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# Microsoft Outlook

# Desktop Applications using MFA



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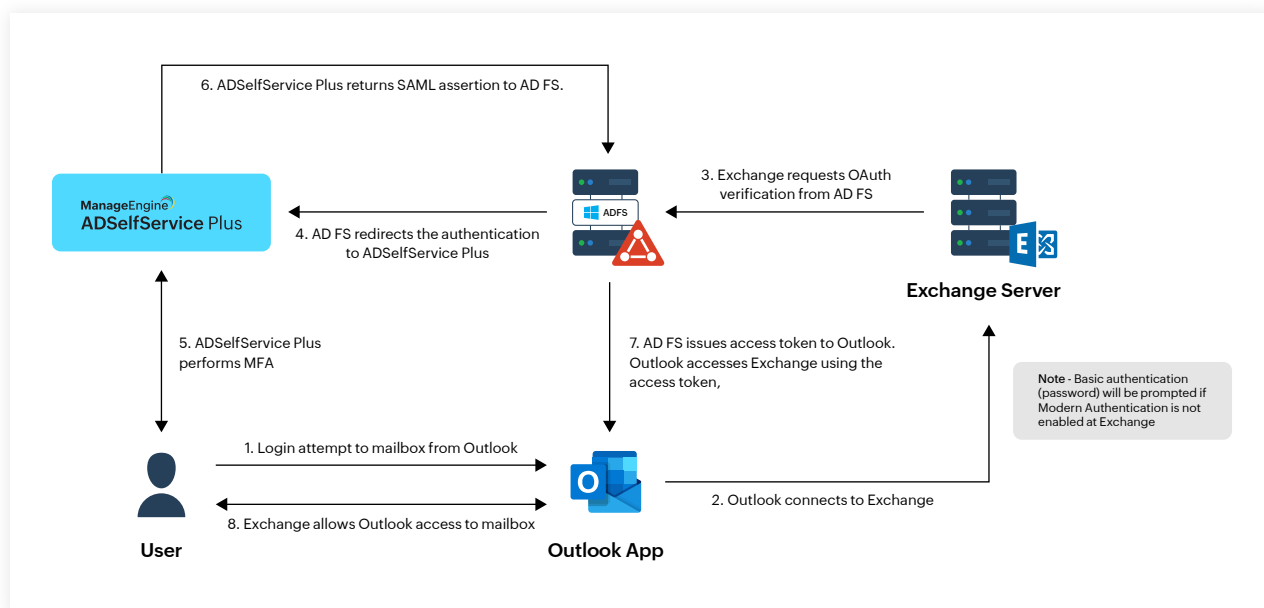
Modern authentication enables users to authenticate to Exchange using AD FS. When enabled, the Outlook client redirects users to AD FS, which authenticates their identity and generates access tokens that are subsequently validated by Exchange Server to grant users access to their mailboxes.

AD FS uses basic Active Directory authentication to verify users. This document details how to secure this authentication process by incorporating an extra layer of MFA from ManageEngine ADSelfService Plus.

## Process flow

Instead of AD FS using Active Directory to authenticate the user, you can configure AD FS to utilize ADSelfService Plus for user authentication. By doing so, you can leverage ADSelfService Plus' suite of modern MFA factors to enhance the overall security of the authentication process. This is achieved by configuring ADSelfService Plus as the identity provider (IdP) for AD FS.

This diagram illustrates the process:



1. A user provides their email address to their Outlook client.
2. Outlook connects to Exchange Server.
3. Exchange Server requests modern (OAuth) authentication from AD FS.
4. AD FS now redirects the authentication request to ADSelfService Plus via SAML.
5. ADSelfService Plus performs the actual authentication by presenting the user with MFA.
6. Upon successful MFA, ADSelfService Plus returns a SAML assertion response to AD FS. After validating the SAML response from ADSelfService Plus, AD FS issues an access token to Outlook.
7. Outlook tries accessing Exchange Server with the access token from AD FS.
8. If the access token is valid, Exchange Server now allows Outlook access to the user's mailbox.

## Prerequisites

- Exchange Server 2019 CU13 or later (Exchange Server 2016 supported with 2019 CU13 as the front-end server)
- AD FS for Windows Server 2019 or later
- Outlook 2021 (version 2304 or later) from the Microsoft 365 suite on machines running Windows 11 22H2 or later (ensure that update KB5023706 for version 22H2 is installed).

**Note:**

- The latest version of Outlook for Windows (version 1.2024.605.100) in the Microsoft Store does not support on-premises Exchange Server. Microsoft might add on-premises Exchange Server support for these versions later.
- Modern authentication to an on-premises Exchange server for clients such as Outlook for Mac, Outlook for iOS and Android, and the Apple Mail app for iOS, is yet to be added by Microsoft.

Detailed prerequisites for setting up modern authentication for Exchange Server, AD FS, the Outlook client, and Windows can be viewed [here](#).

## Configuration Steps

You will need to configure the following for modern authentication:

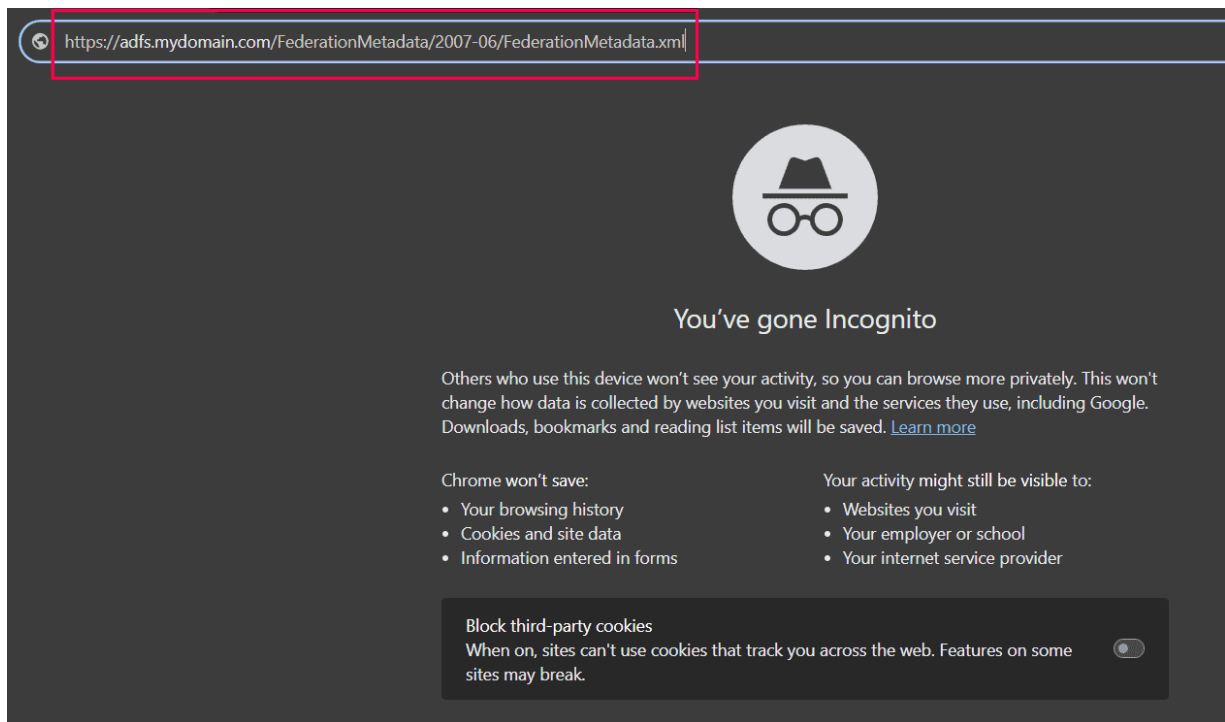
- [AD FS](#)
- [On-premises Exchange Server](#)
- [The Outlook client on the user's Windows machine](#)

Once these have been configured, you will need to configure

- [MFA for Outlook using ADSelfService Plus](#)

## AD FS configuration for modern authentication

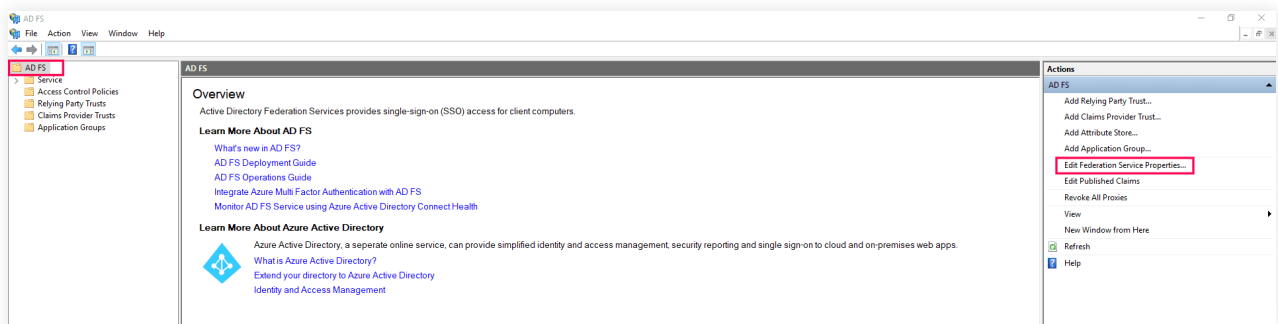
1. Ensure that AD FS is functioning properly by accessing your metadata URL from a browser bar.



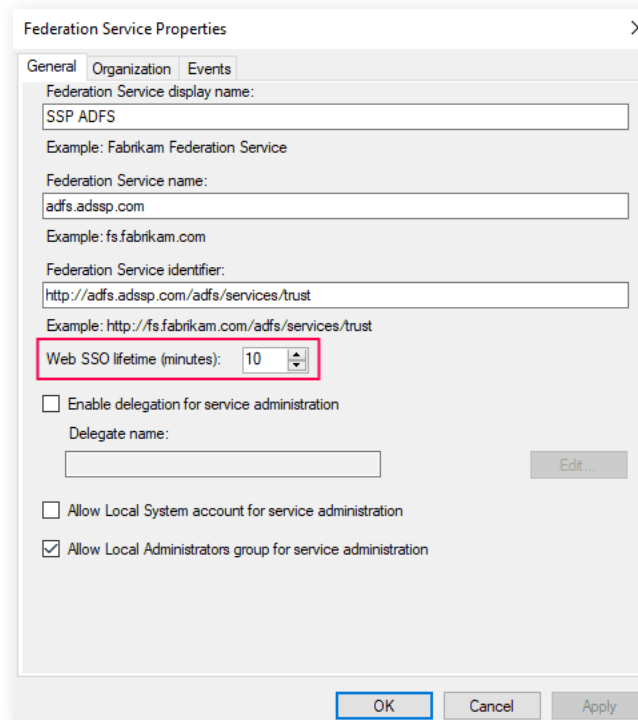
You can find the steps to access your metadata URL [here](#). It should be in this format: [https://<ADFS\\_Server\\_FQDN>/federationmetadata/2007-06/federationmetadata.xml](https://<ADFS_Server_FQDN>/federationmetadata/2007-06/federationmetadata.xml). If AD FS is functioning properly, your federation metadata will be downloaded as an XML file.

2. Open Server Manager on your Windows server and navigate to **Tools > AD FS Management**.

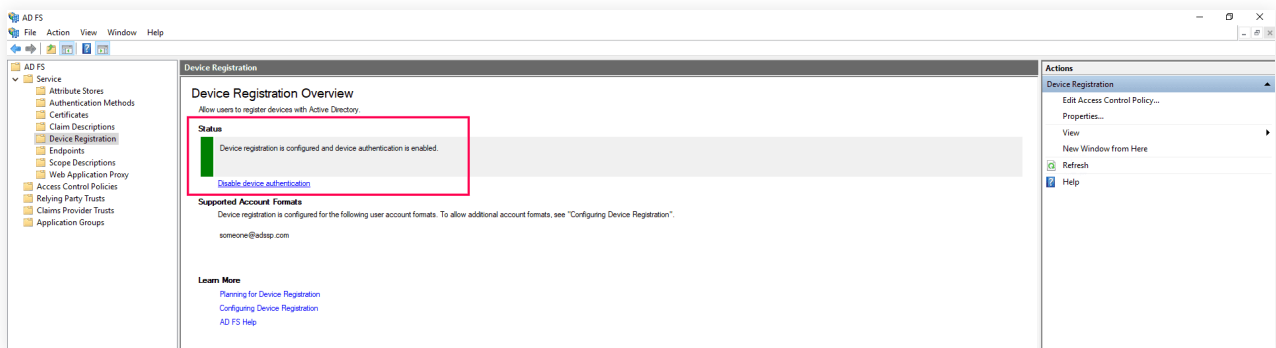
In the AD FS console that opens, click on **Edit Federation Service Properties** to open the Federation Service Properties pop-up.



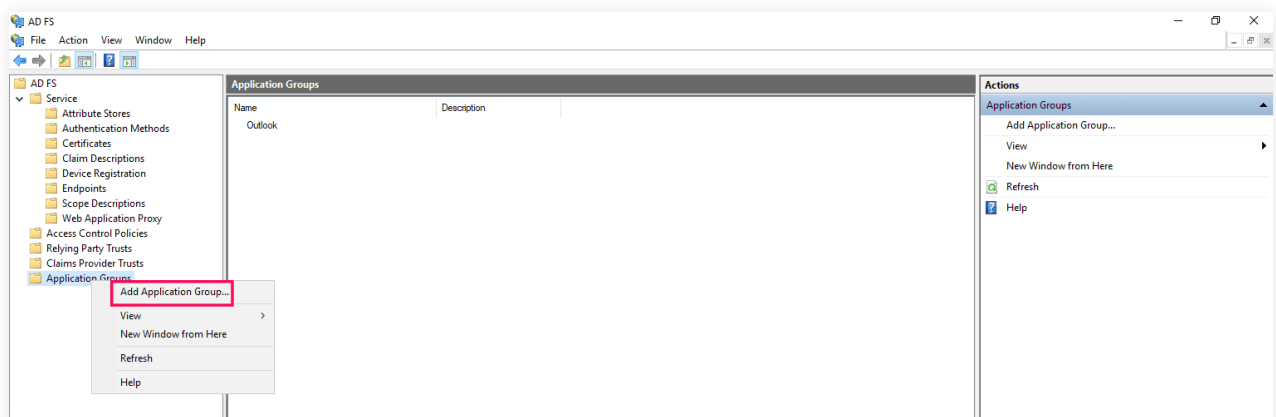
3. Choose an appropriate **web SSO lifetime** to determine the number of minutes after which the user has to re-authenticate. Click **Apply** and then **OK** to close the pop-up.



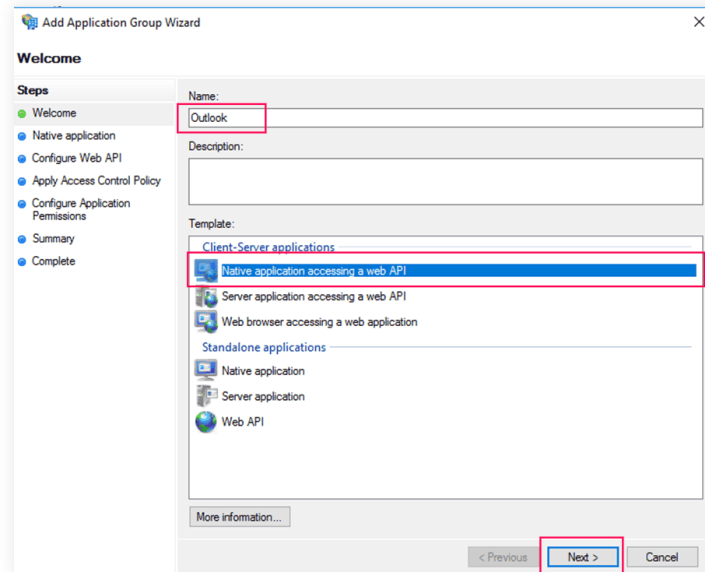
4. In the LHS pane, navigate to ADFS > Service > Device Registration. Verify that device registration is configured and device authentication is enabled. This step is recommended to reduce the number of authentication prompts for users and can help enforce Access Control Policies in AD FS.



5. Configure an application group for modern authentication in Outlook on Windows:
  - a. Right-click on **Application Groups** and click **Add Application Group**.

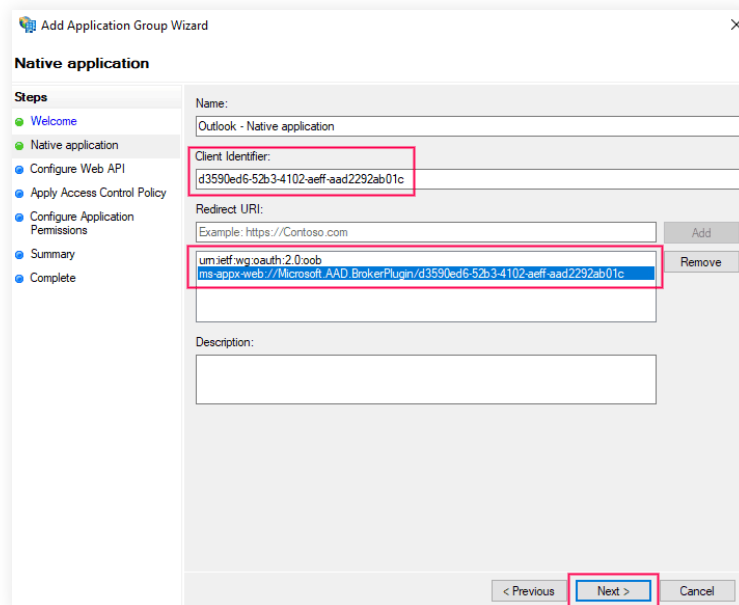


- b. The **Add Application Group** wizard will open. Under **Template**, select **Native Application accessing a web API** and type an appropriate name for the application, such as *Outlook*. Click **Next**.



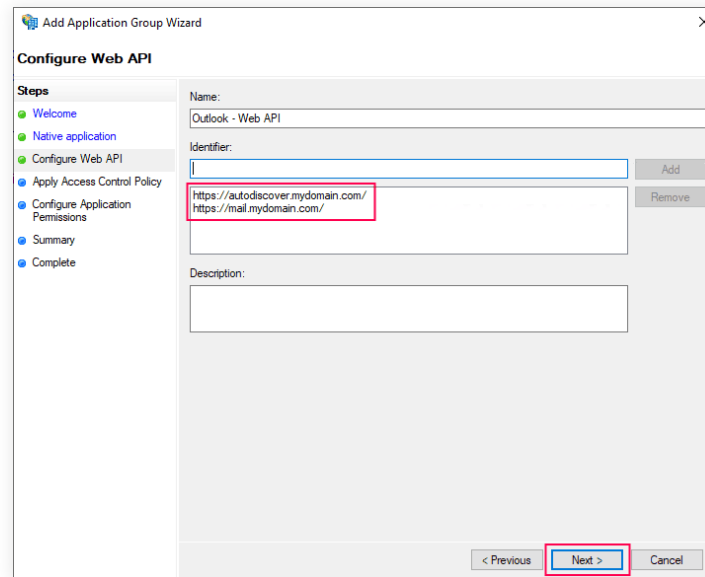
- c. In the **Native application** section, add the following client identifier and Redirect URI and click **Next**:

- **Client Identifier:** d3590ed6-52b3-4102-aeff-aad2292ab01c
- **Redirect URI** (add both of these URIs):
  - urn:ietf:wg:oauth:2.0:oob
  - ms-appx-web://Microsoft.AAD.BrokerPlugin/d3590ed6-52b3-4102-aeff-aad2292ab01c



- d. In the **Configure Web API** section, add all the FQDNs used by your Exchange environment, including auto-discover, load balancing, and server FQDNs. For example:

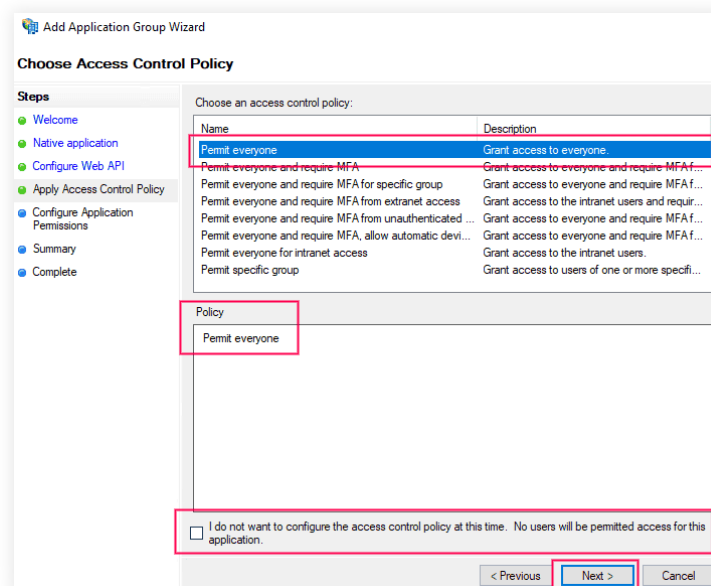
- <https://autodiscover.mydomain.com/>
- <https://mail.mydomain.com/>



**Note:**

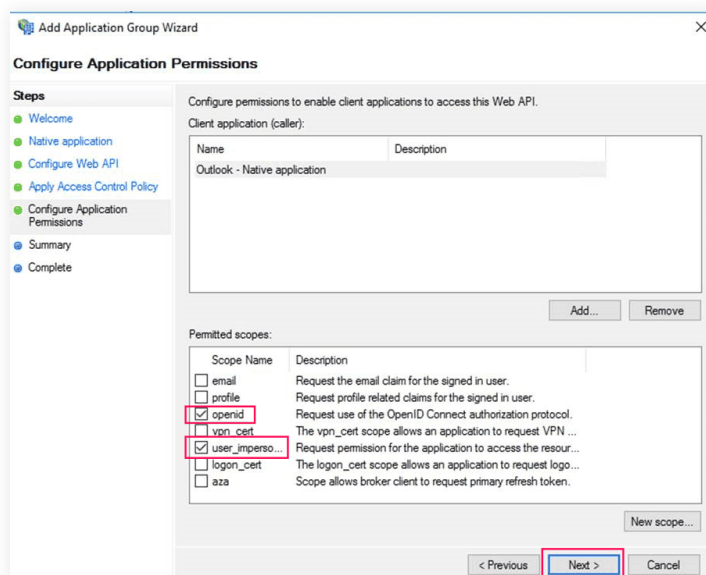
Include all the client-facing URLs for the setup to work properly. Ensure that the URLs start with **https://** and contain a trailing forward slash (/).

- e. In the **Apply Access Control Policy** section, select **Permit everyone**. You can change this later if needed. **Leave the checkbox** at the bottom of the page unchecked. Click **Next**.



- f. In the **Configure Application Permissions** section, choose **Native application**. Under Permitted scopes, select **user\_impersonation** in addition to **openid**, which is selected by default.

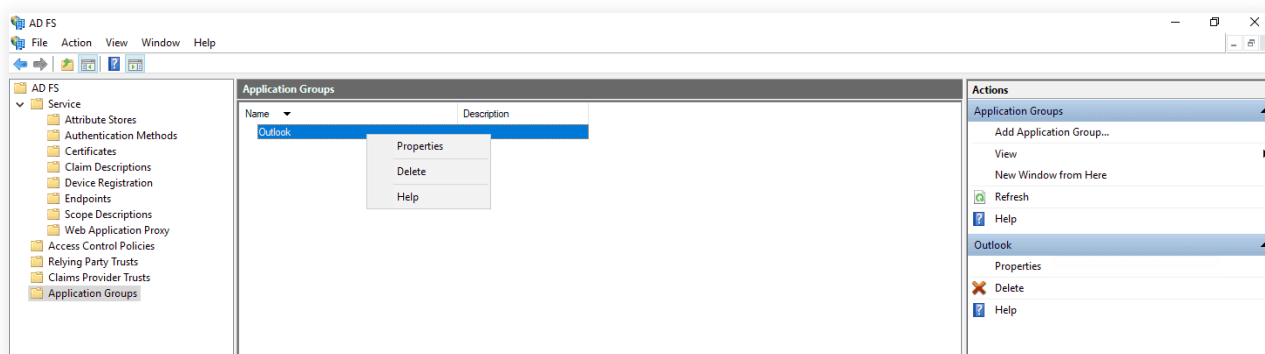




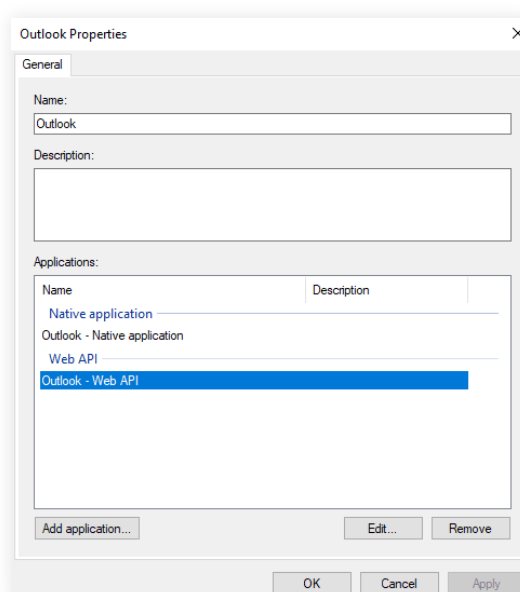
g. Click **Next** and complete the setup to create the application group.

6. Add **Issuance Transform Rules** to the newly created application group:

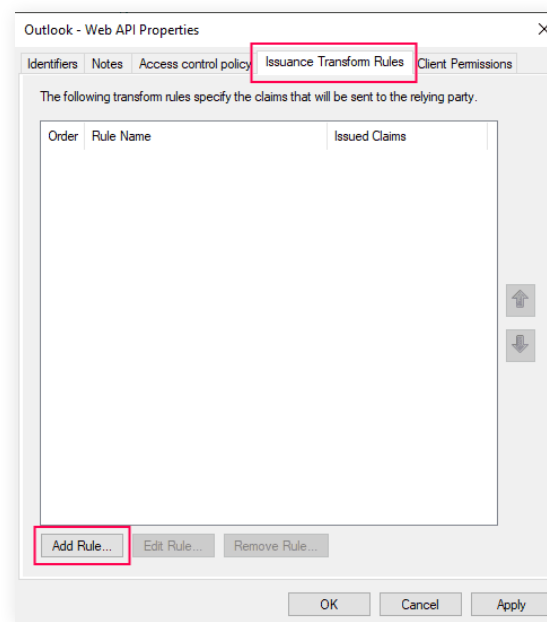
a. Right-click on the Outlook application group and select **Properties**.



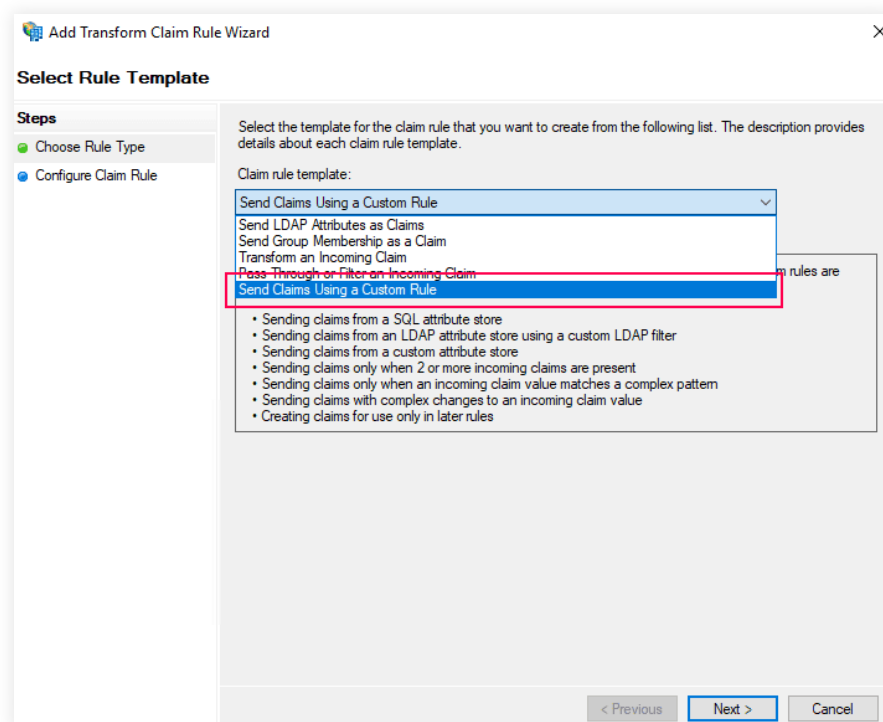
b. Click **Edit** under **Web API** settings.



c. Under **Issuance Transform Rules**, click **Add Rule**.



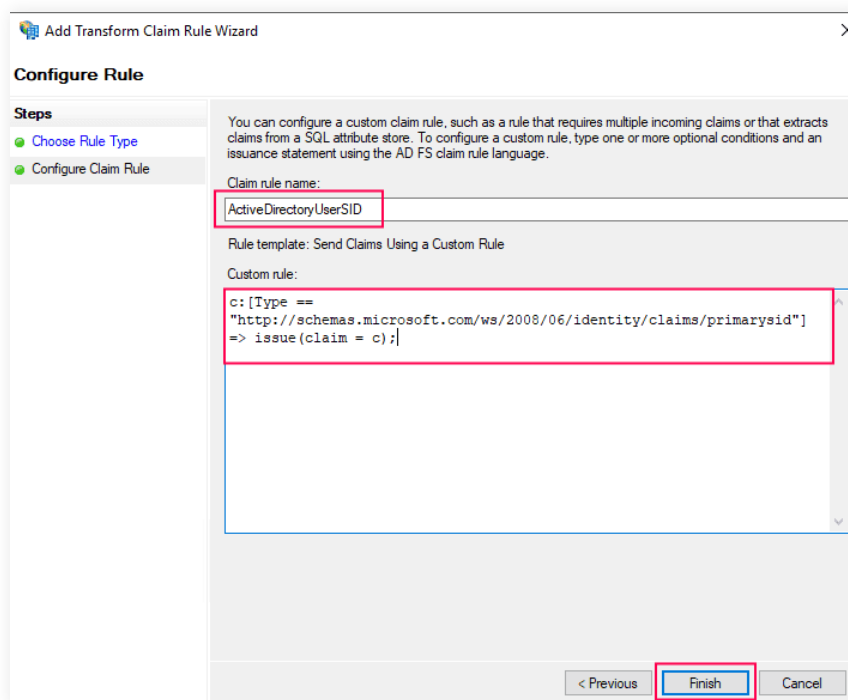
d. In the **Choose Rule Type** section, select **Send Claims Using a Custom Rule** from the *Claim rule template* drop-down.



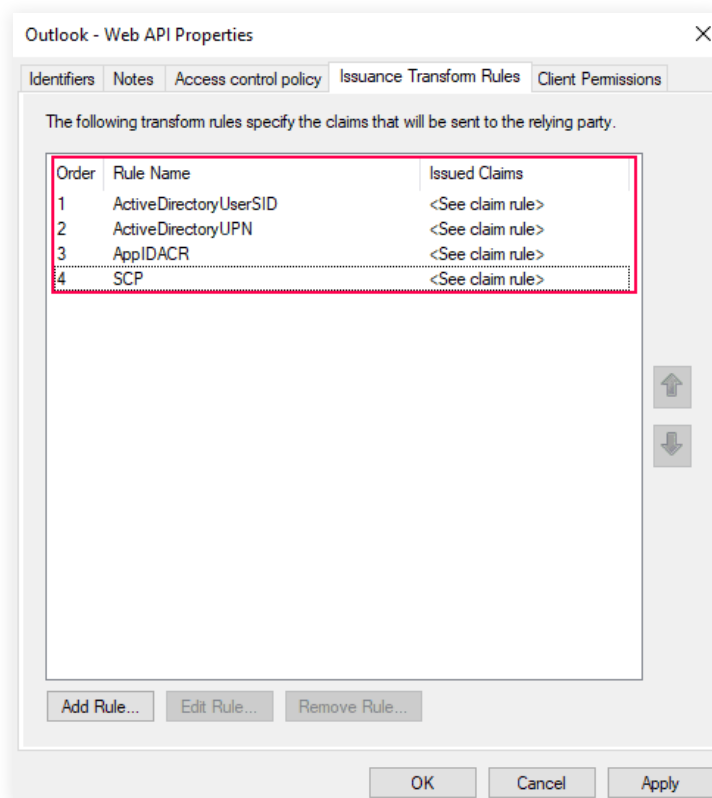
e. Click **Next** to proceed to the *Configure Claim Rule* section using the information in the table below.

| Claim Rule Name        | Custom Rule   |
|------------------------|---|
| ActiveDirectoryUserSID | <code>c:[Type == "http://schemas.microsoft.com/ws/2008/06/identity/claims/primarysid"] =&gt; issue(claim = c);</code> |
| ActiveDirectoryUPN     | <code>c:[Type == "http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/upn"] =&gt; issue(claim = c);</code>          |
| AppIDACR               | <code>=&gt; issue(Type = "appidacr", Value = "2");</code>   |
| SCP                    | <code>=&gt; issue(Type = "http://schemas.microsoft.com/identity/claims/scope", Value = "user_impersonation");</code>  |

You will need to configure each claim rule individually, as shown in the screenshot below. Click **Finish** to add each claim rule.



After adding the rules, the **Issuance Transform Rules** tab should look similar to the following screenshot:



f. Click **Apply** and then **OK** to save your configuration. AD FS has now been configured for modern authentication.

## Configuring the on-premises Exchange Server

By default, the on-premises Exchange server utilizes basic authentication. To enable MFA instead of basic authentication, we must configure the on-premises Exchange server to employ modern authentication (OAuth) via AD FS, for users accessing Exchange through Outlook.

This involves four steps:

1. [Verifying that the virtual directories on your Exchange server are configured to use OAuth.](#)
2. [Registering your AD FS server as the authentication server.](#)
3. [Setting the AD FS server as the default authorization endpoint.](#)
4. [Enabling modern authentication at the organizational level.](#)

You will need to use the Exchange Management Shell on your Exchange server to configure these settings. You can find information on using the Exchange Management Shell [here](#).

### 1. Verify that the virtual directories in your Exchange server are configured to use OAuth.

On your Exchange server, open the Exchange Management Shell and run the following commands:

```
Get-MapiVirtualDirectory -Server <ExchangeServerName> | Format-List *auth*  
Get-WebServicesVirtualDirectory -Server <ExchangeServerName> | Format-List *auth*  
Get-OabVirtualDirectory -Server <ExchangeServerName> | Format-List *auth*  
Get-AutodiscoverVirtualDirectory -Server <ExchangeServerName> | Format-List *auth*
```

**Note:** Replace <ExchangeServerName> with your the name of your Exchange server.

Each command retrieves the authentication settings for the specified virtual directory type on the given Exchange server. Verify that **OAuth** is an authentication method for each virtual directory type.

```

[PS] C:\>Get-MapiVirtualDirectory -Server <Server> | Format-List *auth*

IISAuthenticationMethods : {OAuth, Negotiate}
InternalAuthenticationMethods : {OAuth, Negotiate}
ExternalAuthenticationMethods : {OAuth, Negotiate}

[PS] C:\>Get-WebServicesVirtualDirectory -Server <Server> | Format-List *auth*

CertificateAuthentication :
InternalAuthenticationMethods : {Ntlm, WindowsIntegrated, WSSecurity, OAuth}
ExternalAuthenticationMethods : {Ntlm, WindowsIntegrated, WSSecurity, OAuth}
LiveIdNegotiateAuthentication :
WSSecurityAuthentication : True
LiveIdBasicAuthentication : False
BasicAuthentication : False
DigestAuthentication : False
WindowsAuthentication : True
OAuthAuthentication : True
AdfsAuthentication : False

[PS] C:\>Get-OabVirtualDirectory -Server <Server> | Format-List *auth*

BasicAuthentication : False
WindowsAuthentication : True
OAuthAuthentication : True
InternalAuthenticationMethods : {WindowsIntegrated, OAuth}
ExternalAuthenticationMethods : {WindowsIntegrated, OAuth}

[PS] C:\>Get-AutodiscoverVirtualDirectory -Server <Server> | Format-List *auth*

InternalAuthenticationMethods : {Basic, Ntlm, WindowsIntegrated, WSSecurity, OAuth}
ExternalAuthenticationMethods : {Basic, Ntlm, WindowsIntegrated, WSSecurity, OAuth}
LiveIdNegotiateAuthentication : False
WSSecurityAuthentication : True
LiveIdBasicAuthentication : False
BasicAuthentication : True
DigestAuthentication : False
WindowsAuthentication : True
OAuthAuthentication : True
AdfsAuthentication : False
  
```

## 2. Register your AD FS server as the authentication server

Exchange accepts OAuth tokens only from authentication servers (AD FS servers). Register your AD FS server as the authentication server for Exchange using the following command:

```
New-AuthServer -Type ADFS -Name <MyADFSserver> -AuthMetadataUrl https://<adfs server FQDN>/FederationMetadata/2007-06/FederationMetadata.xml
```

**Note:** Replace <MyADFSserver> and <ADFS server FQDN> with the name of your AD FS server (this will serve as an identifier for Exchange Server) and the FQDN of your AD FS server, respectively.

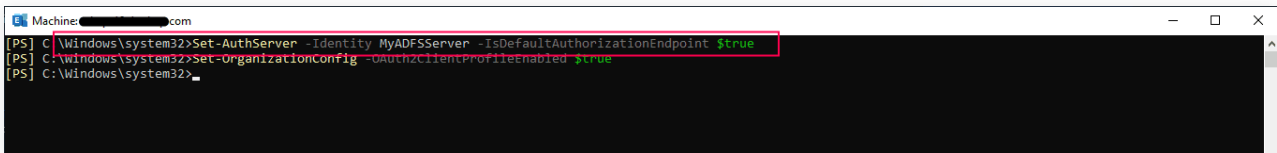
```

[PS] C:\Windows\system32>New-AuthServer -Type ADFS -Name MyADFSserver -AuthMetadataUrl https://adfs.mydomain.com/FederationMetadata/2007-06/FederationMetadata.xml
  
```

### 3. Set your AD FS server as the default authorization endpoint

When an Outlook client requests modern authentication from Exchange, Exchange responds with the authorization URL of the DefaultAuthorizationEndpoint. Set the AD FS server you created as the DefaultAuthorizationEndpoint:

```
Set-AuthServer -Identity <MyADFSserver> -IsDefaultAuthorizationEndpoint $true
```

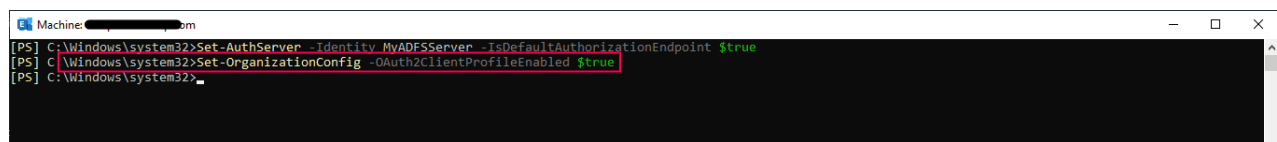


```
Machine: <redacted>.com
[PS] C:\Windows\system32>Set-AuthServer -Identity MyADFSserver -IsDefaultAuthorizationEndpoint $true
[PS] C:\Windows\system32>Set-OrganizationConfig -OAuth2ClientProfileEnabled $true
[PS] C:\Windows\system32>
```

### 4. Enable modern authentication at the organizational level

Finally, enable modern authentication for your organization with the following command:

```
Set-OrganizationConfig -OAuth2ClientProfileEnabled $true
```



```
Machine: <redacted>.com
[PS] C:\Windows\system32>Set-AuthServer -Identity MyADFSserver -IsDefaultAuthorizationEndpoint $true
[PS] C:\Windows\system32>Set-OrganizationConfig -OAuth2ClientProfileEnabled $true
[PS] C:\Windows\system32>
```

After completing the steps above, users logging into the on-premises Exchange server from their Outlook mail client on Windows will be prompted with modern authentication via AD FS.

## Configuring the Outlook client on users' Windows machines

By default, Outlook for Windows and the Outlook app in the Microsoft 365 suite use the Windows Credential Prompt for authentication. Since modern authentication via AD FS is disabled for Outlook by default, we need to enable modern authentication and delegate authentication to AD FS. To do this, we will:

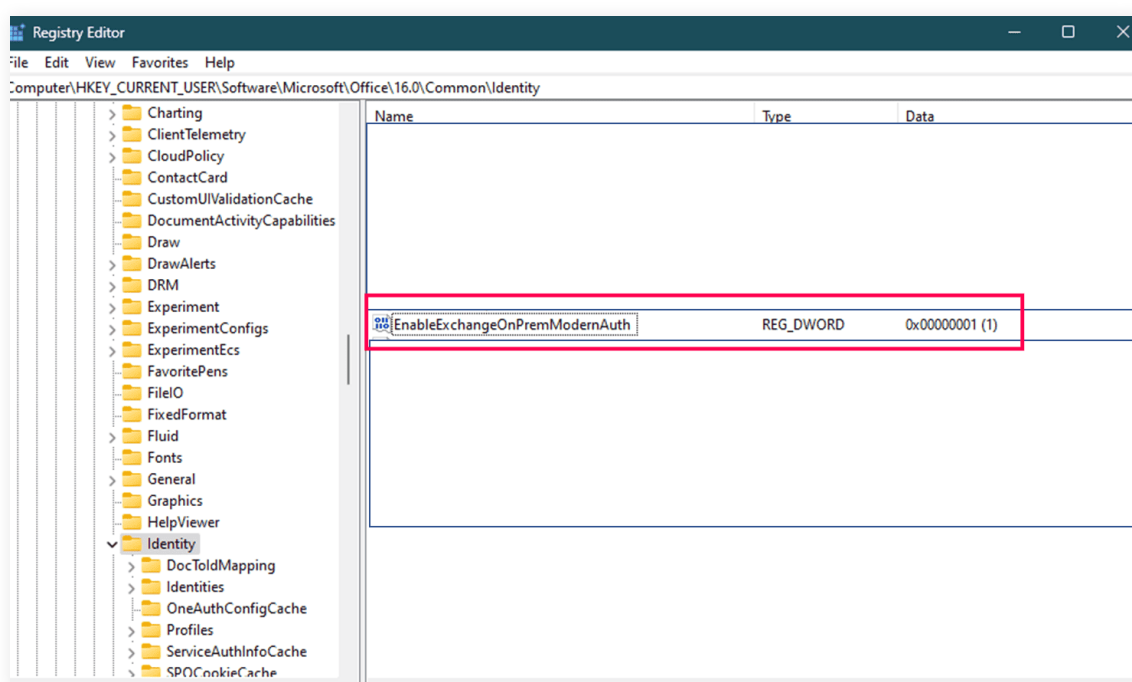
- [Enable modern authentication via AD FS for Outlook](#)
- [Add AD FS as a trusted domain](#)

## Enabling modern authentication on Outlook

By enabling modern authentication on Outlook, we will enable authentication via a browser instead of the default Windows Credential Prompt. This step involves modifying the registry on client machines.

1. To enable modern authentication via AD FS for Outlook on Windows, add the following **REG\_DWORD** hex value to **HKCU\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Office\16.0\Common\Identity\**

| Name                           | Value |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| EnableExchangeOnPremModernAuth | 1     |

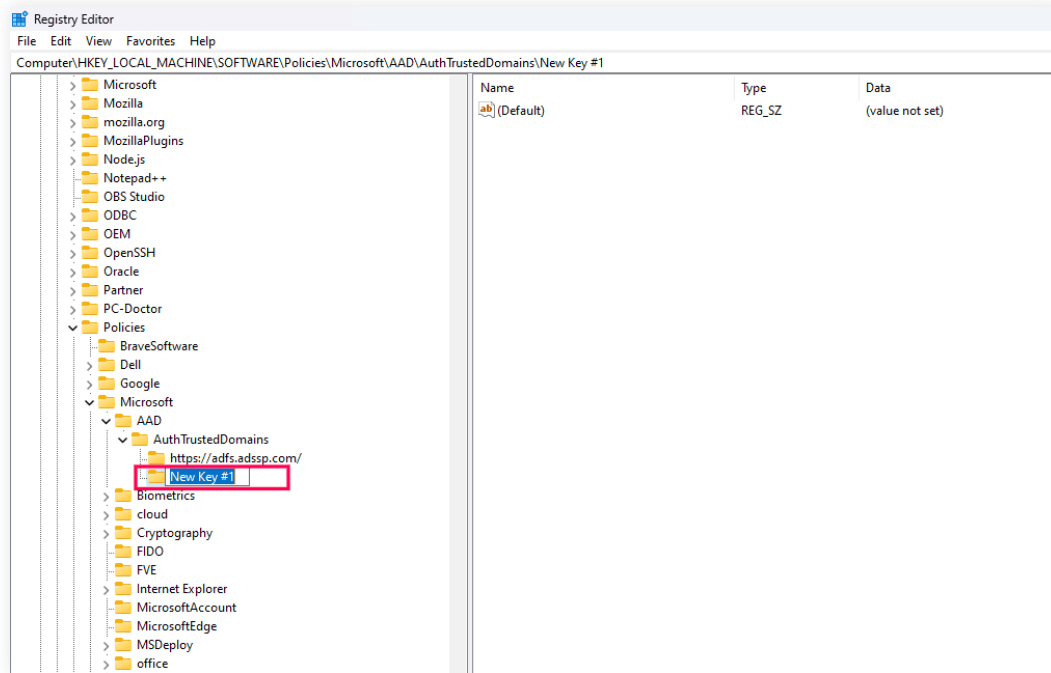


## Adding the AD FS domain as a trusted domain

By adding AD FS as a trusted domain, we enable Outlook to delegate modern authentication to AD FS. This is disabled by default; please follow the steps below to enable it:

1. Open the Windows Registry Editor on the end-user machine. Navigate to **HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\**. Create a folder called **AAD** and under it, a subfolder called **AuthTrustedDomains**.
2. Right-click **AuthTrustedDomains** and click on **New > Key**. A subfolder named *New Key #1* will be created.



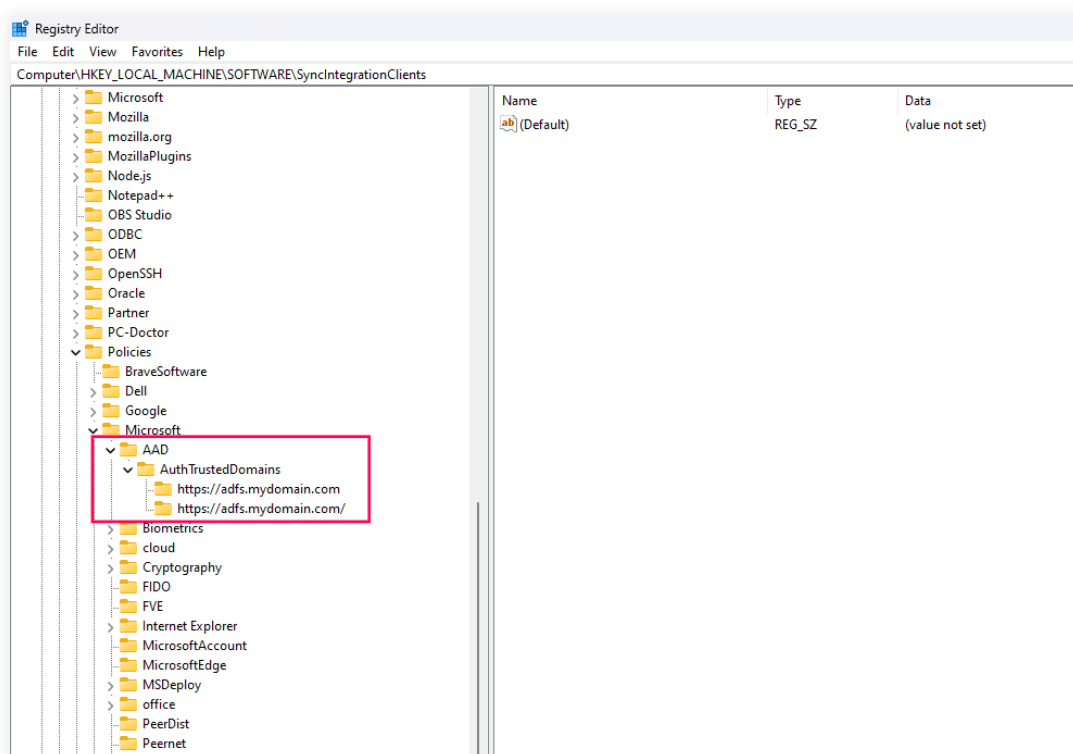


3. Rename *New Key #1* as your AD FS domain URL. Create another key and rename it to your AD FS domain URL, and append a forward-slash (/) to it.

i.e., these changes must be in the following format:

- i. HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\AAD\AuthTrustedDomains\  
**<ADFS domain URL>**
- ii. HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Policies\Microsoft\AAD\AuthTrustedDomains\  
**<ADFS domain URL>/**

Replace **<ADFS domain URL>** with your AD FS domain URL.



**Note:** For ease of deployment, these registry changes can be configured on end-user machines using a Group Policy.

## Configuring MFA for Outlook using ADSelfService Plus

Now, you should configure AD FS to delegate user authentication to ADSelfService Plus, thus integrating an additional layer of MFA.

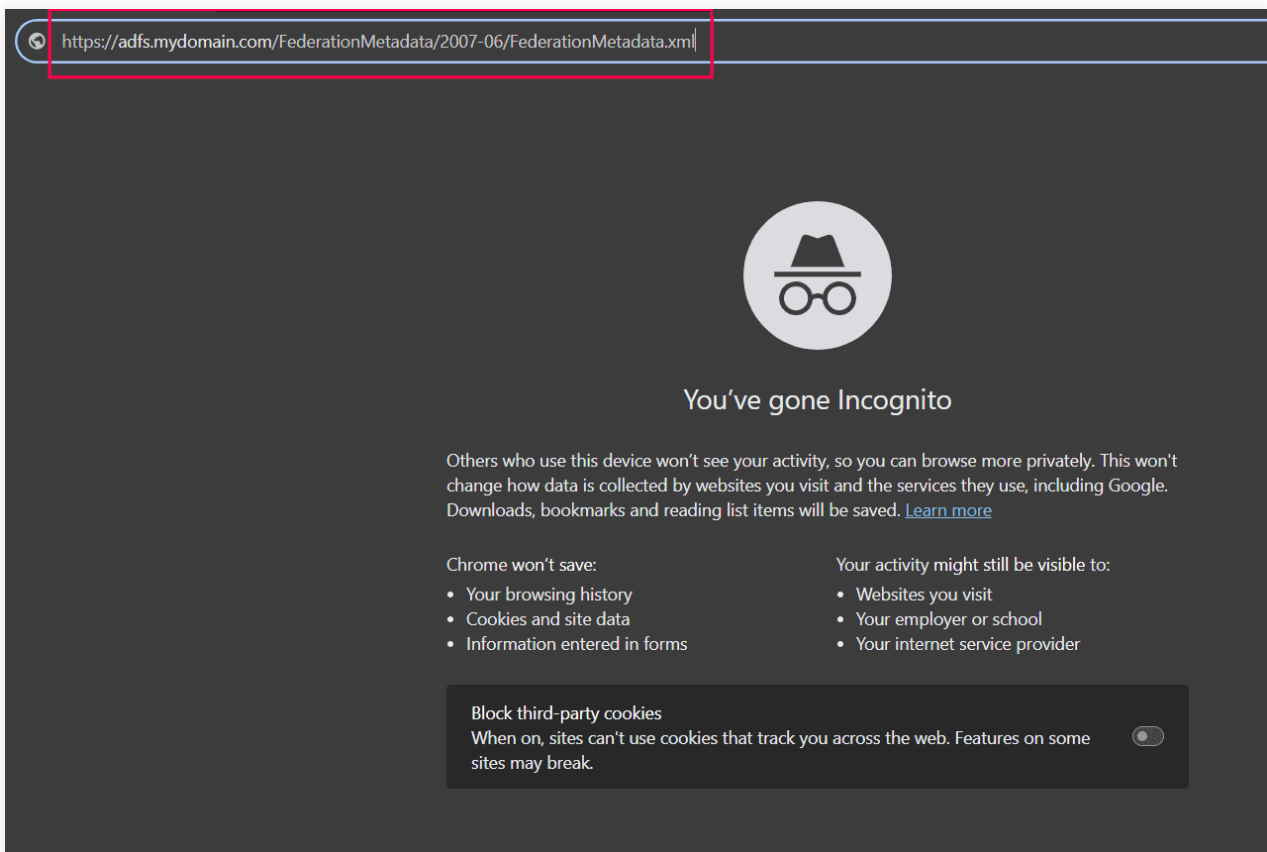
- [Set up ADSelfService Plus to authenticate Outlook users](#)
- [Configure the AD FS server to delegate authentication to ADSelfService Plus](#)

### Prerequisite

Download and save the AD FS server federation metadata by using the following URL in a browser:

`https://<adfs_fqdn>/FederationMetadata/2007-06/FederationMetadata.xml`

**Note:** Replace <ADFS server FQDN> with the FQDN of your AD FS server.



## Set up ADSelfService Plus to authenticate Outlook users

1. Log in to ADSelfService Plus as an administrator.
2. Now, navigate to **Configuration > Self-Service > Password Sync/Single Sign On > Add Application > Custom Application**.
3. Enter the **Application Name**, **Description**, and **Domain Name** in the respective fields.
4. Choose the policy containing the users you wish to provide SSO access to AD FS from the **Assign Policies** drop-down.
5. Select the checkbox **Enable SSO using SAML**.
6. Set **Support SSO flow** to **SP initiated**.
7. In the **Upload Metadata** field, upload the file downloaded previously in the prerequisite step.
8. Under **Provider Settings**, enter the following information:
  - a. Select **RSA-SHA256** from the **RSA SHA Algorithm** drop-down.
  - b. Set the **SAML Response** value to *Signed*.
  - c. Select the option **Exclusive Canonicalization** from the **Canonicalization Method** drop-down.
  - d. Click **Advanced** in the top-left corner.

The screenshot shows the 'Create Custom Application' form. The 'Application Name' is 'ADFS', 'Domain Name' is 'demo.com', and 'Assign Policies' is 'All Policies Selected'. Under the 'SAML' tab, 'Enable SSO Using SAML' is checked, 'Support SSO Flow' is 'SP Initiated', 'Upload Metadata' is 'FederationMetadata.xml', 'SAML Redirect URL' is 'https://selfservice.com/adfs/ls/', and 'ACS URL' is 'https://selfservice.com/adfs/ls/'. Under 'Provider Settings', 'RSA SHA Algorithm' is 'RSA-SHA256', 'SAML Response' is 'SIGNED', and 'Canonicalization Method' is 'Exclusive Canonicalization'. The 'Advanced' button is highlighted with a red box.

9. Under the SAML Assertion Attributes Configuration section, create an attribute and enter the following values:
  - a. Enter an attribute name as "http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/2005/05/identity/claims/upn" and choose **userPrincipalName** for the **Value** drop-down.
  - b. Add another attribute name as "http://schemas.microsoft.com/ws/2008/06/identity/claims/primarysid" and choose **objectSid** from the **Value** drop-down.

**Note:** You will need to create a custom attribute called **objectSid** to do this:

- Navigate to **Configuration > Self-Service > Directory Self-Service**.  
Click on **Manage Custom Attributes** at the top-right corner and create a custom attribute called **objectSid**.
- Link it to the *objectSid* AD attribute by entering *objectSid* in the LDAP field.  
Choose **Unicode String** as the datatype. Click **Add**.

Update Custom Attribute

Display Name:  ?

LDAP Name:  ?

Data Type:  ▼

- c. Add yet another attribute name as “<http://schemas.microsoft.com/ws/2008/06/identity/claims/windowsaccountname>” and choose **sAMAccountName** from the **Value** drop-down.

Advanced Configuration - ADFS

Account Linking

SAML Assertion Attributes Configuration

| Assertion Attribute | Attributes  | Value                   |
|---------------------|---|-------------------------|
|                     | <input type="text" value="http://schemas.xmlsoap.org/ws/"/> | userPrincipalName ▼ + x |
|                     | <input type="text" value="http://schemas.microsoft.com/w"/> | objectSid ▼ + x         |
|                     | <input type="text" value="http://schemas.microsoft.com/w"/> | sAMAccountName ▼ + x    |

**Note**

- When a SAML assertion is sent to the service provider, the identity provider asserts that the user is authenticated.
- Use the above setting to add certain attributes, that are required by the service provider, to the SAML assertion, that will override the default attributes (first name, last name, email address).

Click Save to go back to the Create Custom Application page.

- Click **IdP details** at the top-right corner and select **Download IdP Metadata**, which will download the metadata file required for later.

## Configure the AD FS server to delegate authentication to ADSelfService Plus

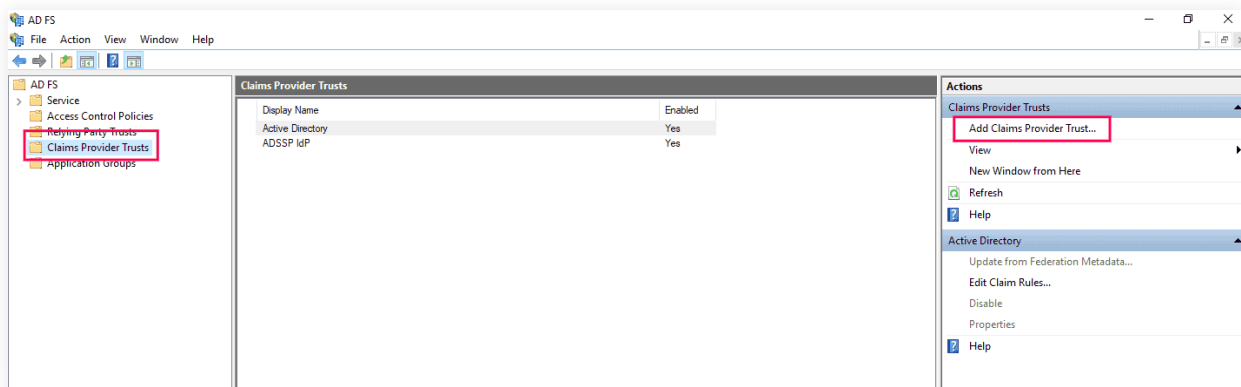
Configuring the AD FS server to delegate authentication to ADSelfService Plus involves the following steps:

- [Adding a new claims provider trust](#)
- [Adding claim rules](#)
- [Executing Windows PowerShell commands](#)
- [Enabling MFA for cloud apps in ADSelfService Plus](#)

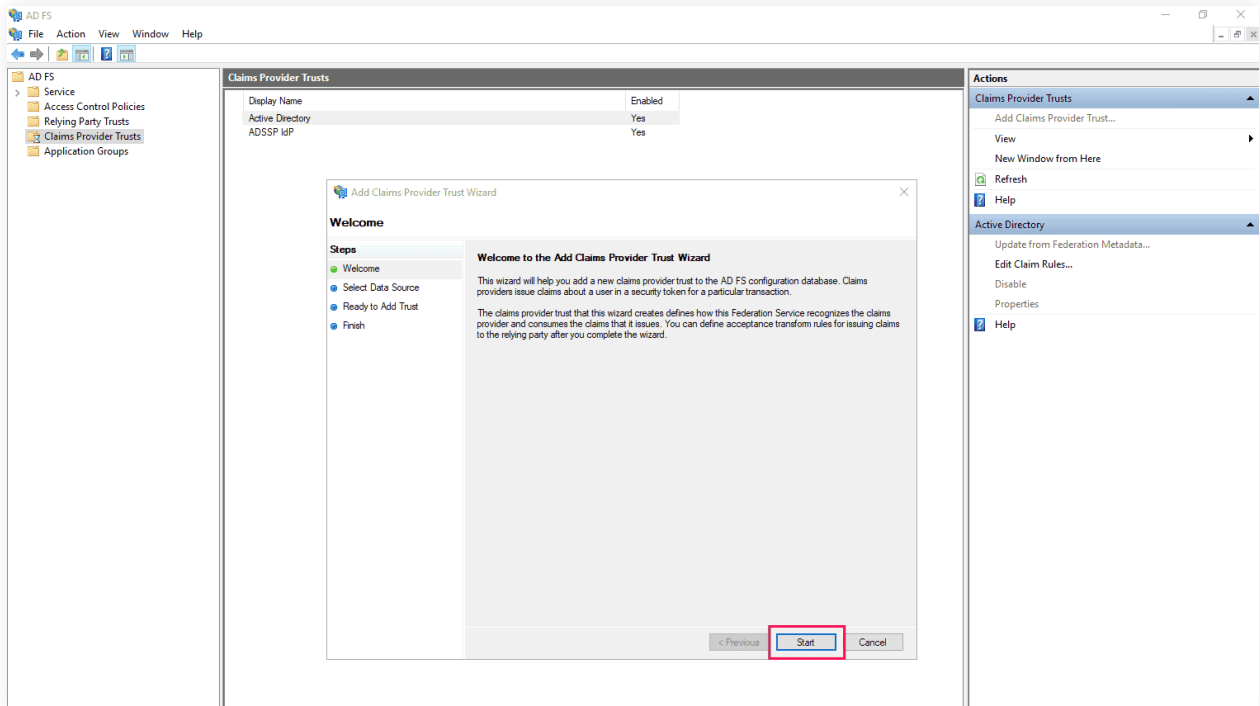
### Step 1: Adding a new claims provider trust

- Open Server Manager on your Windows server and navigate to **Tools > AD FS Management**.

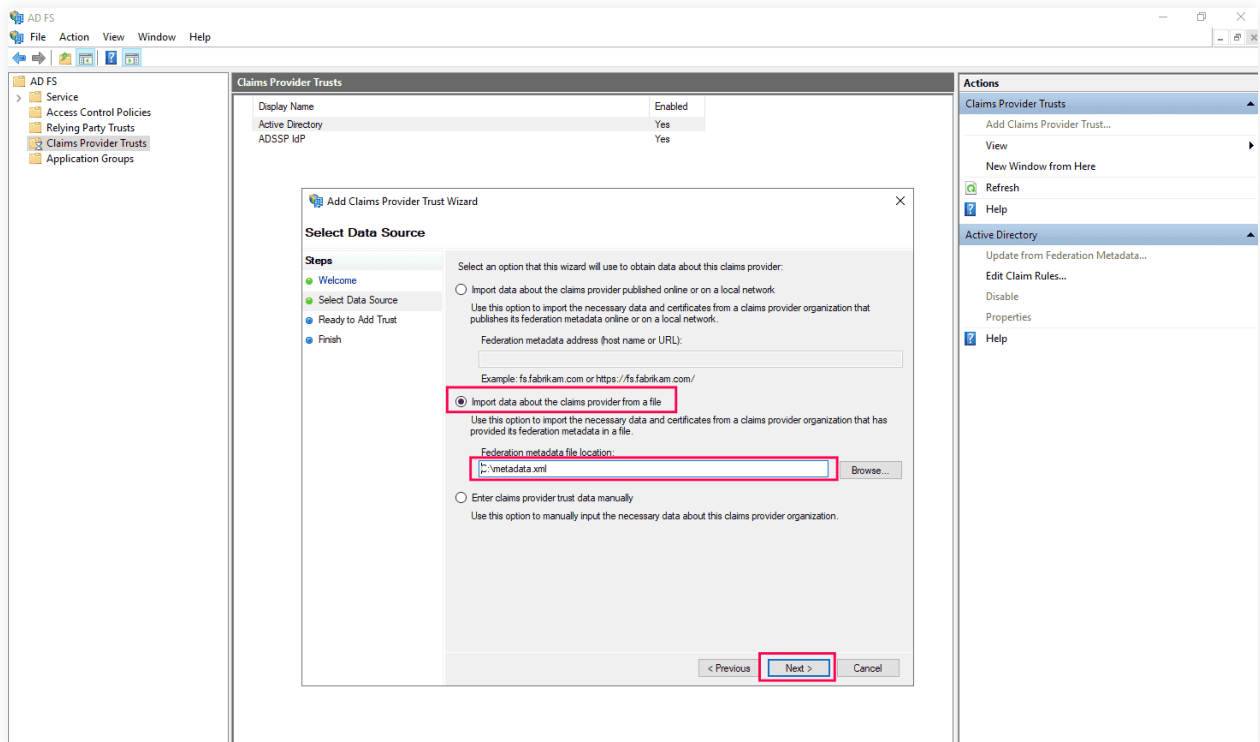
In the AD FS console that opens, navigate to **AD FS > Claims Provider Trusts**.



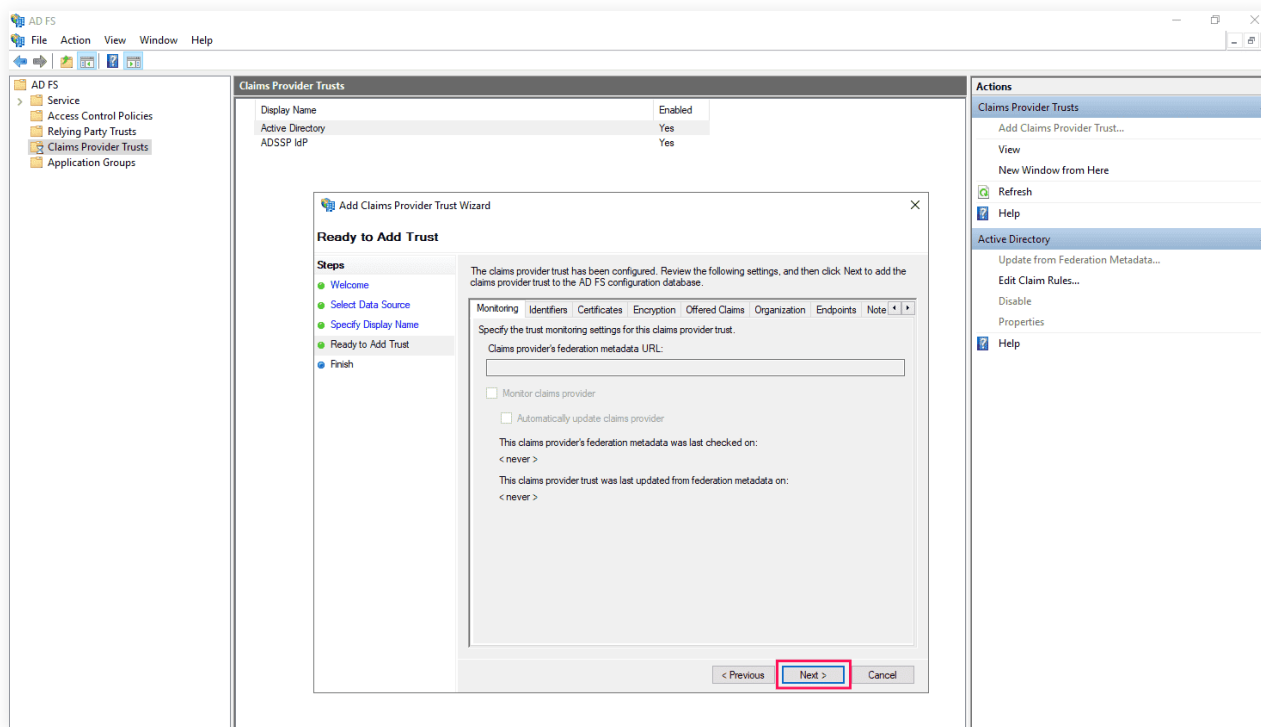
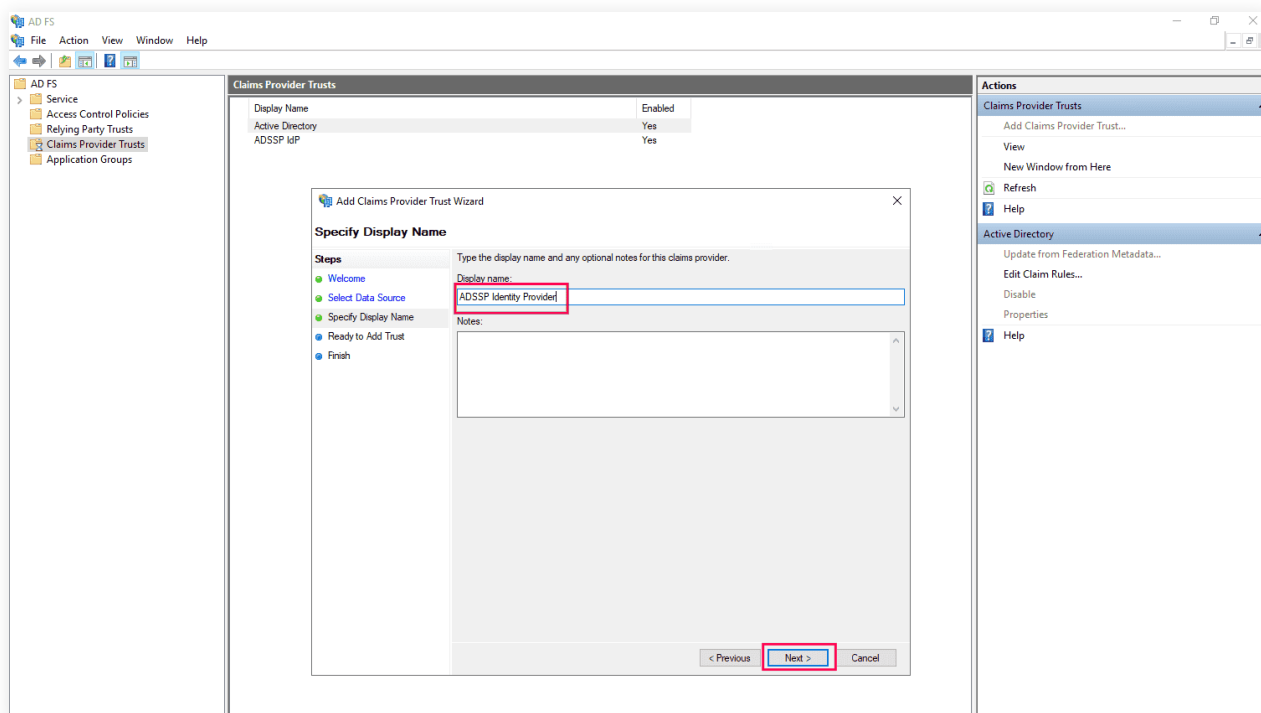
- Click **Add Claims Provider Trust** in the Actions pane. This will open the *Add Claims Provider Trust Wizard*. Click **Start**.



- In the *Select Data Source* section, choose **Import data about the claims provider from a file** and upload the metadata file downloaded in [Step 11](#) of the ADSelfService Plus configuration steps. Click **Next**.



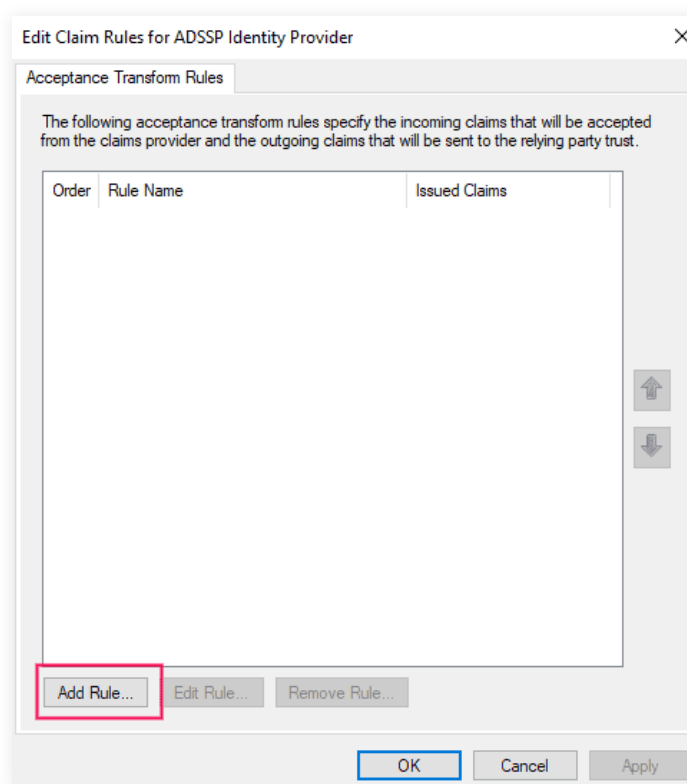
4. In the *Specify Display Name* section, enter the desired **Display name**. Click **Next**.



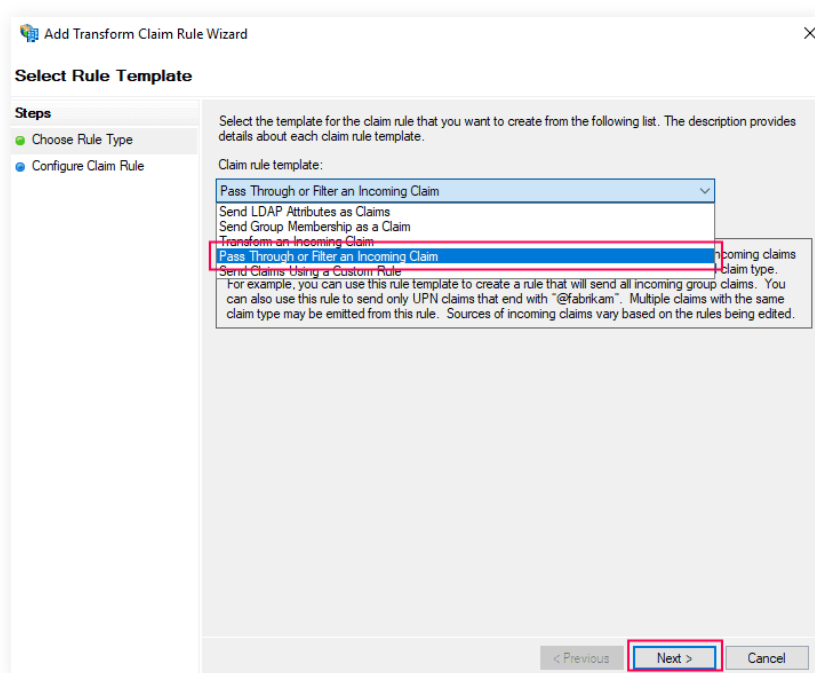
5. Complete the remaining steps in the wizard by retaining the default values for the rest of the fields.

## Step 2: Adding claims rules

1. Once the claims provider trust configuration is complete, the *Edit Claims Rule for ADSSP Identity Provider* editor window opens. Click **Add Rule**.



2. From the *Claim rule template* drop-down, select **Pass Through or Filter an Incoming Claim** and click **Next**.





3. In the next window, enter a **Claim rule name** and set **UPN** as the **Incoming claim type**. Choose the **Pass through all claim values** radio button. Click **Finish** to complete adding the claims rule.

**Add Transform Claim Rule Wizard**

**Configure Rule**

**Steps**

- Choose Rule Type
- Configure Claim Rule

You can configure this rule to pass through or filter an incoming claim. You can also configure this rule to filter claims that are generated by previous rules. Specify the claim type and whether only some claim values or all claim values should pass through.

Claim rule name:

Rule template: Pass Through or Filter an Incoming Claim

Incoming claim type:

Incoming name ID format:

Pass through all claim values

Pass through only a specific claim value

Incoming claim value:

Pass through only claim values that match a specific email suffix value:

Email suffix value:

Example: fabrikam.com

Pass through only claim values that start with a specific value:

Starts with:

Example: FABRIKAM\

< Previous **Finish** Cancel

**Edit Claim Rules for ADSSP Identity Provider**

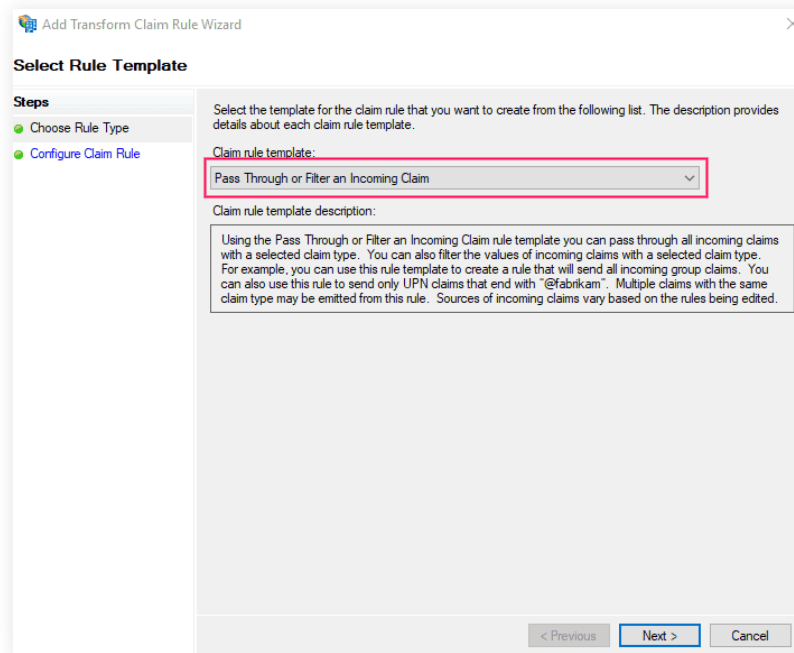
**Acceptance Transform Rules**

The following acceptance transform rules specify the incoming claims that will be accepted from the claims provider and the outgoing claims that will be sent to the relying party trust.

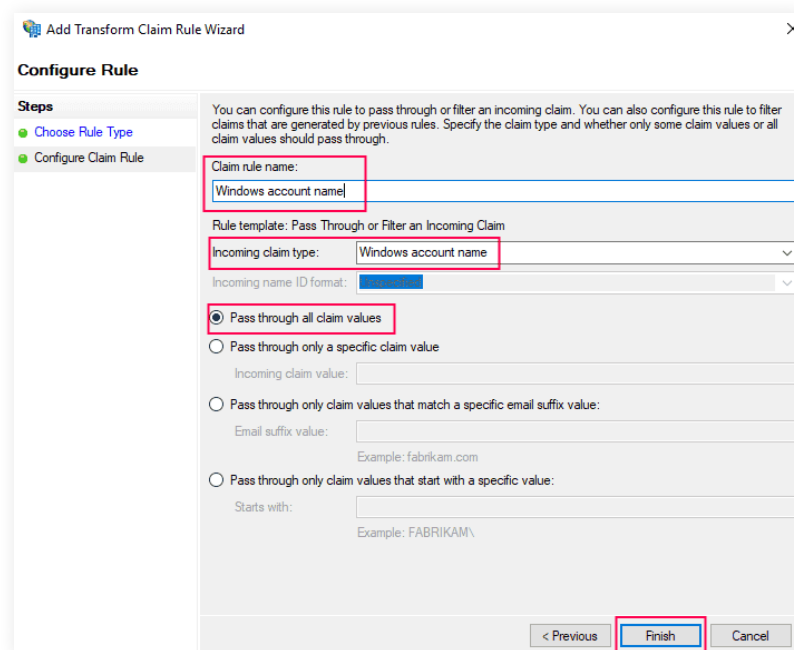
| Order | Rule Name | Issued Claims |
|-------|-----------|---------------|
| 1     | UPN       | UPN           |

OK Cancel Apply

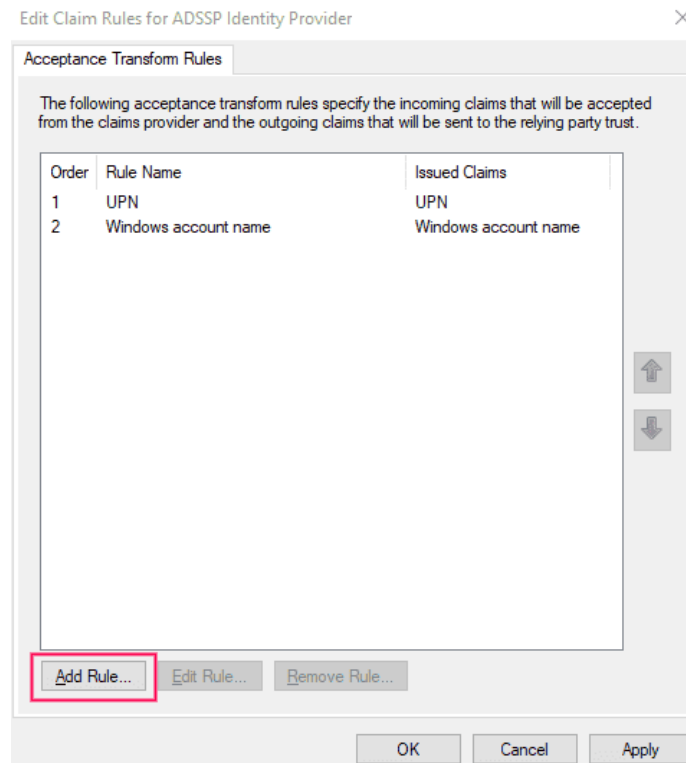
4. You need to add two more claim rules. So, click **Add Rule** from the *Edit Claims Rule for ADSSP Identity Provider* editor again.



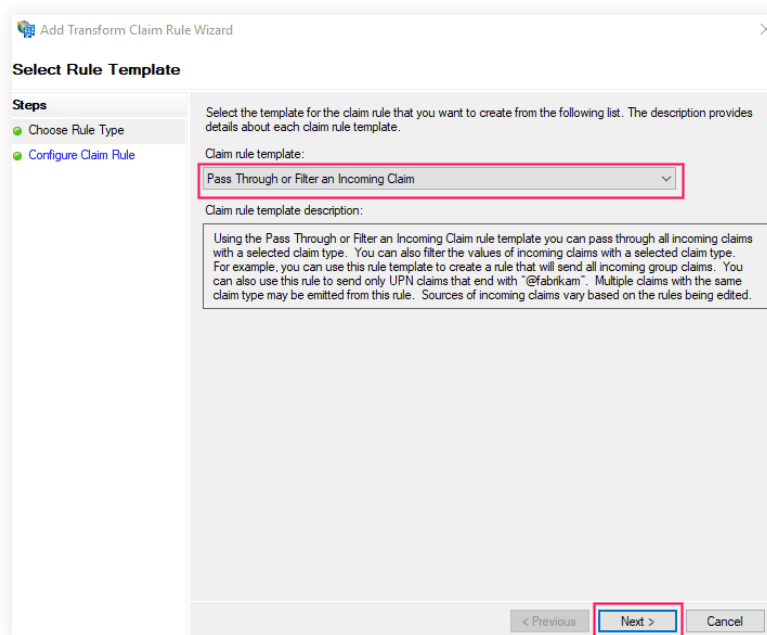
5. From the *Claim rule template* drop-down, select **Pass Through or Filter an Incoming Claim** and click **Next**.



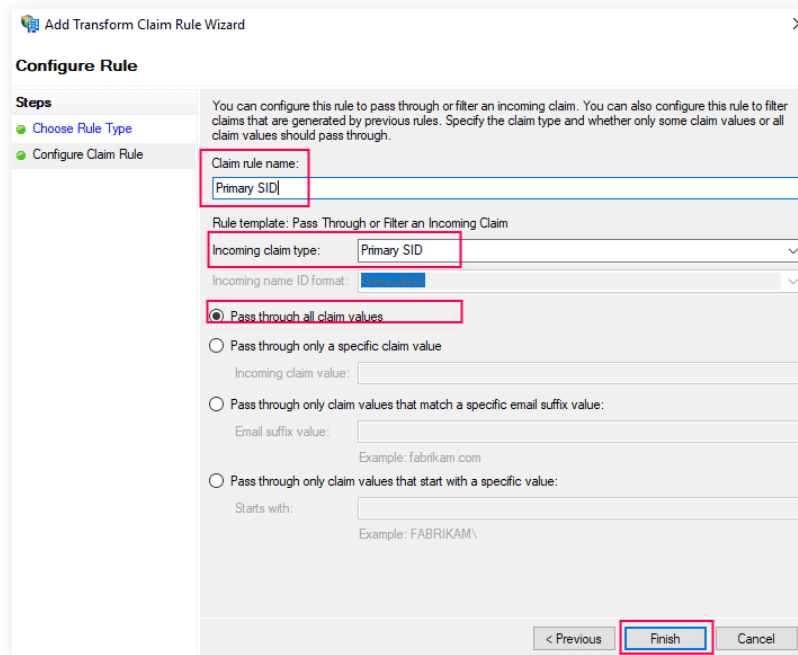
6. In the next window, enter a **Claim rule name** and set **Windows account name** as the **Incoming claim type**. Choose the **Pass through all claim values** radio button. Click **Finish** to complete adding the claims rule.



7. You need to add one more claim rule, so click **Add Rule** again.

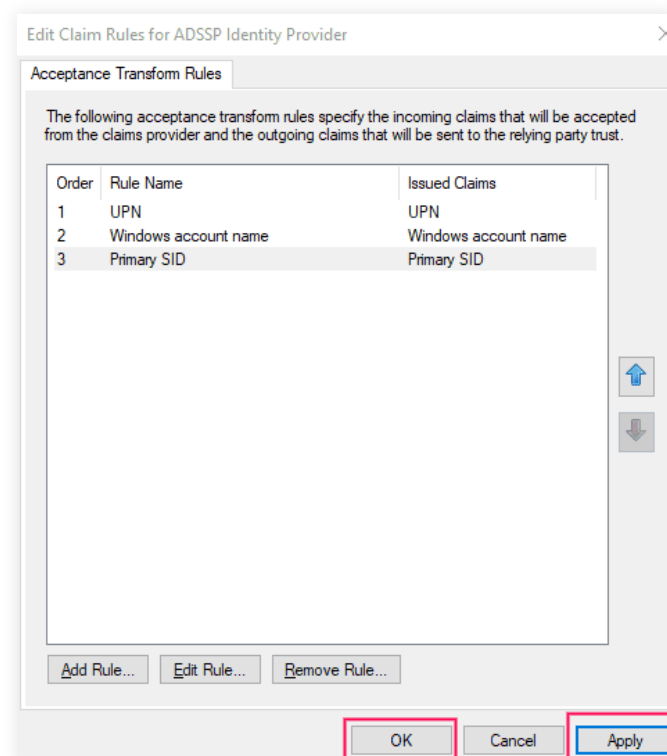


8. From the *Claim rule template* drop-down, select **Pass Through or Filter an Incoming Claim** and click **Next**.



9. In the next window, enter a **Claim rule name** and set **Primary SID** as the **Incoming claim type**. Choose the **Pass through all claim values** radio button. Click **Finish** to complete adding the claims rule.

Once all three claim rules are added, the **Edit Claim Rules for ADSSP Identity Provider** dialog box should look like this:



10. Click **Apply** and then **OK** to save the claim rules for ADSelfService Plus.

### Step 3: Executing Windows PowerShell commands

Open Windows PowerShell on the AD FS server and execute the following commands:

- Set the ADSelfService Plus claims provider to use **sAMAccountName** as the anchor claim type:

```
Set-AdfsClaimsProviderTrust -TargetIdentifier <ADSSP IdP Entity URL> -AnchorClaimType
http://schemas.microsoft.com/ws/2008/06/identity/claims/windowsaccountname
```

```
Select Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Set-AdfsClaimsProviderTrust -TargetIdentifier https://adselfserviceplus.com/iamapps/ssologin/custom_saml_app/3800a71b21b0d6629
2668f2954c991c0951ef7ad -AnchorClaimType http://schemas.microsoft.com/ws/2008/06/identity/claims/windowsaccountname
```

**Note:** The value of the <ADSSP IdP Entity URL> should be copied from the IdP metadata in [Step 11](#) of the **Set up ADSelfService Plus to authenticate Outlook users** section.

- Configure AD FS to redirect to ADSelfService Plus for authentication when logging into the Outlook on Windows app:

```
Set-AdfsWebApiApplication -TargetName "<Outlook> - Web API" -ClaimsProviderName
@"(<Display name of ADSSP claims provider name in ADFS>")
```

```
Administrator: Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\Administrator> Set-AdfsWebApiApplication -TargetName "Outlook - Web API" -ClaimsProviderName @"(ADSSP IdP)"
```

Once configured, users will be presented with the ADSelfService Plus login prompt with MFA when connecting to Exchange Server via Outlook on Windows.

**Note:**

- Replace <Display name of ADSSP claims provider name in ADFS> with the claim name copied in [Step 4](#) of the **Adding a new claims provider trust** section.
- Replace <Outlook> with the name for the native application group created in [Step 6b](#) of the **ADFS configuration for modern authentication** section.

## Step 4: Enabling MFA for cloud apps in ADSelfService Plus

ADSelfService Plus provides 20 MFA methods to secure your applications. Follow the steps below to configure the necessary authentication methods and enable MFA protection for Outlook.

### Step 1: Create a policy for users requiring MFA

a. Log into ADSelfService Plus with admin credentials and navigate to **Configuration > Self-Service > Policy Configuration**.

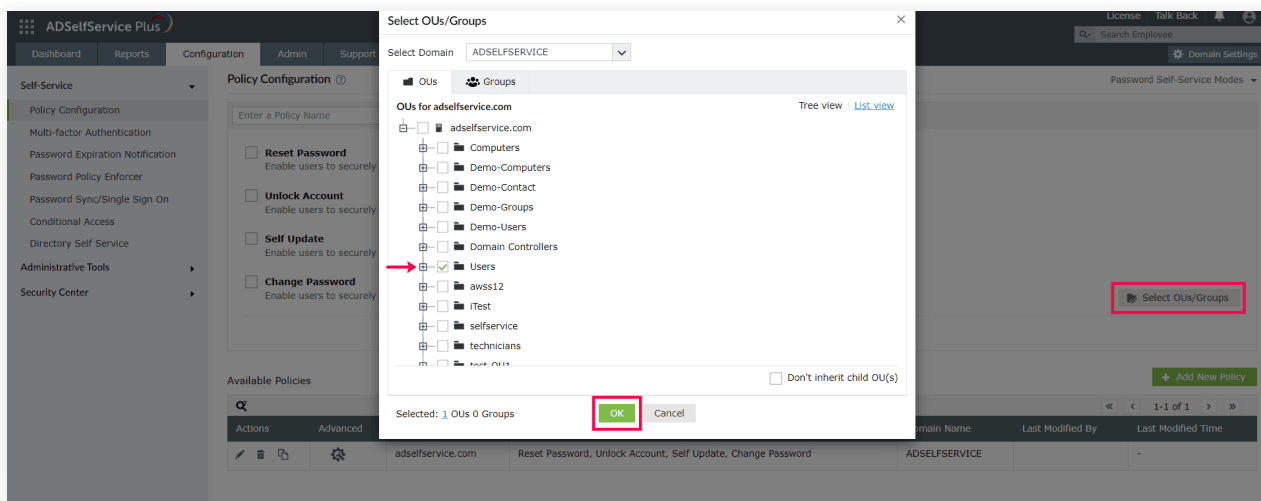
The screenshot shows the 'Policy Configuration' page in ADSelfService Plus. The left sidebar is expanded to 'Self-Service' > 'Policy Configuration'. The main content area shows a configuration form for a policy named 'adselfservice.com'. The form has four checked options: 'Reset Password', 'Unlock Account', 'Self Update', and 'Change Password'. Below the form is a table of 'Available Policies' with one entry for 'adselfservice.com'.

| Actions | Advanced | Policy Name       | Permissions  | Domain Name   | Last Modified By | Last Modified Time |
|---------|----------|-------------------|--|---------------|------------------|--------------------|
|         |          | adselfservice.com | Reset Password, Unlock Account, Self Update, Change Password | ADSELFSERVICE |                  | -                  |

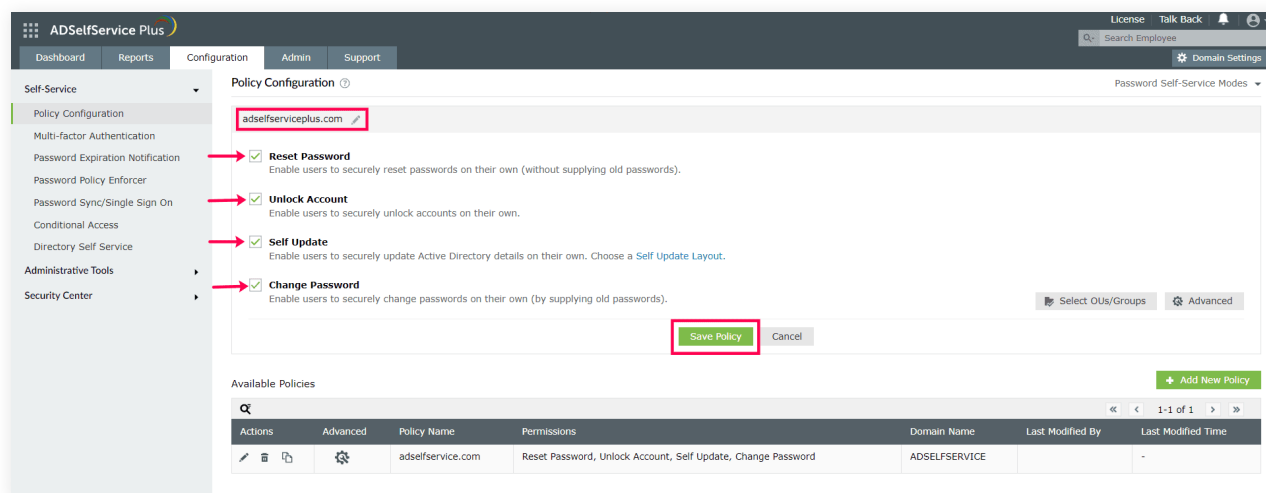
b. If only the specific subset of users needing MFA for Outlook are already in a policy, skip to [Step e](#). Otherwise, create a new policy by clicking the **Add New Policy** button.

The screenshot shows the 'Policy Configuration' page in ADSelfService Plus. The left sidebar is expanded to 'Self-Service' > 'Policy Configuration'. The main content area shows a configuration form for a new policy. The form has four unchecked options: 'Reset Password', 'Unlock Account', 'Self Update', and 'Change Password'. The 'Add New Policy' button is highlighted with a red box.

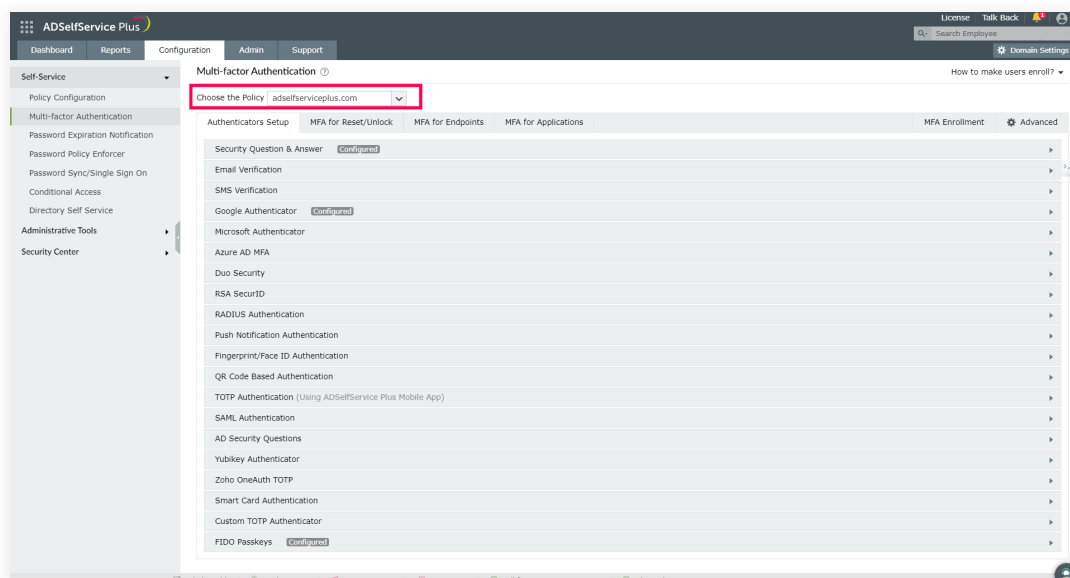
c. Click **Select OUs/Groups** at the bottom right of the page, select the users who need MFA, and click **OK**.



d. Choose the password self-service features you want to enable for these users (Reset Password, Unlock Account, Self Update, or Change Password), name the policy, and click **Save Policy**.



e. Go to **Configuration > Self-Service > Multi-Factor Authentication > Authenticator Setup** and select the policy you just created from the drop-down menu.

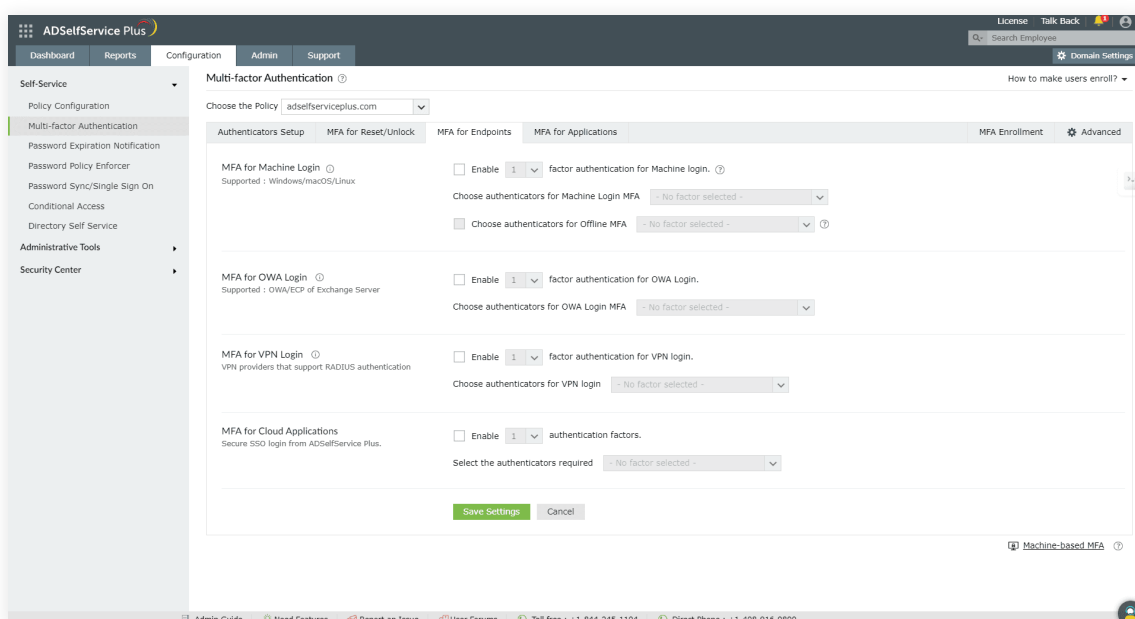


f. Configure the desired authentication methods for the selected policy and click **Save**. You can learn how to configure each authentication method by clicking the links on [this page](#).

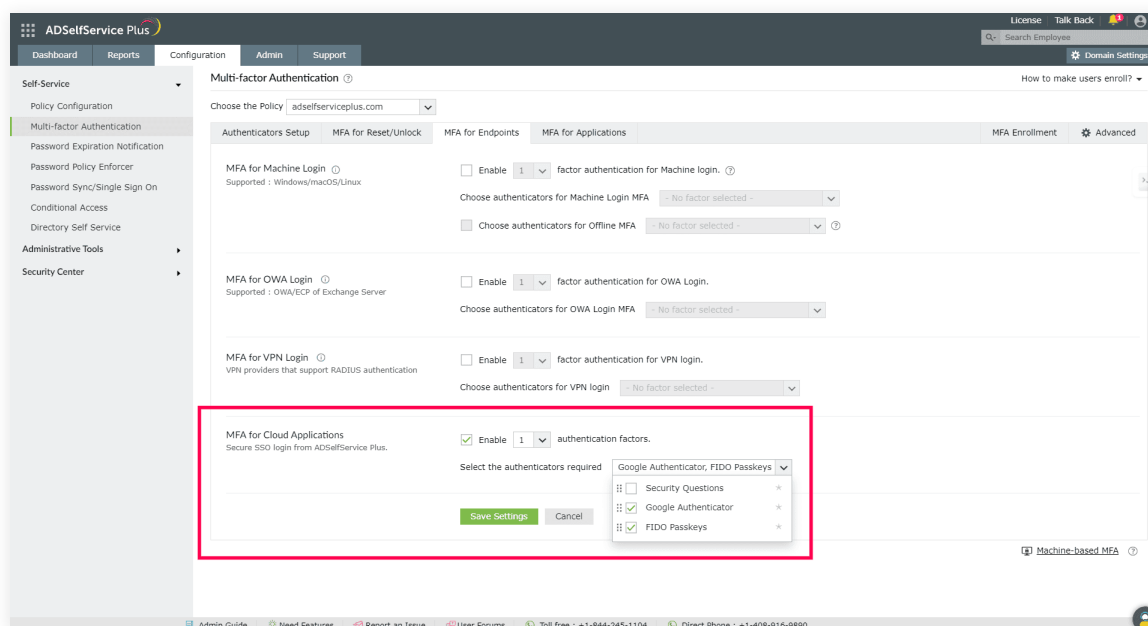
## Step 2: Enable the required MFA factors

Since ADSelfService Plus will be prompted by AD FS to act as an IdP via a browser, you need to enable **MFA for Cloud Applications** and select the required authenticators.

a. Log into ADSelfService Plus with admin credentials and navigate to **Configuration > Self-Service > Multi-Factor Authentication > MFA for Endpoints**.



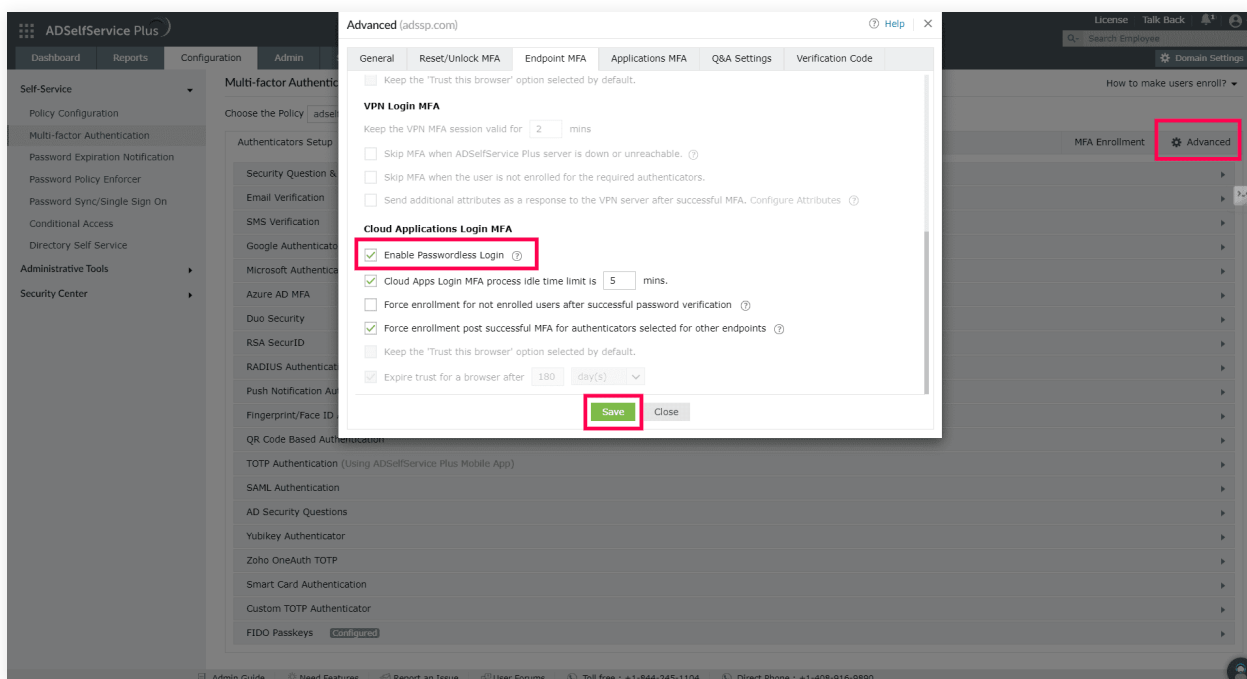
b. Under **MFA for Cloud Applications**, select the checkbox to **Enable <number\_of\_factors> authentication factors** and choose the required authenticators from the drop-down menu. Click **Save Settings**.





c. By default, ADSelfService Plus requires users to enter a password before initiating MFA.

To enable Passwordless logins, click **Advanced** at the top-right corner, go to **Endpoint MFA > Cloud Applications Login MFA**, select **Enable Passwordless logins**, and click **Save**.



That's it! Users will now see the ADSelfService Plus login prompt with the configured MFA factors when connecting to Exchange Server via the Outlook client.

For a visual walkthrough of the user experience, refer to this [demo video](#).

## Reference Documentation

- [Microsoft Docs](#)
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