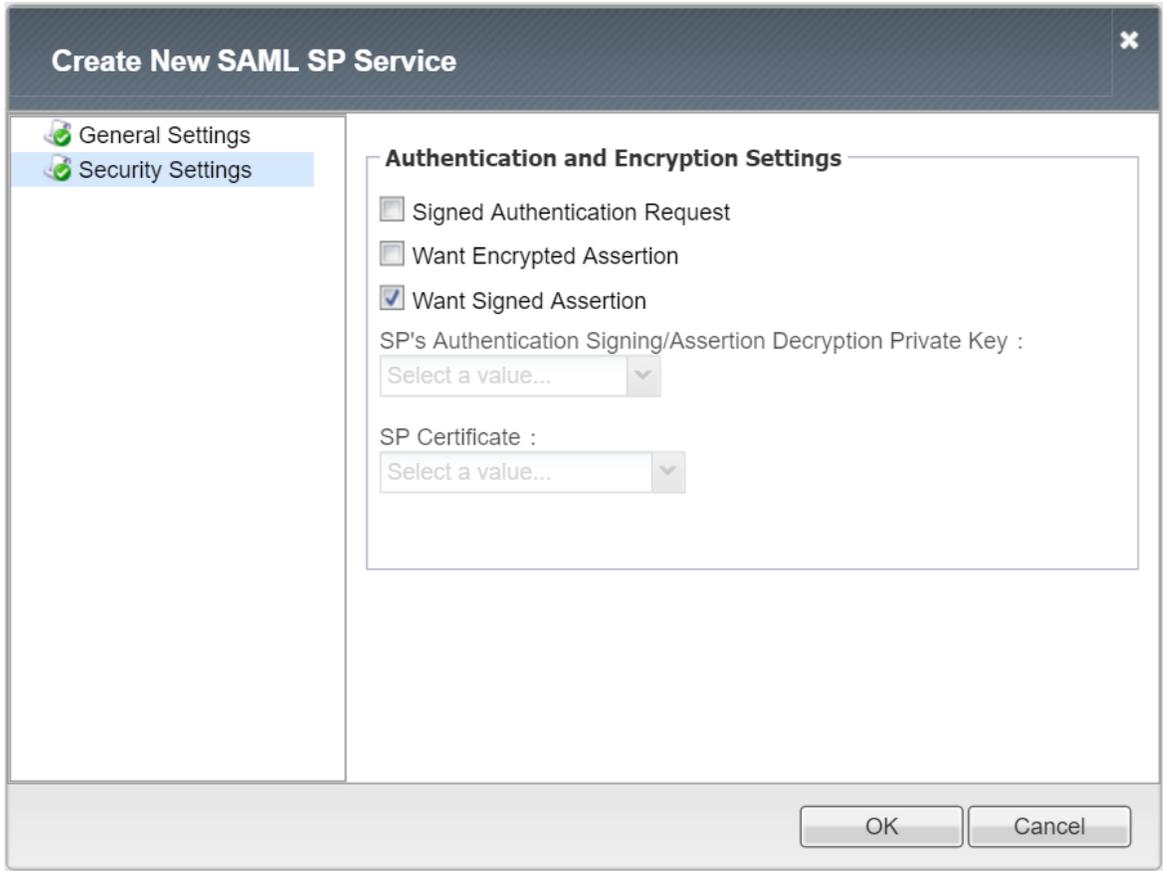
Name*:
BIGIPSP

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

Description:
[Empty]

Relay State:
[Empty]

[OK] [Cancel]

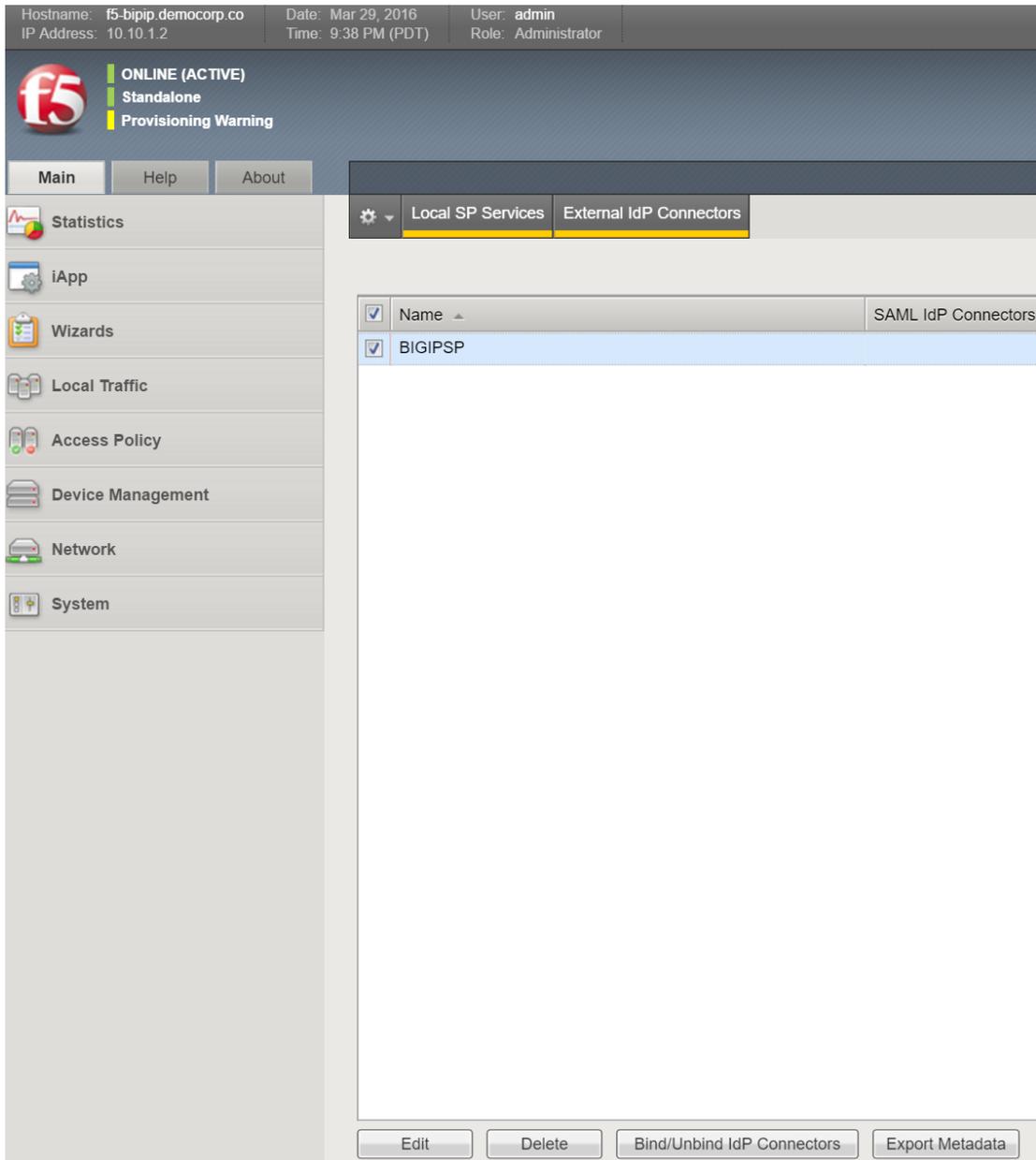


3. Click 'OK'

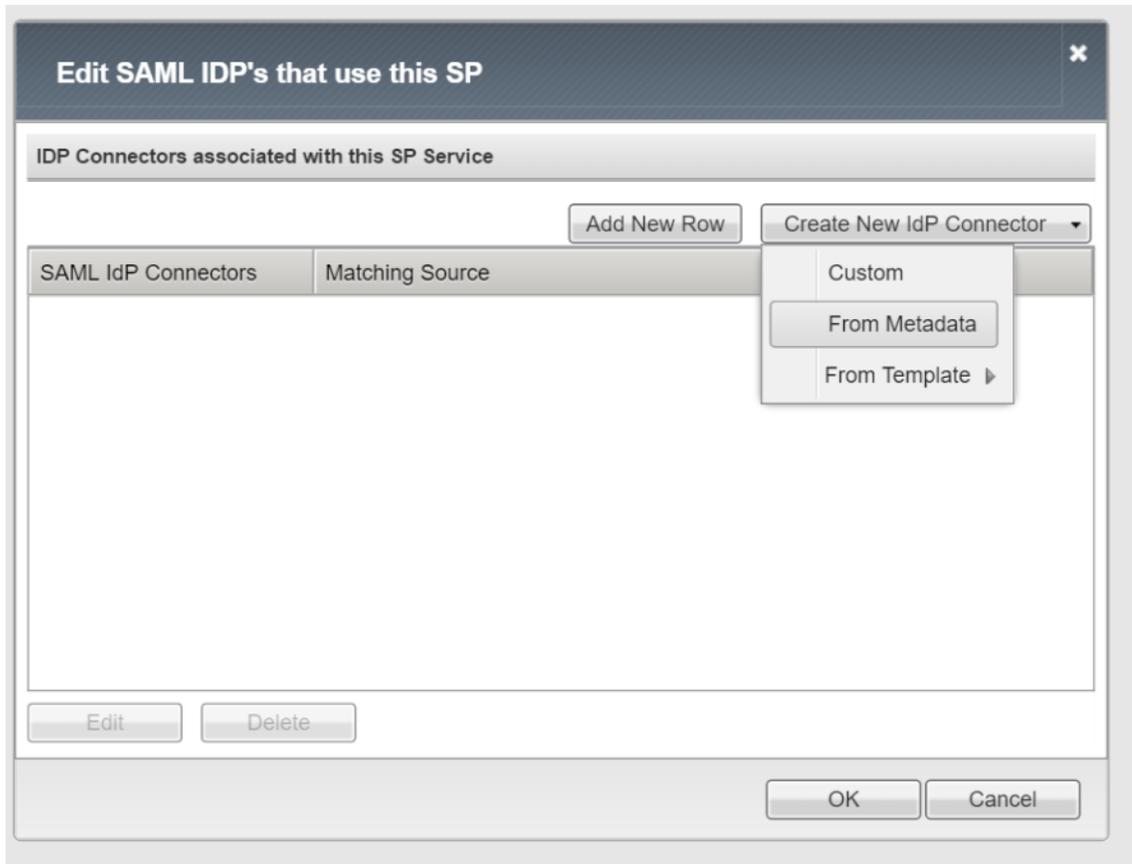
Configure SAML IdP Connector and Bind SAML SP Service to SAML IdP Connector

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.

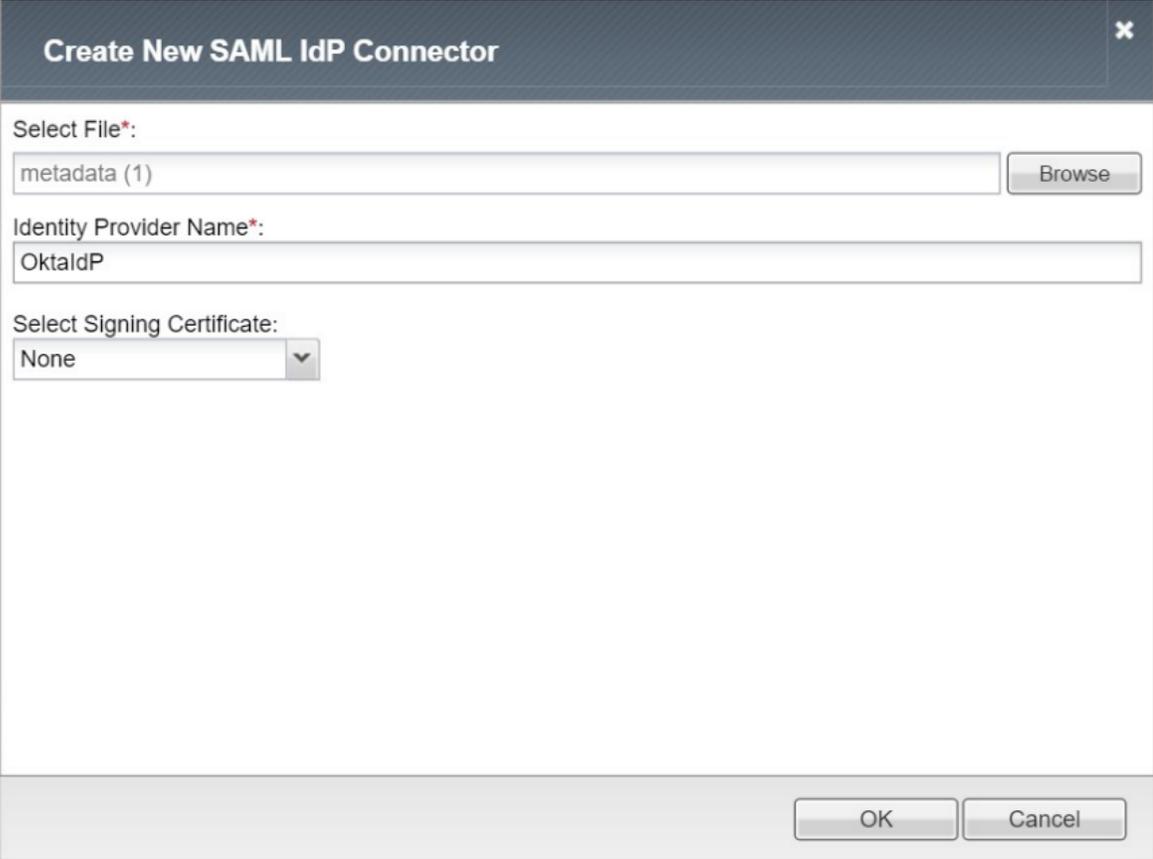
1. On the Main tab, click Access Policy > SAML > BIG-IP as SP. The BIG-IP as SP screen opens and displays a list of local SP services. Select 'BIGIPSP' SAML SP service from the list.



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



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

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

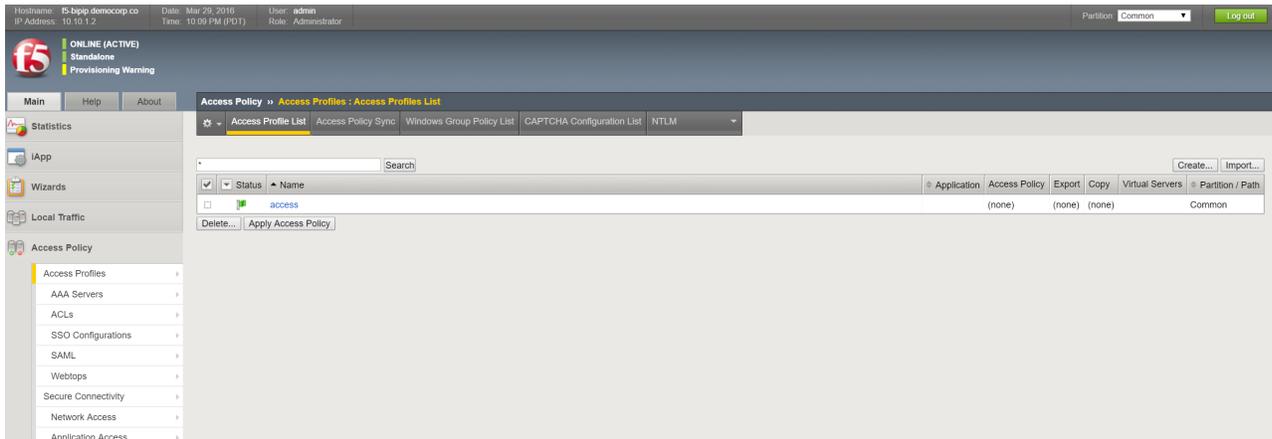
OK
Cancel

6. SAML IdP and SP setup is complete.

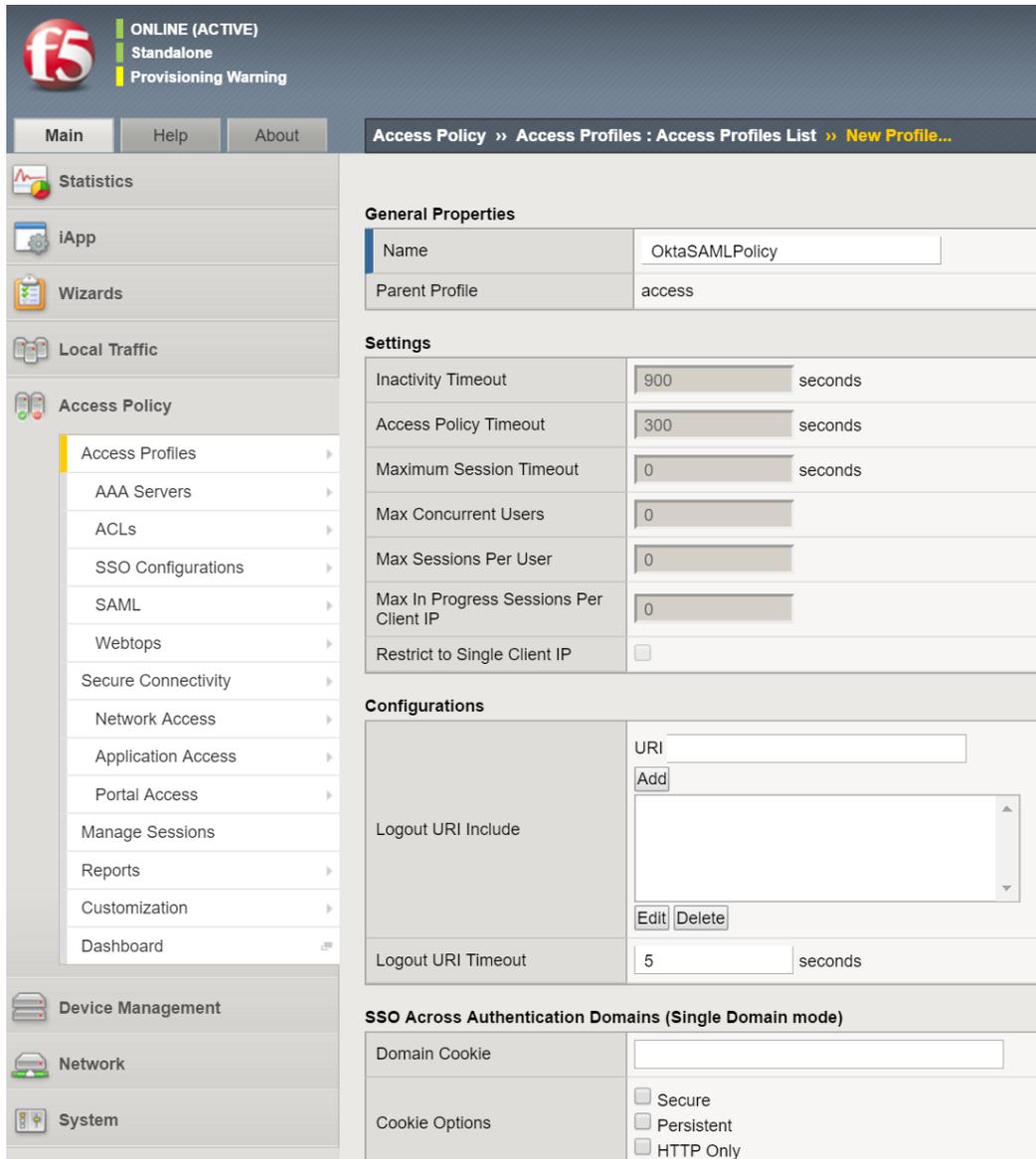
Configure an F5 BIG-IP Access Policy to Authenticate with Okta SAML IdP

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.

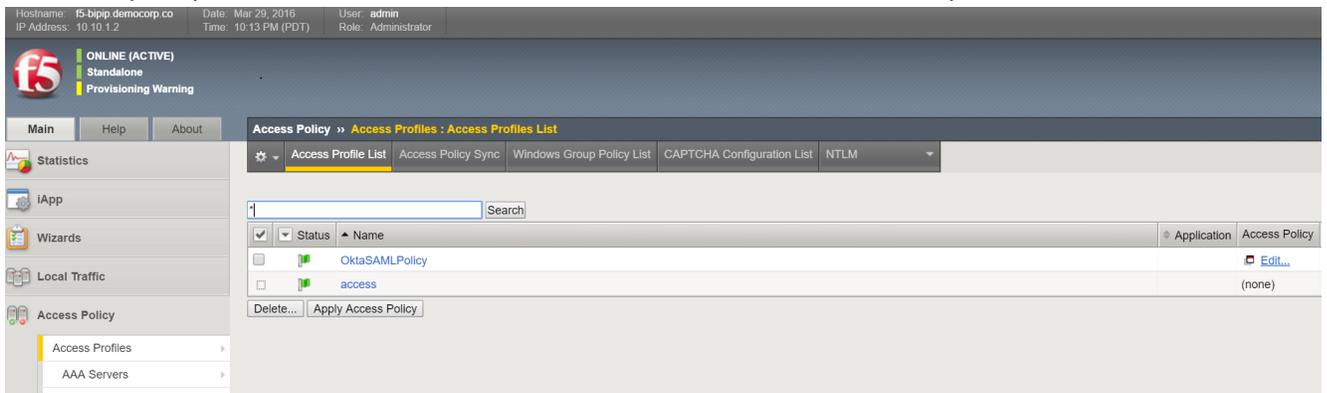
1. On the Main tab, click Access Policy > Access Profiles. The Access Profiles List screen opens. Click 'Create'



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'



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



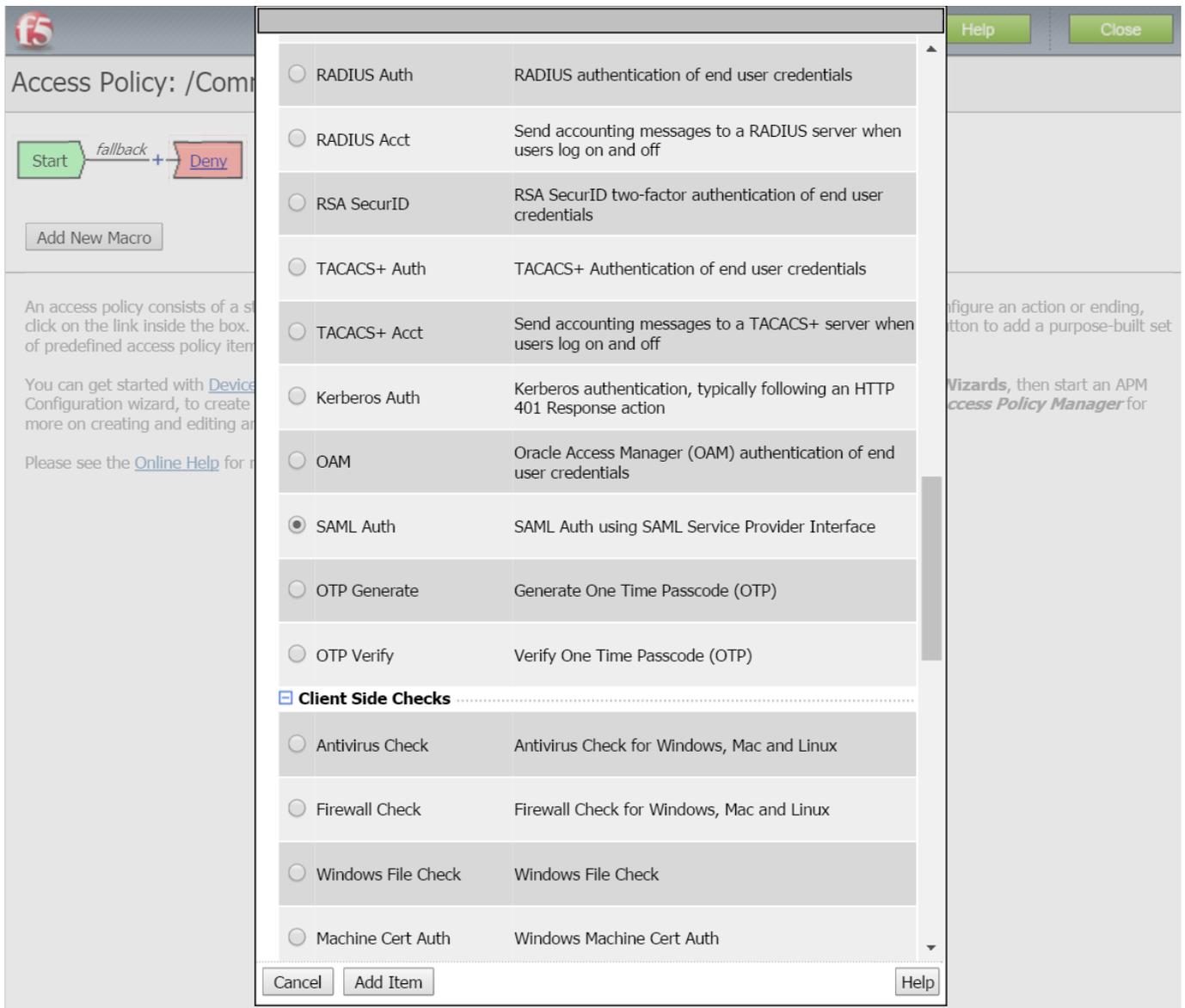
4. The F5 BIG-IP APM visual policy editor opens the access policy in a separate screen displaying the default policy

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'



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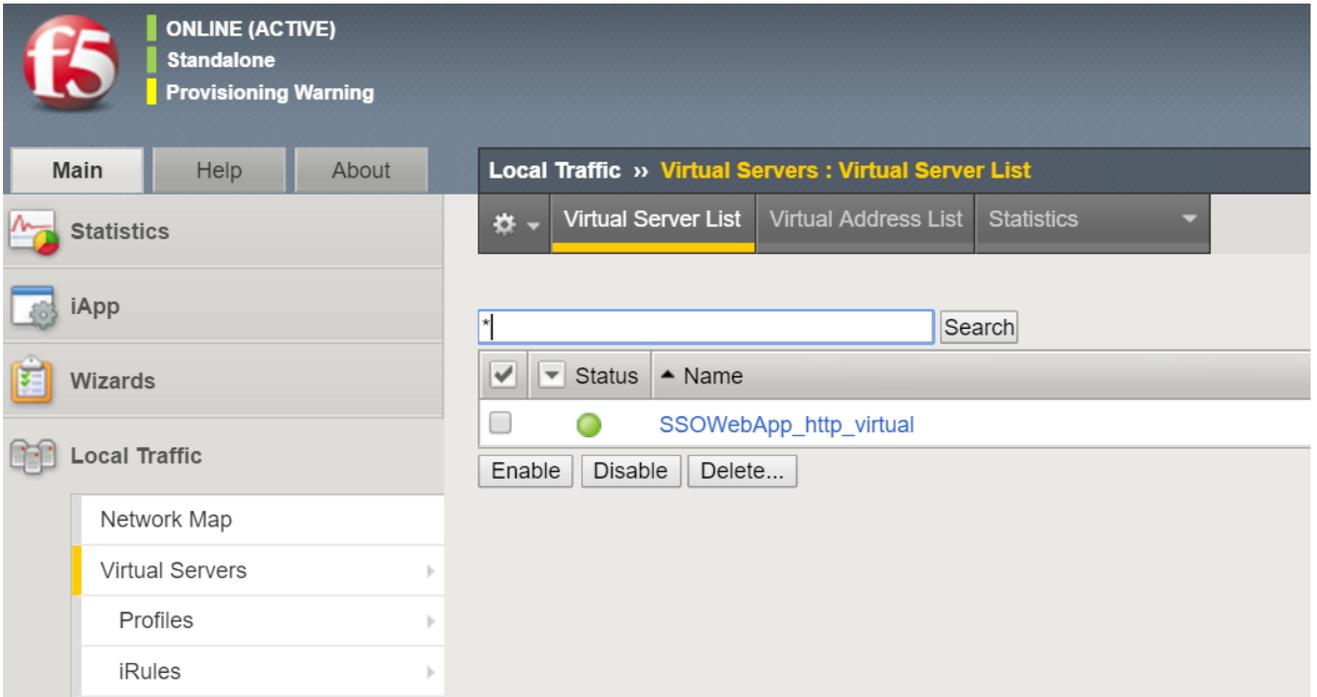
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8. Click 'Apply Access Policy'. Then click 'Close'
9. To put the access policy into effect, you must attach it to the virtual server that was created for the test ASP .NET IIS web app

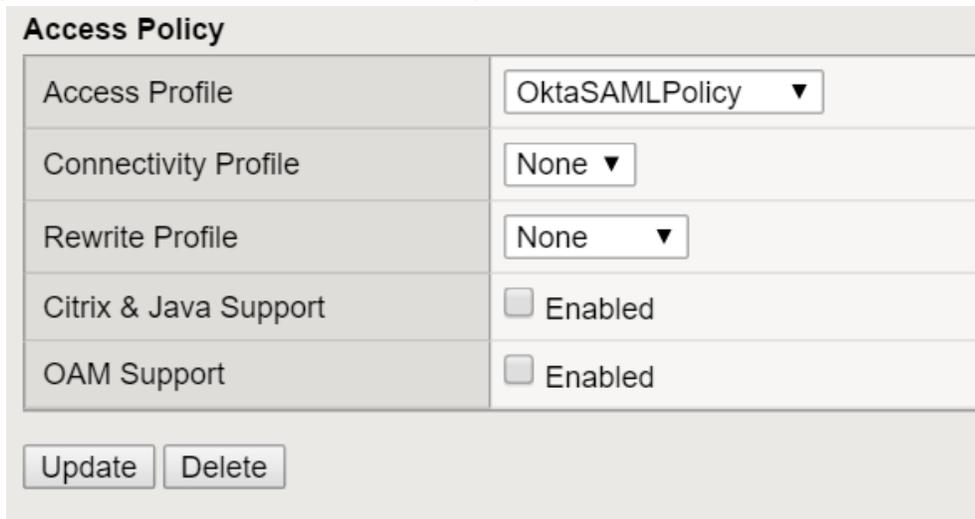
Adding the access profile to the virtual server

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

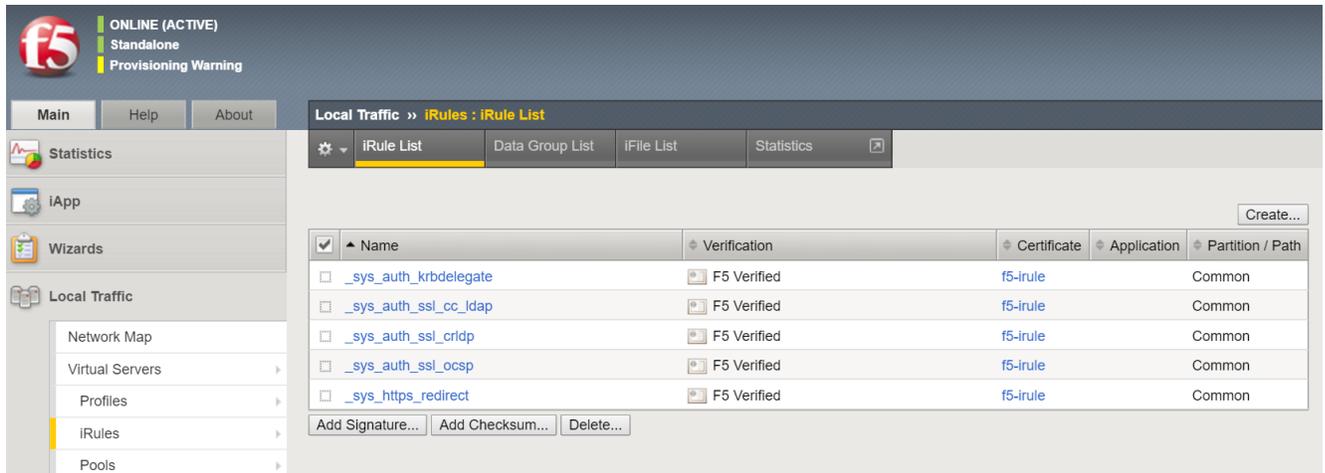
1. On the Main tab, click Local Traffic > Virtual Servers. The Virtual Server List screen opens



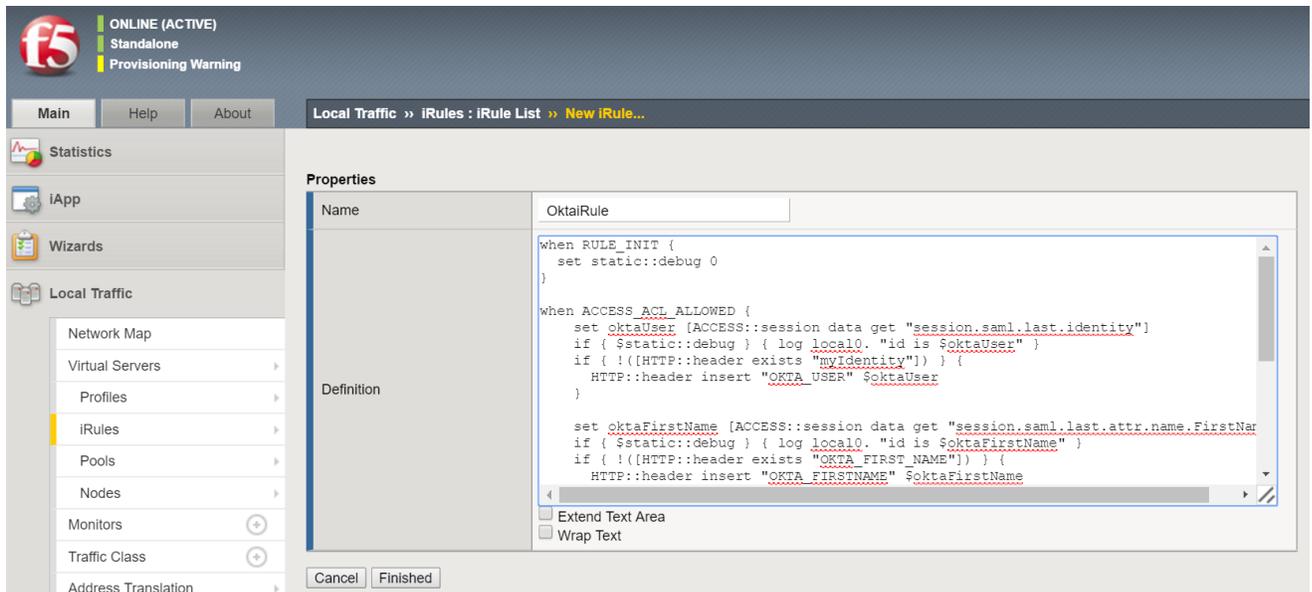
2. Click on the virtual server. Then scroll all the way to the bottom to the 'Access Policy' section. Select the previously defined 'Access Profile' and click 'Update'



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
}
    
```

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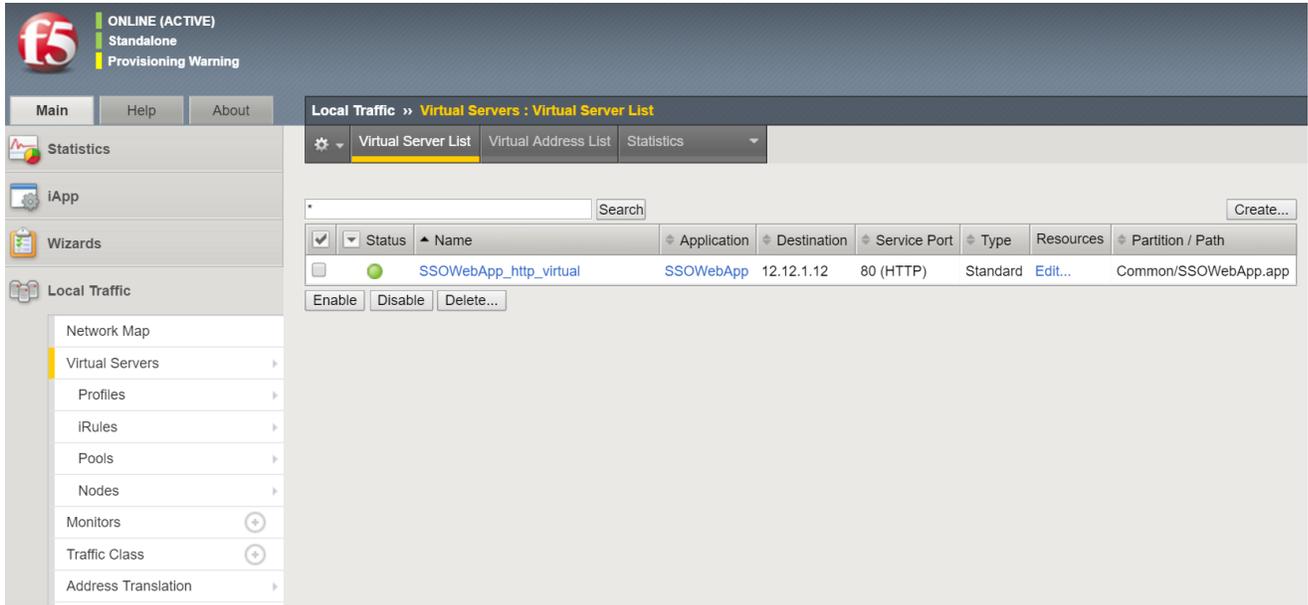
set oktaLastName [ACCESS::session data get "session.saml.last.attr.name.LastName"]
if { $static::debug } { log local0. "id is $oktaLastName" }
if { !([HTTP::header exists "OKTA_LASTNAME"]) } {
    
```

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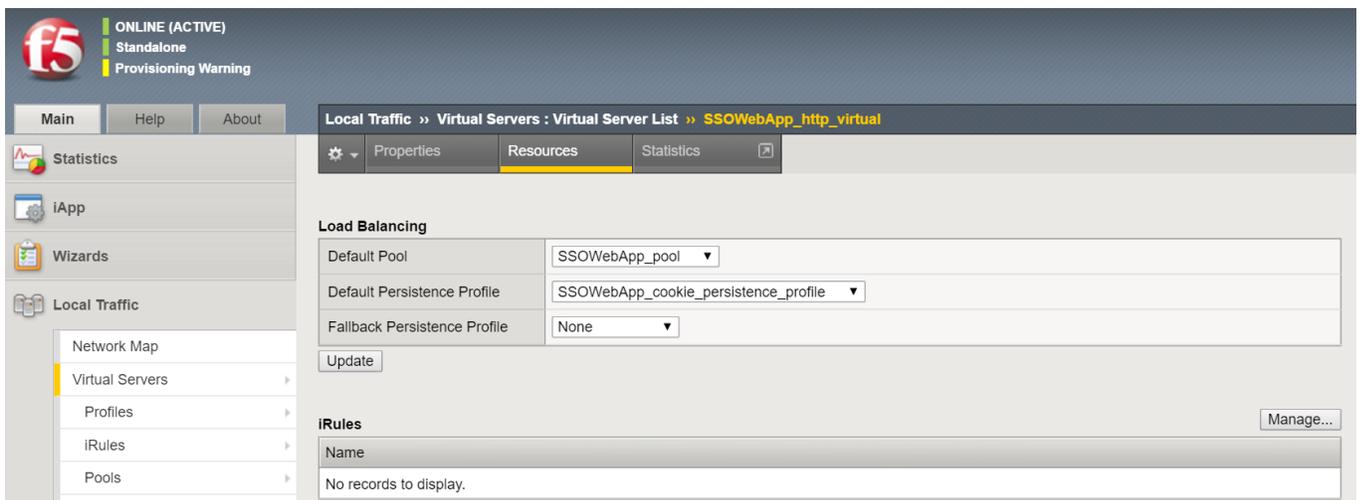
HTTP::header insert "OKTA_LASTNAME" $oktaLastName
}

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 OktaRule that previously created to the Enabled list and click Finished

The screenshot displays the F5 BIG-IP management console. At the top left, the F5 logo is shown next to system status indicators: ONLINE (ACTIVE), Standalone, and Provisioning Warning. The main navigation bar includes 'Main', 'Help', and 'About' tabs. Below this, a breadcrumb trail reads 'Local Traffic » Virtual Servers : Virtual Server List » SSOWebApp_http_virtual'. A secondary navigation bar contains 'Properties', 'Resources' (which is highlighted), and 'Statistics'.

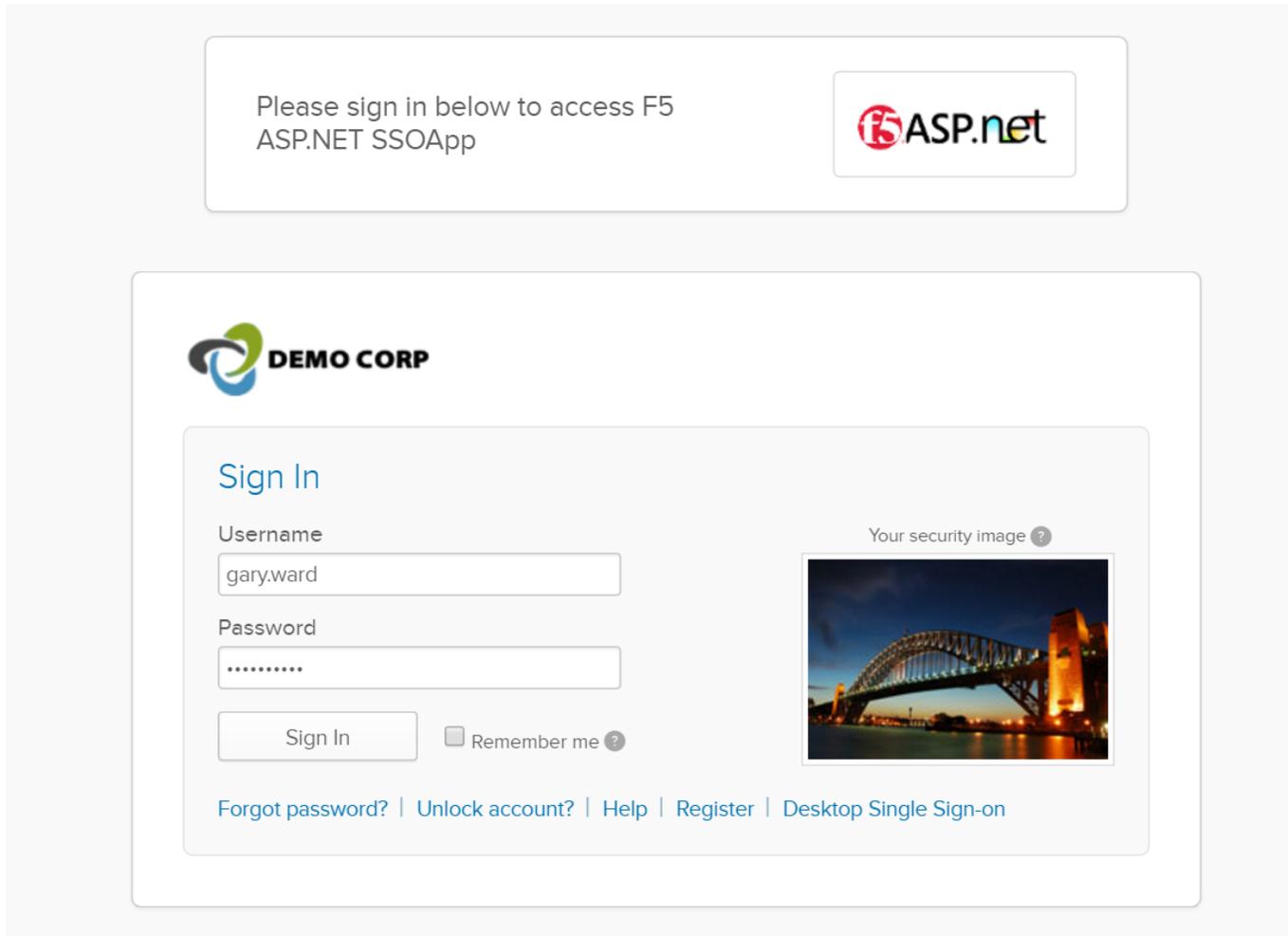
The left-hand sidebar contains several menu items: Statistics, iApp, Wizards, and Local Traffic. Under 'Local Traffic', there is a sub-menu with 'Network Map', 'Virtual Servers', 'Profiles', and 'iRules'. The 'Virtual Servers' item is currently selected.

The main content area is titled 'Resource Management' and shows a configuration window for an 'iRule'. On the left, the 'iRule' name is listed. To the right, there are two lists of resources. The 'Enabled' list contains '/Common' and 'OktaRule'. The 'Available' list contains '/Common', '_sys_auth_krbdelegate', '_sys_auth_ssl_cc_ldap', '_sys_auth_ssl_crdp', and '_sys_auth_ssl_ocsp'. Navigation buttons '<<', '>>', 'Up', and 'Down' are positioned between the two lists. At the bottom of the window, there are 'Cancel' and 'Finished' buttons.

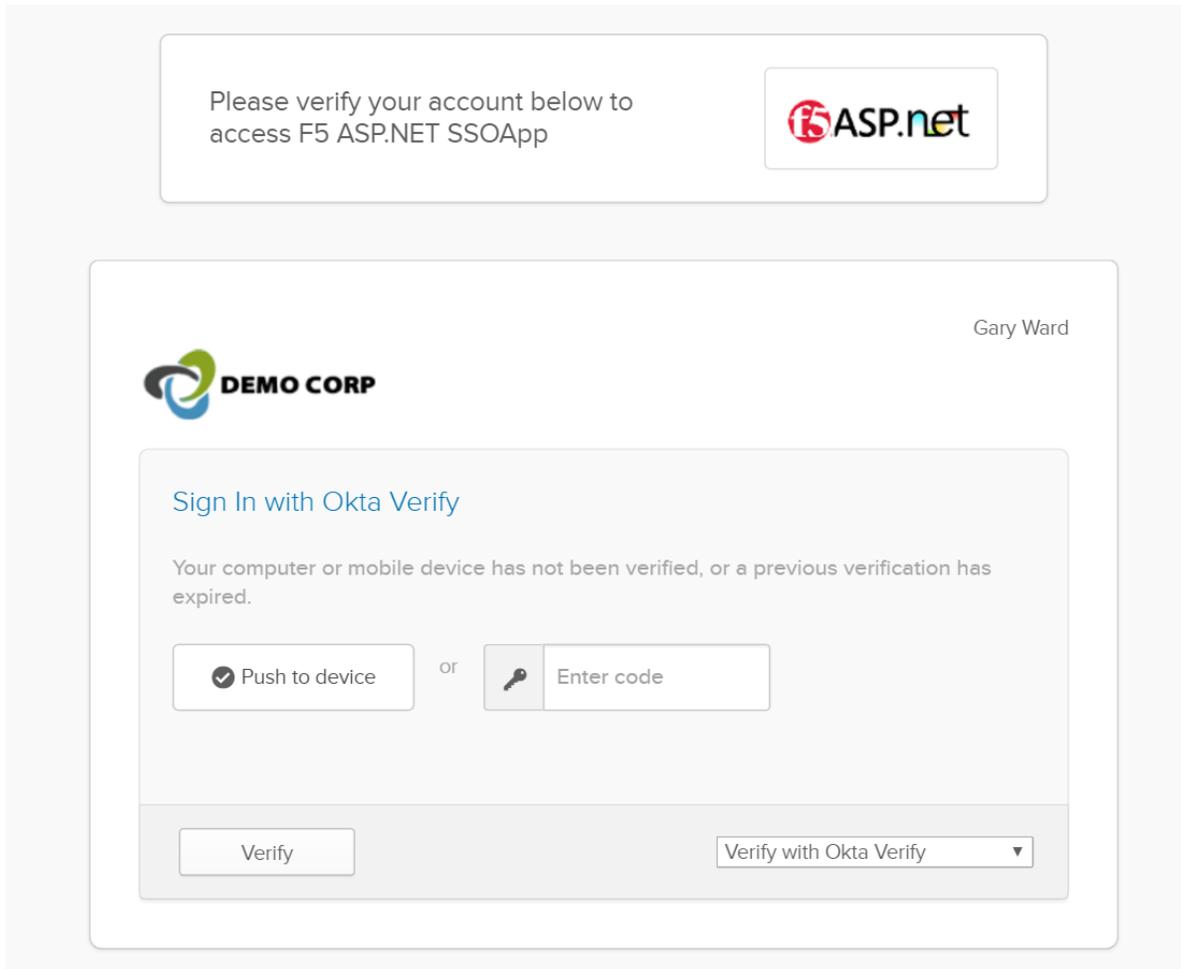
Testing the F5 BIG-IP + Okta Integration

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



3. Complete the MFA challenge



4. Should be redirected to the published application web page

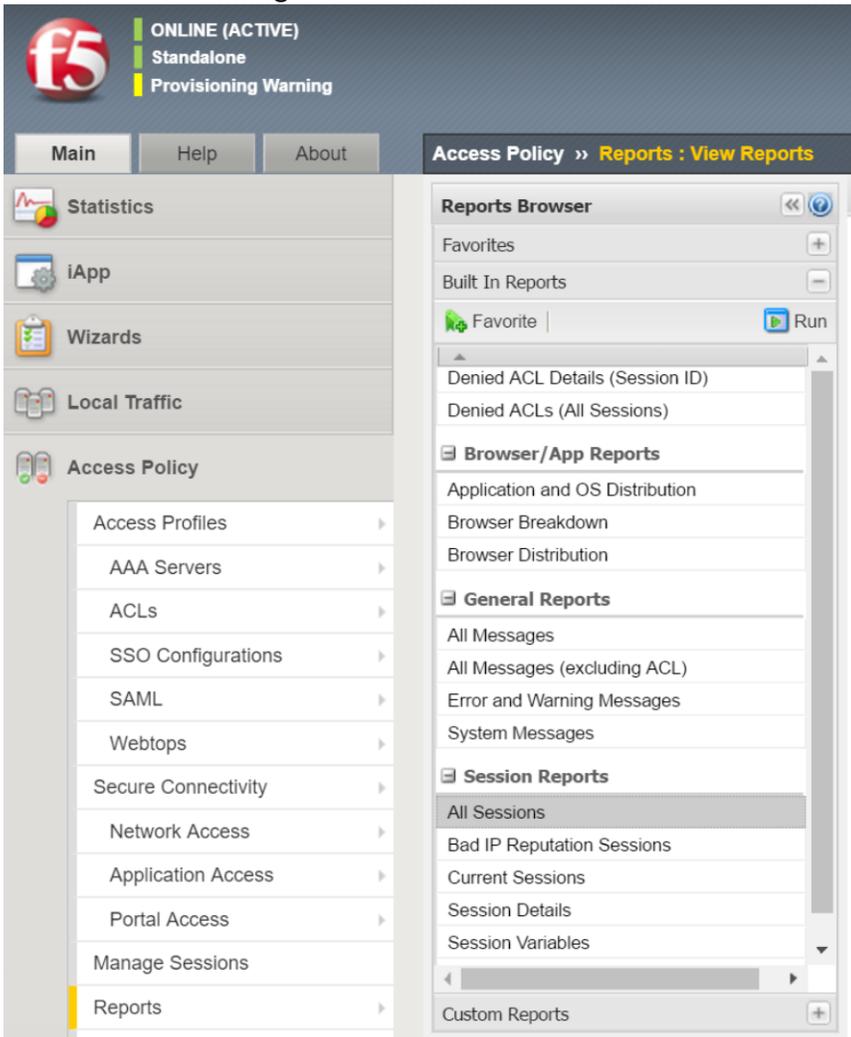
HTTP_CACHE_CONTROL	max-age=0
HTTP_CONNECTION	keep-alive
HTTP_ACCEPT	text/html,application/xhtml+xml,application/xml;q=0.9,image/webp,*/*;q=
HTTP_ACCEPT_LANGUAGE	en-US,en;q=0.8
HTTP_COOKIE	BIGipServerSSOWebApp.app~SSOWebApp_pool=184617739.20480.0000;
HTTP_HOST	www.democorp.co
HTTP_USER_AGENT	Mozilla/5.0 (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



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

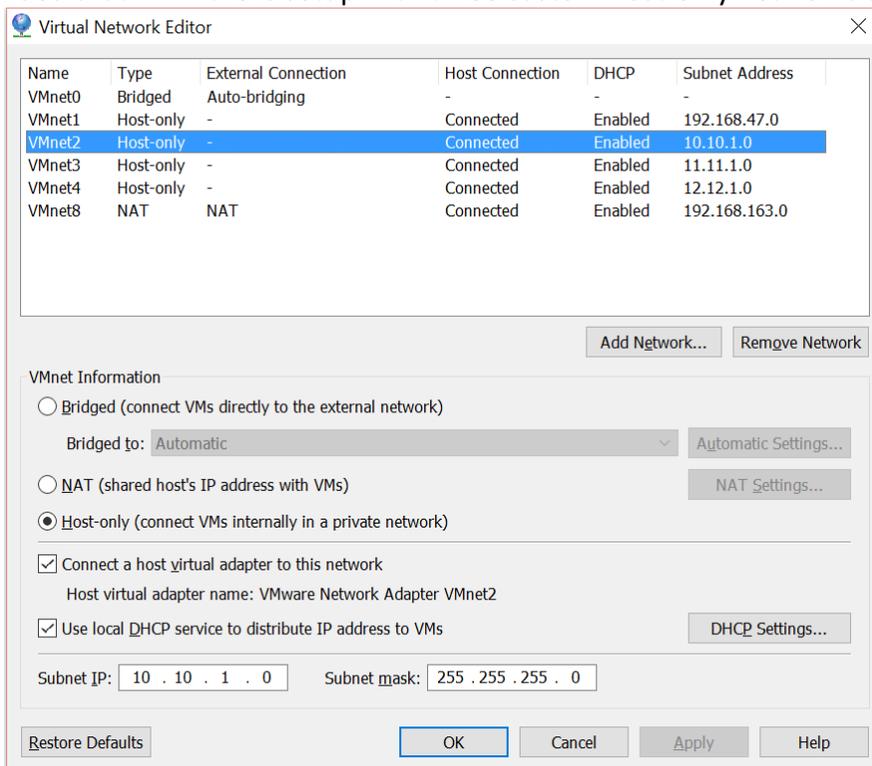
Sample F5 BIG-IP Virtual Lab Setup with VMWare

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:

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BIG-IP® Configuration Utility
F5 Networks, Inc.

Hostname
bigip1

IP Address
192.168.1.149

Username
admin

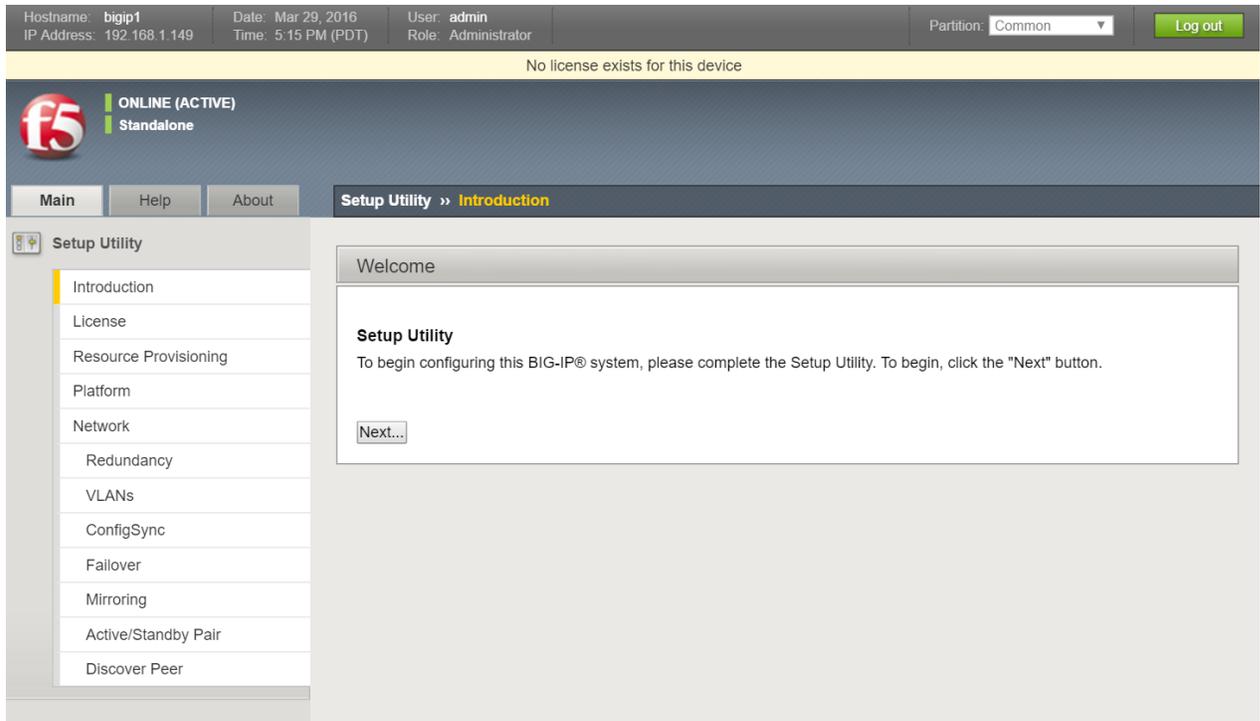
Password
.....

Log in

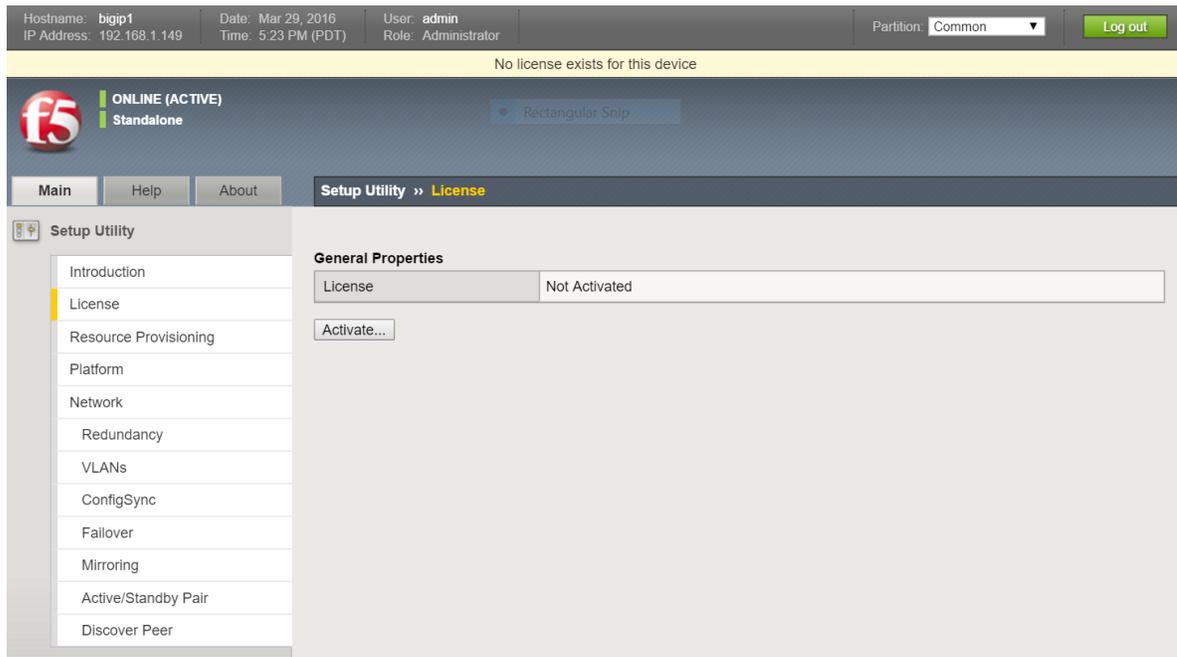
Welcome to the BIG-IP Configuration Utility.

Log in with your username and password using the fields on the left.

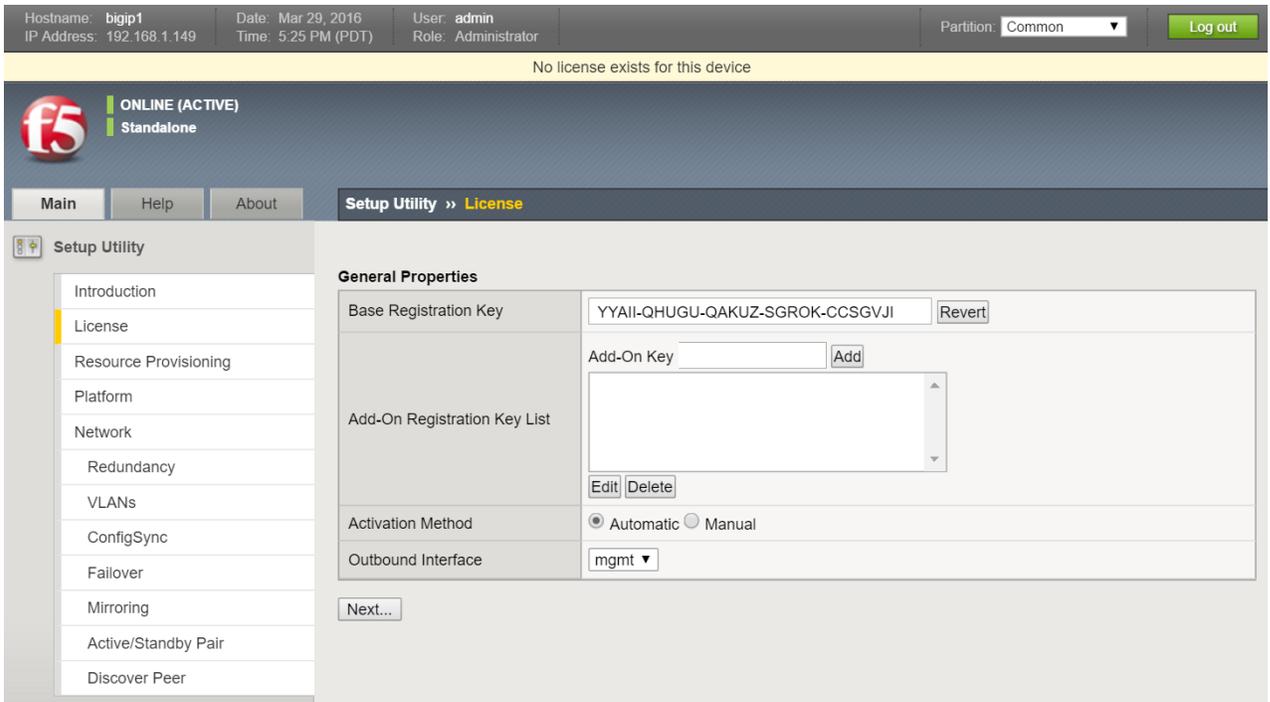
8. Enter `admin` as username and `admin` as password and click 'Log in'
9. Click 'Next' in the Setup Utility section:



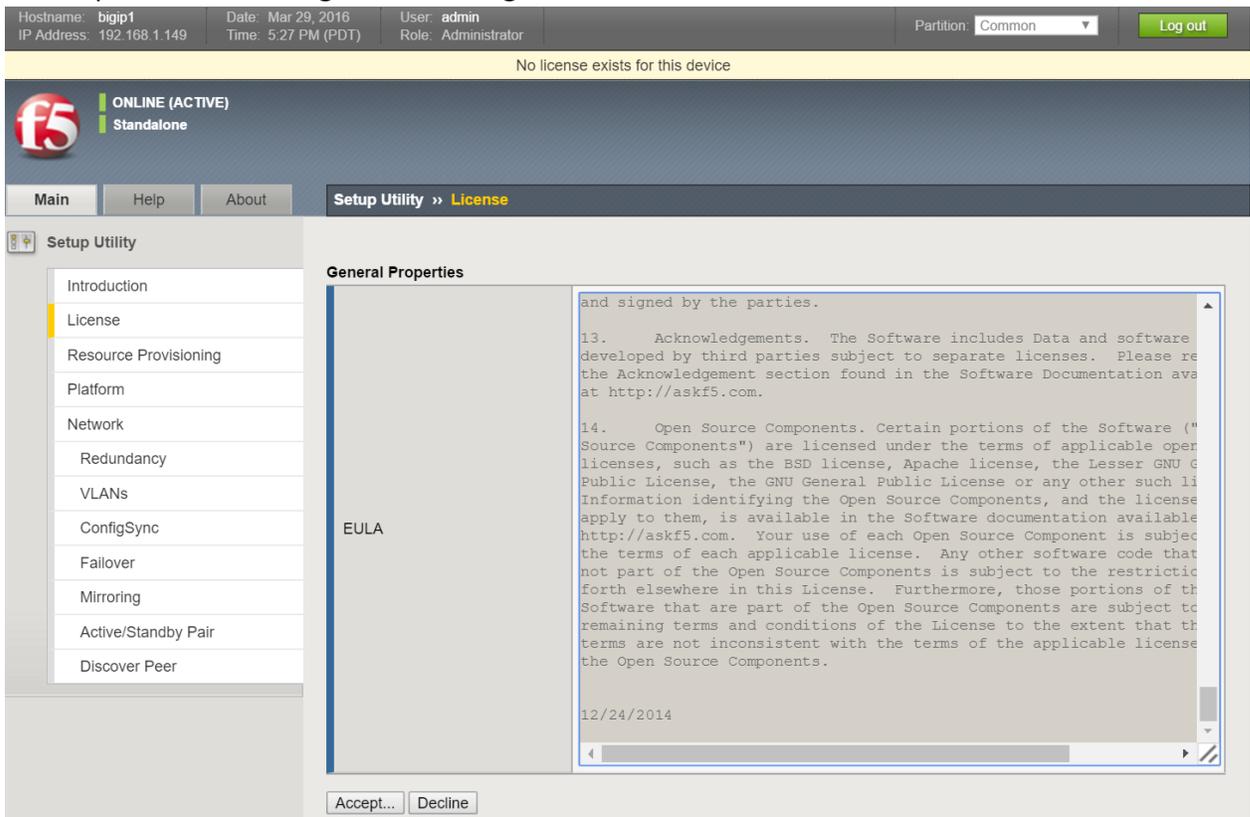
10. Click 'Activate' under License



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



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

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

Setup Utility » **Resource Provisioning**

Setup Utility

- Introduction
- License
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- Redundancy
- VLANs
- ConfigSync
- Failover
- Mirroring
- Active/Standby Pair
- Discover Peer

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

ONLINE (ACTIVE)
Standalone
Provisioning Warning

Activation Complete
Configure your platform.

Setup Utility » **Platform**

Setup Utility

- Introduction
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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 | 255.255.255.0 ▼

Management Route: 10.10.1.1

Host Name: f5-bigip.democorp.co

Host IP Address: Use Management Port IP Address ▼

Time Zone: America/Los Angeles ▼

User Administration

Root Account

Password:
Confirm:

Admin Account

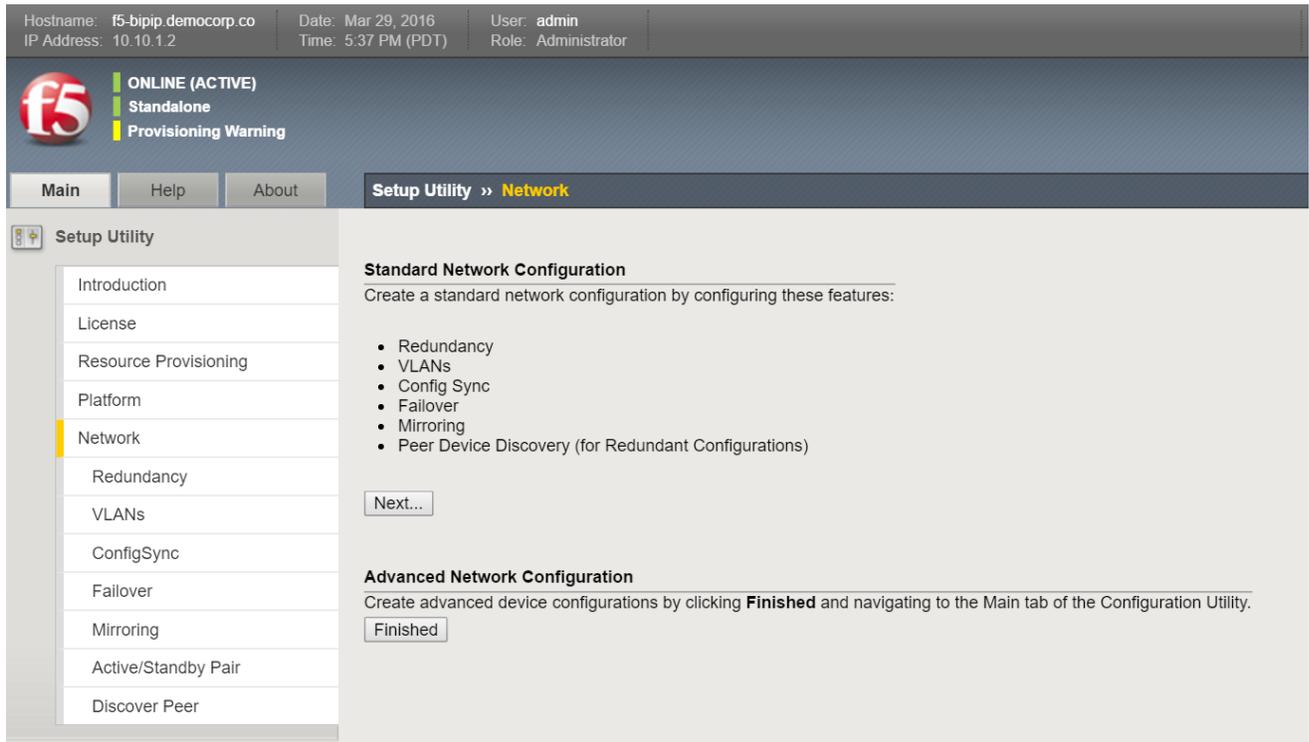
Password:
Confirm:

SSH Access: Enabled

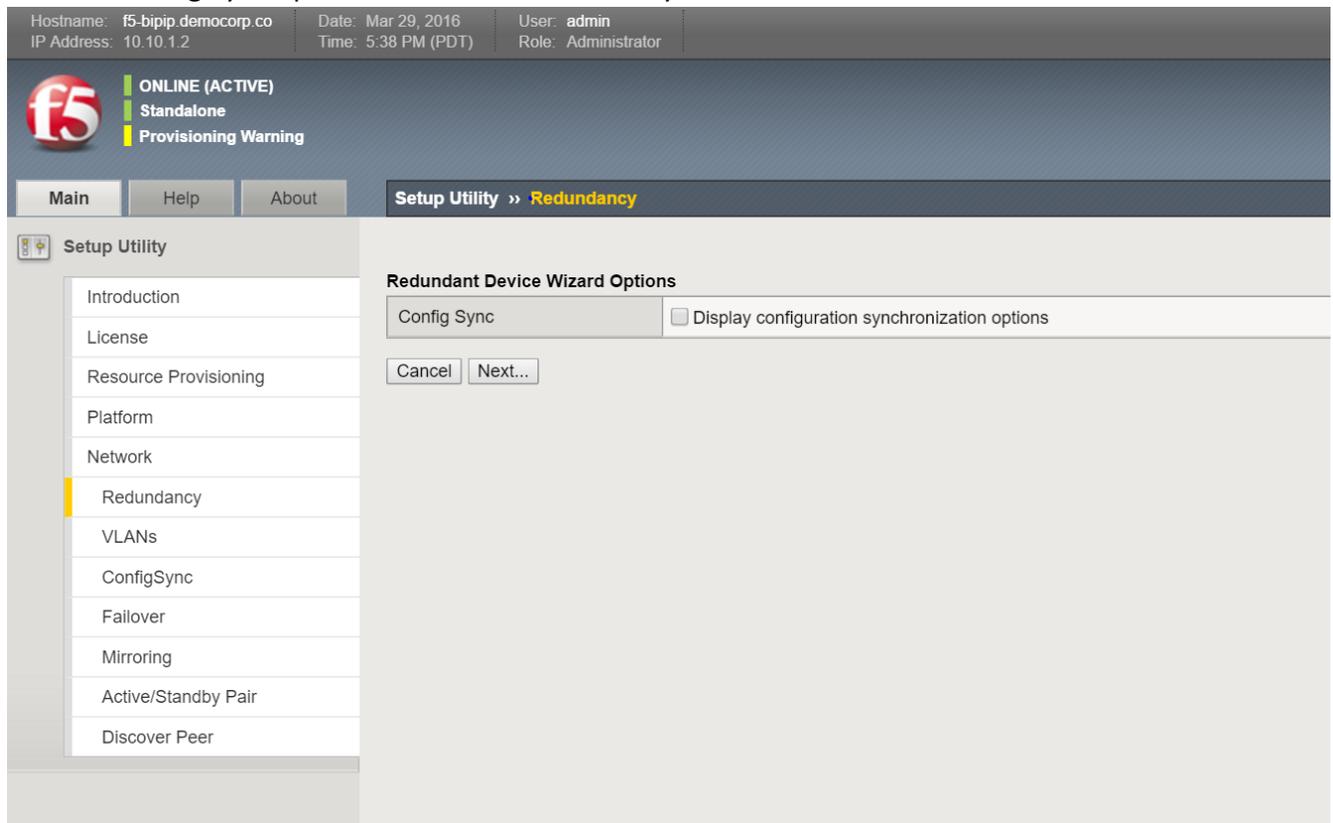
SSH IP Allow: * All Addresses ▼

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.



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	Available	Tagged
1.2	1.1 1.3	

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
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- 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	Available	Tagged
1.3	1.1 1.2	

Cancel Finished

19. Base setup is complete at this point.