



## User Accounts for FMC

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The FMC includes default **admin** accounts for web and CLI access. This chapter discusses how to create custom user accounts. See [Logging into the Firepower System](#) for detailed information about logging into the FMC with a user account.

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## About User Accounts for FMC

You can add three kinds of custom user accounts on the FMC: internal users, external users on an LDAP or RADIUS server, or SSO users on a SAML 2.0-compliant SSO identity provider. The FMC maintains separate user accounts from managed devices. For example, when you add a user to the FMC, that user only has access to the FMC; you cannot then use that username to log directly into a managed device. You must separately add a user on the managed device.

## Internal, External, and SSO Users

The FMC supports three types of users:

- **Internal user**—The FMC checks a local database for user authentication. For more information about internal users, see [Add an Internal User, on page 7](#).
- **External user**—If the user is not present in the local database, the system queries an external LDAP or RADIUS authentication server. For more information about external users, see [Configure External Authentication, on page 10](#).
- **SSO user**—If the account is configured at an SSO identity provider, the user logs in using a **Single Sign-On** link on the FMC login page, and the FMC redirects the user to the IdP for authentication and authorization. For more information about SSO users see [Configure SAML Single Sign-On, on page 25](#).

## Web Interface and CLI Access

The FMC has a web interface, CLI (accessible from the console (either the serial port or the keyboard and monitor) or using SSH to the management interface), and Linux shell. For detailed information about the management UIs, see [Firepower System User Interfaces](#).

See the following information about FMC user types, and which UI they can access:

- **admin user**—The FMC supports two different internal **admin** users: one for the web interface, and another with CLI access. The system initialization process synchronizes the passwords for these two **admin** accounts so they start out the same, but they are tracked by different internal mechanisms and may diverge after initial configuration. See the *Getting Started Guide* for your model for more information on system initialization. (To change the password for the web interface **admin**, use **System > Users > Users**. To change the password for the CLI **admin**, use the FMC CLI command **configure password**.)
- **Internal users**—Internal users added in the web interface have web interface access only.
- **External users**—External users have web interface access, and you can optionally configure CLI access.
- **SSO users**—SSO users have web interface access only.



### Caution

CLI users can access the Linux shell using the **expert** command. We strongly recommend that you do not use the Linux shell unless directed by Cisco TAC or explicit instructions in the FMC documentation. CLI users can obtain `sudoers` privileges in the Linux shell, which can present a security risk. For system security reasons, we strongly recommend that you:

- Restrict the list of external users with CLI access appropriately.
- Do not add users directly in the Linux shell; only use the procedures in this chapter.

## User Roles

### CLI User Role

CLI external users on the FMC do not have a user role; they can use all available commands.

### Web Interface User Roles

User privileges are based on the assigned user role. For example, you can grant analysts predefined roles such as Security Analyst and Discovery Admin and reserve the Administrator role for the security administrator managing the device. You can also create custom user roles with access privileges tailored to your organization's needs.

The FMC includes the following predefined user roles:



### Note

Predefined user roles that the system considers read-only for the purposes of concurrent session limits, are labeled with **(Read Only)** in the role name under **System > Users > Users** and **System > Users > User Roles**. If a user role does not contain **(Read Only)** in the role name, the system considers the role to be read/write. For more information on concurrent session limits, see [Global User Configuration Settings](#).

### Access Admin

Provides access to access control policy and associated features in the **Policies** menu. Access Admins cannot deploy policies.

### Administrator

Administrators have access to everything in the product; their sessions present a higher security risk if compromised, so you cannot make them exempt from login session timeouts.

You should limit use of the Administrator role for security reasons.

### Discovery Admin

Provides access to network discovery, application detection, and correlation features in the **Policies** menu. Discovery Admins cannot deploy policies.

### External Database User (Read Only)

Provides read-only access to the Firepower System database using an application that supports JDBC SSL connections. For the third-party application to authenticate to the Firepower System appliance, you must enable database access in the system settings. On the web interface, External Database Users have access only to online help-related options in the **Help** menu. Because this role's function does not involve the web interface, access is provided only for ease of support and password changes.

### Intrusion Admin

Provides access to all intrusion policy, intrusion rule, and network analysis policy features in the **Policies** and **Objects** menus. Intrusion Admins cannot deploy policies.

### Maintenance User

Provides access to monitoring and maintenance features. Maintenance Users have access to maintenance-related options in the **Health** and **System** menus.

### Network Admin

Provides access to access control, SSL inspection, DNS policy, and identity policy features in the **Policies** menu, as well as device configuration features in the **Devices** menus. Network Admins can deploy configuration changes to devices.

### Security Analyst

Provides access to security event analysis features, and read-only access to health events, in the **Overview**, **Analysis**, **Health**, and **System** menus.

### Security Analyst (Read Only)

Provides read-only access to security event analysis features and health event features in the **Overview**, **Analysis**, **Health**, and **System** menus.

User with this role can also:

- From the health monitor pages for specific devices, generate and download troubleshooting files.
- Under user preferences, set file download preferences.
- Under user preferences, set the default time window for event views (with the exception of the **Audit Log Time Window**).

### Security Approver

Provides limited access to access control and associated policies and network discovery policies in the **Policies** menu. Security Approvers can view and deploy these policies, but cannot make policy changes.

### Threat Intelligence Director (TID) User

Provides access to Threat Intelligence Director configurations in the **Intelligence** menu. Threat Intelligence Director (TID) Users can view and configure TID.

## User Passwords

The following rules apply to passwords for internal user accounts on the FMC, with Lights-Out Management (LOM) enabled or disabled. Different password requirements apply for externally authenticated accounts or in systems with security certifications compliance enabled. See [Configure External Authentication](#) and [Security Certifications Compliance](#) for more information.

During FMC initial configuration, the system requires the **admin** user to set the account password to comply with strong password requirements for LOM-enabled users as described in the table below. At this time the system synchronizes the passwords for the web interface **admin** and the CLI access **admin**. After initial configuration, the web interface **admin** can remove the strong password requirement, but the CLI access **admin** must always comply with strong password requirements.

	<b>LOM Not Enabled</b>	<b>LOM Enabled, admin user</b>
<b>Password Strength Checking On</b>	<p>Passwords must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least eight characters, or the number of characters configured for the user by the administrator, whichever is greater.</li> <li>• No more than two sequentially repeating characters</li> <li>• At least one lower case letter</li> <li>• At least one upper case letter</li> <li>• At least one digit</li> <li>• At least one special character such as ! @ # * - _ +</li> </ul> <p>The system checks passwords against a special dictionary containing not only many English dictionary words, but also other character strings that could be easily cracked with common password hacking techniques.</p>	<p>Passwords must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between eight and twenty characters (On MC 1000, MC 2500, and MC 4500 the upper limit is fourteen characters rather than twenty.)</li> <li>• No more than two sequentially repeating characters</li> <li>• At least one lower case letter</li> <li>• At least one upper case letter</li> <li>• At least one digit</li> <li>• At least one special character such as ! @ # * - _ +</li> </ul> <p>The rules for special characters vary between different series of physical FMCs. We recommend restricting your choice of special characters to those listed in the final bullet above.</p> <p>Do not include the user name in the password.</p> <p>The system checks passwords against a special dictionary containing not only many English dictionary words, but also other character strings that could be easily cracked with common password hacking techniques.</p>

	LOM Not Enabled	LOM Enabled, admin user
<b>Password Strength Checking Off</b>	<p>Passwords must include the minimum number of characters configured for the user by the administrator. (See <a href="#">Add an Internal User</a>, on page 7 for more information.)</p>	<p>Passwords must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Between eight and twenty characters (On MC 1000, MC 2500, and MC 4500 the upper limit is fourteen characters rather than twenty.)</li> <li>• Characters from at least three of the following four categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uppercase letters</li> <li>• Lowercase letters</li> <li>• Digits</li> <li>• Special characters such as ! @ # * - _ +</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The rules for special characters vary between different series of physical FMCs. We recommend restricting your choice of special characters to those listed in the final bullet above.</p> <p>Do not include the user name in the password.</p>

## Guidelines and Limitations for User Accounts for FMC

- The FMC includes an **admin** user as a local user account for all forms of access; you cannot delete the **admin** user. The default initial password is **Admin123**; the system forces you to change this during the initialization process. See the *Getting Started Guide* for your model for more information about system initialization.
- By default the following settings apply to all user accounts on the FMC:
  - There are no limits on password reuse.
  - The system does not track successful logins.
  - The system does not enforce a timed temporary lockout for users who enter incorrect login credentials.
  - There are no user-defined limits on the number of read-only and read/write sessions that can be open at the same time.

You can change these settings for all users as a system configuration. (**System > Configuration > User Configuration**) See [Global User Configuration Settings](#).

- Ensure that you follow the principles of least privilege when assigning default access roles to users at initial setup. When a user first logs in to the system with their credentials, their account will be assigned this default access role. We recommend that the default access role be the lowest possible privilege

required for anyone to log in to the system. For example, common users can be given the Security Analyst (Read-Only) role as the default access role, and administrators can be added to a separate administrator's group to give them full administrator rights. If you do not follow the principles of least privilege while assigning the default access role, users may be assigned an unintended privilege level on subsequent logins. This could result in the users having privileges beyond their required access role. Note that this guideline applies to all users - internal, external, or CAC users.

If a user who has logged in with the default access role needs a temporary elevation of their privileges, a user with administrative privileges can temporarily provide that user the required higher level of access by assigning them a role with higher privilege. This privilege will be revoked after 24 hours of inactivity, and the user will return to their default access role.

If a user needs a permanent access role reassignment to a higher privilege level, such as System Admin, use the Group Controlled Access Roles method to provide admin access to the user. This method ensures that the provided access role persists beyond 24 hours and users will have the correct privilege level as per the group assignment. For more information on configuring Group Controlled Access Roles, see the [Step 13](#) section.

## Requirements and Prerequisites for User Accounts for FMC

### Model Support

FMC

### Supported Domains

- SSO configuration—Global only.
- All other features—Any.

### User Roles

- SSO configuration—Only users with the Admin role authenticated internally or by LDAP or RADIUS can configure SSO.
- All other features—Any user with the Admin role.
- [Configure Common Access Card Authentication with LDAP, on page 24](#) also supports the Network Admin role.

## Add an Internal User

This procedure describes how to add custom internal user accounts for the FMC.

The **System > Users > Users** shows both internal users that you added manually and external users that were added automatically when a user logged in with LDAP or RADIUS authentication. For external users, you can modify the user role on this screen if you assign a role with higher privileges; you cannot modify the password settings.

In a multidomain deployment on the FMC, users are only visible in the domain in which they are created. Note that if you add a user in the Global domain, but then assign a user role for a leaf domain, then that user still shows on the Global **Users** page where it was added, even though the user "belongs" to a leaf domain.

If you enable security certifications compliance or Lights-Out Management (LOM) on a device, different password restrictions apply. For more information on security certifications compliance, see [Security Certifications Compliance](#).

When you add a user in a leaf domain, that user is not visible from the global domain.




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**Note** Avoid having multiple Admin users simultaneously creating new users on the FMC, as this may cause an error resulting from a conflict in user database access.

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### Procedure

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**Step 1** Choose **System** > **Users**.

**Step 2** Click **Create User**.

**Step 3** Enter a **User Name**.

The username must comply with the following restrictions:

- Maximum 32 alphanumeric characters, plus hyphen (-), underscore (\_) and period (.
- Letters may be upper or lower case.
- Cannot include any punctuation or special characters other than hyphen (-), underscore (\_) and period (.

**Step 4** **Real Name:** Enter descriptive information to identify the user or department to whom the account belongs.

**Step 5** The **Use External Authentication Method** checkbox is checked for users that were added automatically when they logged in with LDAP or RADIUS. You do not need to pre-configure external users, so you can ignore this field. For an external user, you can revert this user to an internal user by *unchecking* the check box.

**Step 6** Enter values in the **Password** and **Confirm Password** fields.

The values must conform to the password options you set for this user.

**Step 7** Set the **Maximum Number of Failed Logins**.

Enter an integer, without spaces, that determines the maximum number of times each user can try to log in after a failed login attempt before the account is locked. The default setting is 5 tries; use 0 to allow an unlimited number of failed logins. The **admin** account is exempt from being locked out after a maximum number of failed logins unless you enabled security certification compliance.

**Step 8** Set the **Minimum Password Length**.

Enter an integer, without spaces, that determines the minimum required length, in characters, of a user's password. The default setting is 8. A value of 0 indicates that no minimum length is required.

**Step 9** Set the **Days Until Password Expiration**.



Enter the number of days after which the user's password expires. The default setting is **0**, which indicates that the password never expires. If you change from the default, then the **Password Lifetime** column of the **Users** list indicates the days remaining on each user's password.

**Step 10** Set the **Days Before Password Expiration Warning**.

Enter the number of warning days users have to change their password before their password actually expires. The default setting is **0** days.

**Step 11** Set user **Options**.

- **Force Password Reset on Login**—Forces users to change their passwords the next time they log in.
- **Check Password Strength**—Requires strong passwords. When password strength checking is enabled, passwords must comply with the strong password requirements described in [User Passwords, on page 4](#).
- **Exempt from Browser Session Timeout**—Exempts a user's login sessions from termination due to inactivity. Users with the Administrator role cannot be made exempt.

**Step 12** In the **User Role Configuration** area, assign user role(s). For more information about user roles, see [Customize User Roles for the Web Interface, on page 76](#).

For external users, if the user role is assigned through group membership (LDAP), or based on a user attribute (RADIUS), you cannot remove the minimum access rights. You can, however, assign additional rights. If the user role is the default user role that you set on the device, then you can modify the role in the user account without limitations. When you modify the user role, the **Authentication Method** column on the **Users** tab provides a status of **External - Locally Modified**.

The options you see depend on whether the device is in a single domain or multidomain deployment.

- **Single domain**—Check the user role(s) you want to assign the user.
- **Multidomain**—In a multidomain deployment, you can create user accounts in any domain in which you have been assigned Administrator access. Users can have different privileges in each domain. You can assign user roles in both ancestor and descendant domains. For example, you can assign read-only privileges to a user in the Global domain, but Administrator privileges in a descendant domain. See the following steps:
  - a. Click **Add Domain**.
  - b. Choose a domain from the **Domain** drop-down list.
  - c. Check the user roles you want to assign the user.
  - d. Click **Save**.

**Step 13** (Optional, for physical FMCs only.) If you have assigned the user the Administrator role, the **Administrator Options** appear. You can select **Allow Lights-Out Management Access** to grant Lights-Out Management access to the user. See [Lights-Out Management Overview](#) for more information about Lights-Out Management.

**Step 14** Click **Save**.

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# Configure External Authentication

To enable external authentication, you need to add one or more external authentication objects.

## About External Authentication

When you enable external authentication, the FMC verifies the user credentials with an LDAP or RADIUS server as specified in an *external authentication object*.

You can configure multiple external authentication objects for web interface access. For example, if you have 5 external authentication objects, users from any of them can be authenticated to access the web interface. You can use only one external authentication object for CLI access. If you have more than one external authentication object enabled, then users can authenticate using only the first object in the list.

External authentication objects can be used by the FMC and Firepower Threat Defense devices. You can share the same object between the different appliance/device types, or create separate objects.



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**Note** The timeout range is different for the FTD and the FMC, so if you share an object, be sure not to exceed the FTD's smaller timeout range (1-30 seconds for LDAP, and 1-300 seconds for RADIUS). If you set the timeout to a higher value, the FTD external authentication configuration will not work..

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For the FMC, enable the external authentication objects directly on the **System > Users > External Authentication** tab; this setting only affects FMC usage, and it does not need to be enabled on this tab for managed device usage. For Firepower Threat Defense devices, you must enable the external authentication object in the platform settings that you deploy to the devices.

Web interface users are defined separately from CLI users in the external authentication object. For CLI users on RADIUS, you must pre-configure the list of RADIUS usernames in the external authentication object. For LDAP, you can specify a filter to match CLI users on the LDAP server.

You cannot use an LDAP object for CLI access that is also configured for CAC authentication.



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**Note** Users with CLI access can gain Linux shell access with the **expert** command. Linux shell users can obtain root privileges, which can present a security risk. Make sure that you:

- Restrict the list of users with CLI or Linux shell access.
  - Do not create Linux shell users.
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## About LDAP

The Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) allows you to set up a directory on your network that organizes objects, such as user credentials, in a centralized location. Multiple applications can then access those credentials and the information used to describe them. If you ever need to change a user's credentials, you can change them in one place.

Microsoft has announced that Active Directory servers will start enforcing LDAP binding and LDAP signing in 2020. Microsoft is making these a requirement because when using default settings, an elevation of privilege

vulnerability exists in Microsoft Windows that could allow a man-in-the-middle attacker to successfully forward an authentication request to a Windows LDAP server. For more information, see [2020 LDAP channel binding and LDAP signing requirement for Windows](#) on the Microsoft support site.

If you have not done so already, we recommend you start using TLS/SSL encryption to authenticate with an Active Directory server.

## About RADIUS

Remote Authentication Dial In User Service (RADIUS) is an authentication protocol used to authenticate, authorize, and account for user access to network resources. You can create an authentication object for any RADIUS server that conforms to [RFC 2865](#).

Firepower devices support the use of SecurID tokens. When you configure authentication by a server using SecurID, users authenticated against that server append the SecurID token to the end of their SecurID PIN and use that as their password when they log in. You do not need to configure anything extra on the Firepower device to support SecurID.

## Add an LDAP External Authentication Object for FMC

Add an LDAP server to support external users for device management.

In a multidomain deployment, external authentication objects are only available in the domain in which they are created.

### Before you begin

- You must specify DNS server(s) for domain name lookup on your device. Even if you specify an IP address and not a hostname for the LDAP server on this procedure, the LDAP server may return a URI for authentication that can include a hostname. A DNS lookup is required to resolve the hostname. See [Modify FMC Management Interfaces](#) to add DNS servers.
- If you are configuring an LDAP authentication object for use with CAC authentication, do not remove the CAC inserted in your computer. You must have a CAC inserted at all times after enabling user certificates.

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **System > Users**.
  - Step 2** Click the **External Authentication** tab.
  - Step 3** Click **Add External Authentication Object**.
  - Step 4** Set the **Authentication Method** to **LDAP**.
  - Step 5** (Optional) Check the check box for **CAC** if you plan to use this authentication object for CAC authentication and authorization.  
  
You must also follow the procedure in [Configure Common Access Card Authentication with LDAP](#), on page 24 to fully configure CAC authentication and authorization. You cannot use this object for CLI users.
  - Step 6** Enter a **Name** and optional **Description**.
  - Step 7** Choose a **Server Type** from the drop-down list.

**Tip** If you click **Set Defaults**, the device populates the **User Name Template**, **UI Access Attribute**, **CLI Access Attribute**, **Group Member Attribute**, and **Group Member URL Attribute** fields with default values for the server type.

**Step 8** For the **Primary Server**, enter a **Host Name/IP Address**.

If you are using a certificate to connect via TLS or SSL, the host name in the certificate must match the host name used in this field. In addition, IPv6 addresses are not supported for encrypted connections.

**Step 9** (Optional) Change the **Port** from the default.

**Step 10** (Optional) Enter the **Backup Server** parameters.

**Step 11** Enter **LDAP-Specific Parameters**.

a) Enter the **Base DN** for the LDAP directory you want to access. For example, to authenticate names in the Security organization at the Example company, enter `ou=security,dc=example,dc=com`. Alternatively click **Fetch DNs**, and choose the appropriate base distinguished name from the drop-down list.

b) (Optional) Enter the **Base Filter**. For example, if the user objects in a directory tree have a `physicalDeliveryOfficeName` attribute and users in the New York office have an attribute value of `NewYork` for that attribute, to retrieve only users in the New York office, enter `(physicalDeliveryOfficeName=NewYork)`.

If you are using CAC authentication, to filter only active user accounts (excluding the disabled user accounts), enter `(!(userAccountControl:1.2.840.113556.1.4.803:=2))`. This criteria retrieves user accounts within AD belonging to `ldpgrp` group and with `userAccountControl` attribute value that is not 2 (disabled).

c) Enter a **User Name** for a user who has sufficient credentials to browse the LDAP server. For example, if you are connecting to an OpenLDAP server where user objects have a `uid` attribute, and the object for the administrator in the Security division at your example company has a `uid` value of `NetworkAdmin`, you might enter `uid=NetworkAdmin,ou=security,dc=example,dc=com`.

d) Enter the user password in the **Password** and the **Confirm Password** fields.

e) (Optional) Click **Show Advanced Options** to configure the following advanced options.

- **Encryption**—Click **None**, **TLS**, or **SSL**.

If you change the encryption method after specifying a port, you reset the port to the default value for that method. For **None** or **TLS**, the port resets to the default value of 389. If you choose **SSL** encryption, the port resets to 636.

- **SSL Certificate Upload Path**—For SSL or TLS encryption, you must choose a certificate by clicking **Choose File**.

If you previously uploaded a certificate and want to replace it, upload the new certificate and redeploy the configuration to your devices to copy over the new certificate.

**Note** TLS encryption requires a certificate on all platforms. We recommend that you *always* upload a certificate for SSL to prevent man-in-the-middle attacks.

- **User Name Template**—Provide a template that corresponds with your **UI Access Attribute**. For example, to authenticate all users who work in the Security organization of the Example company by connecting to an OpenLDAP server where the UI access attribute is `uid`, you might enter `uid=%s,ou=security,dc=example,dc=com` in the **User Name Template** field. For a Microsoft Active Directory server, you could enter `%s@security.example.com`.

This field is required for CAC authentication.

- **Timeout**—Enter the number of seconds before rolling over to the backup connection, between 1 and 1024. The default is 30.

**Note** The timeout range is different for the FTD and the FMC, so if you share an object, be sure not to exceed the FTD's smaller timeout range (1-30 seconds). If you set the timeout to a higher value, the FTD LDAP configuration will not work.

**Step 12** (Optional) Configure **Attribute Mapping** to retrieve users based on an attribute.

- Enter a **UI Access Attribute**, or click **Fetch Attrs** to retrieve a list of available attributes. For example, on a Microsoft Active Directory Server, you may want to use the UI access attribute to retrieve users, because there may not be a `uid` attribute on Active Directory Server user objects. Instead, you can search the `userPrincipalName` attribute by typing `userPrincipalName` in the **UI Access Attribute** field.

This field is required for CAC authentication.

- Set the **CLI Access Attribute** if you want to use a shell access attribute other than the user distinguished type. For example, on a Microsoft Active Directory Server, use the `sAMAccountName` CLI access attribute to retrieve CLI access users by typing `sAMAccountName`.

**Step 13** (Optional) Configure **Group Controlled Access Roles**.

If you do not configure a user's privileges using group-controlled access roles, a user has only the privileges granted by default in the external authentication policy.

- a) (Optional) In the fields that correspond to user roles, enter the distinguished name for the LDAP groups that contain users who should be assigned to those roles.

Any group you reference must exist on the LDAP server. You can reference static LDAP groups or dynamic LDAP groups. Static LDAP groups are groups where membership is determined by group object attributes that point to specific users, and dynamic LDAP groups are groups where membership is determined by creating an LDAP search that retrieves group users based on user object attributes. Group access rights for a role only affect users who are members of the group.

If you use a dynamic group, the LDAP query is used exactly as it is configured on the LDAP server. For this reason, the Firepower device limits the number of recursions of a search to 4 to prevent search syntax errors from causing infinite loops.

**Example:**

Enter the following in the **Administrator** field to authenticate names in the information technology organization at the Example company:

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cn=itgroup,ou=groups, dc=example,dc=com
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- b) Choose a **Default User Role** for users that do not belong to any of the specified groups.
- c) If you use static groups, enter a **Group Member Attribute**.

**Example:**

If the `member` attribute is used to indicate membership in the static group for default Security Analyst access, enter `member`.

- d) If you use dynamic groups, enter a **Group Member URL Attribute**.

**Example:**

If the `memberURL` attribute contains the LDAP search that retrieves members for the dynamic group you specified for default Admin access, enter `memberURL`.

If you change a user's role, you must save/deploy the changed external authentication object and also remove the user from the **Users** screen. The user will be re-added automatically the next time they log in.

**Step 14** (Optional) Set the **CLI Access Filter** to allow CLI users.

To prevent LDAP authentication of CLI access, leave this field blank. To specify CLI users, choose one of the following methods:

- To use the same filter you specified when configuring authentication settings, choose **Same as Base Filter**.
- To retrieve administrative user entries based on attribute value, enter the attribute name, a comparison operator, and the attribute value you want to use as a filter, enclosed in parentheses. For example, if all network administrators have a `manager` attribute which has an attribute value of `shell`, you can set a base filter of `(manager=shell)`.

The usernames must be Linux-valid:

- Maximum 32 alphanumeric characters, plus hyphen (-) and underscore (\_)
- All lowercase
- Cannot start with hyphen (-); cannot be all numbers; cannot include a period (.), at sign (@), or slash (/)

**Note** Users with CLI access can gain Linux shell access with the **expert** command. Linux shell users can obtain root privileges, which can present a security risk. Make sure that you restrict the list of users with CLI or Linux shell access.

**Note** Do not create any internal users that have the same user name as users included in the **CLI Access Filter**. The only internal FMC user should be **admin**; do not include an **admin** user in the **CLI Access Filter**.

**Step 15** (Optional) Click **Test** to test connectivity to the LDAP server.

The test output lists valid and invalid user names. Valid user names are unique, and can include underscores (\_), periods (.), hyphens (-), and alphanumeric characters. Note that testing the connection to servers with more than 1000 users only returns 1000 users because of UI page size limitations. If the test fails, see [Troubleshooting LDAP Authentication Connections, on page 81](#).

**Step 16** (Optional) You can also enter **Additional Test Parameters** to test user credentials for a user who should be able to authenticate: enter a **User Name** `uid` and **Password**, and then click **Test**.

If you are connecting to a Microsoft Active Directory Server and supplied a UI access attribute in place of `uid`, use the value for that attribute as the user name. You can also specify a fully qualified distinguished name for the user.

**Tip** If you mistype the name or password of the test user, the test fails even if the server configuration is correct. To verify that the server configuration is correct, click **Test** without entering user information in the **Additional Test Parameters** field first. If that succeeds, supply a user name and password to test with the specific user.

**Example:**

To test if you can retrieve the `JSmith` user credentials at the Example company, enter `JSmith` and the correct password.

**Step 17**

Click **Save**.

**Step 18**

Enable use of this server. See [Enable External Authentication for Users on the FMC, on page 23](#).

**Examples****Basic Example**

The following figures illustrate a basic configuration of an LDAP login authentication object for a Microsoft Active Directory Server. The LDAP server in this example has an IP address of 10.11.3.4. The connection uses port 389 for access.

### External Authentication Object

Authentication Method:

CAC:  Use for CAC authentication and authorization

Name \*:

Description:

Server Type:  [Set Defaults](#)

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#### Primary Server

Host Name/IP Address \*:  ex. IP or hostname

Port \*:

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#### Backup Server (Optional)

Host Name/IP Address:  ex. IP or hostname

Port:

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#### LDAP-Specific Parameters

Base DN \*:  ex. dc=sourcefire,dc=com [Fetch DNS](#)

Base Filter:  ex. (cn=jsmith), (!cn=jsmith), (&(cn=jsmith)((cn=bsmith)(cn=csmith\*)))

User Name \*:  ex. cn=jsmith,dc=sourcefire,dc=com

Password \*:

Confirm Password \*:

[▶ Show Advanced Options](#)

This example shows a connection using a base distinguished name of `OU=security,DC=it,DC=example,DC=com` for the security organization in the information technology domain of the Example company.

**Attribute Mapping**

UI Access Attribute \*

CLI Access Attribute \*

▸ Group Controlled Access Roles (Optional)

**CLI Access Filter**

CLI Access Filter  Same as Base Filter ex. (cn=smitn), (cn=smitn), (&(cn=smitn))((cn=bsmitn)(cn=csmitn\*))

(Mandatory for FTD devices)

**Additional Test Parameters**

User Name

Password

\*Required Field

However, because this server is a Microsoft Active Directory server, it uses the `sAMAccountName` attribute to store user names rather than the `uid` attribute. Choosing the MS Active Directory server type and clicking **Set Defaults** sets the UI Access Attribute to `sAMAccountName`. As a result, the Firepower System checks the `sAMAccountName` attribute for each object for matching user names when a user attempts to log into the Firepower System.

In addition, a CLI Access Attribute of `sAMAccountName` causes each `sAMAccountName` attribute to be checked for all objects in the directory for matches when a user logs into a CLI account on the appliance.

Note that because no base filter is applied to this server, the Firepower System checks attributes for all objects in the directory indicated by the base distinguished name. Connections to the server time out after the default time period (or the timeout period set on the LDAP server).

### Advanced Example

This example illustrates an advanced configuration of an LDAP login authentication object for a Microsoft Active Directory Server. The LDAP server in this example has an IP address of 10.11.3.4. The connection uses port 636 for access.

**External Authentication Object**

Authentication Method

CAC  Use for CAC authentication and authorization

Name \*

Description

Server Type

**Primary Server**

Host Name/IP Address \*  ex. IP or hostname

Port \*

This example shows a connection using a base distinguished name of `OU=security,DC=it,DC=example,DC=com` for the security organization in the information technology



domain of the Example company. However, note that this server has a base filter of `(cn=*smith)`. The filter restricts the users retrieved from the server to those with a common name ending in `smith`.

### LDAP-Specific Parameters

Base DN *	<input type="text" value="OU=security,DC=it,DC=example, D"/>	<input type="button" value="Fetch DNs"/>	ex. dc=sourcefire,dc=com
Base Filter	<input type="text" value="(CN=*smith)"/>		ex. (&(cn=jsmith), (&(cn=jsmith)) ((cn=bsmith)(cn=cmistr)))
User Name *	<input type="text" value="CN=admin,DC=example,DC=com"/>		ex. cn=jsmith,dc=sourcefire,dc=com
Password *	<input type="password" value="....."/>		
Confirm Password *	<input type="password" value="....."/>		
▼ Show Advanced Options			
Encryption	<input checked="" type="radio"/> SSL <input type="radio"/> TLS <input type="radio"/> None		
SSL Certificate Upload Path	<input type="button" value="Choose File"/> certificate.pem		ex. PEM Format (base64 encoded version of DER)
User Name Template	<input type="text" value="%s"/>		ex. cn=%s,dc=sourcefire,dc=com
Timeout (Seconds)	<input type="text" value="60"/>		
<b>Attribute Mapping</b>			
UI Access Attribute *	<input type="text" value="sAMAccountName"/>	<input type="button" value="Fetch Attrs"/>	
CLI Access Attribute *	<input type="text" value="sAMAccountName"/>		

The connection to the server is encrypted using SSL and a certificate named `certificate.pem` is used for the connection. In addition, connections to the server time out after 60 seconds because of the **Timeout** setting.

Because this server is a Microsoft Active Directory server, it uses the `sAMAccountName` attribute to store user names rather than the `uid` attribute. Note that the configuration includes a **UI Access Attribute** of `sAMAccountName`. As a result, the Firepower System checks the `sAMAccountName` attribute for each object for matching user names when a user attempts to log into the Firepower System.

In addition, a **CLI Access Attribute** of `sAMAccountName` causes each `sAMAccountName` attribute to be checked for all objects in the directory for matches when a user logs into a CLI account on the appliance.

This example also has group settings in place. The Maintenance User role is automatically assigned to all members of the group with a `member` group attribute and the base domain name of `CN=SFmaintenance,DC=it,DC=example,DC=com`.

▾ Group Controlled Access Roles (Optional)

Access Admin

Administrator

Discovery Admin

External Database User

Intrusion Admin

Maintenance User

Network Admin

Security Analyst

Security Analyst (Read Only)

Security Approver

Threat Intelligence Director (TID) User

Default User Role  To specify the default user role if user is not found in any group

Group Member Attribute

Group Member URL Attribute

The **CLI Access Filter** is set to be the same as the base filter, so the same users can access the appliance through the CLI as through the web interface.

## CLI Access Filter

CLI Access Filter ⓘ  Same as Base Filter

(Mandatory for Firewall Threat Defense devices)

## Additional Test Parameters

User Name

Password

\*Required Field

## Add a RADIUS External Authentication Object for FMC

Add a RADIUS server to support external users for device management.

In a multidomain deployment, external authentication objects are only available in the domain in which they are created.

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **System > Users**.
- Step 2** Click **External Authentication**.
- Step 3** Click **Add External Authentication Object**.
- Step 4** Set the **Authentication Method** to **RADIUS**.
- Step 5** Enter a **Name** and optional **Description**.
- Step 6** For the **Primary Server**, enter a **Host Name/IP Address**.
- Step 7** (Optional) Change the **Port** from the default.
- Step 8** Enter the **RADIUS Secret Key**.
- Step 9** (Optional) Enter the **Backup Server** parameters.
- Step 10** (Optional) Enter **RADIUS-Specific Parameters**.
- Enter the **Timeout** in seconds before retrying the primary server, between 1 and 1024. The default is 30.  
**Note** The timeout range is different for the FTD and the FMC, so if you share an object, be sure not to exceed the FTD's smaller timeout range (1-300 seconds). If you set the timeout to a higher value, the FTD RADIUS configuration will not work.
  - Enter the **Retries** before rolling over to the backup server. The default is 3.
  - In the fields that correspond to user roles, enter the name of each user or identifying attribute-value pair that should be assigned to those roles.  
  
Separate usernames and attribute-value pairs with commas.  
**Example:**  
If you know all users who should be Security Analysts have the value `Analyst` for their `User-Category` attribute, you can enter `User-Category=Analyst` in the **Security Analyst** field to grant that role to those users.  
**Example:**  
To grant the Administrator role to the users `jsmith` and `jdoe`, enter `jsmith, jdoe` in the **Administrator** field.  
**Example:**  
To grant the Maintenance User role to all users with a `User-Category` value of `Maintenance`, enter `User-Category=Maintenance` in the **Maintenance User** field.
  - Select the **Default User Role** for users that do not belong to any of the specified groups.  
  
If you change a user's role, you must save/deploy the changed external authentication object and also remove the user from the **Users** screen. The user will be re-added automatically the next time they log in.
- Step 11** (Optional) **Define Custom RADIUS Attributes**.

If your RADIUS server returns values for attributes not included in the `dictionary` file in `/etc/radiusclient/`, and you plan to use those attributes to set roles for users with those attributes, you need to define those attributes. You can locate the attributes returned for a user by looking at the user's profile on your RADIUS server.

a) Enter an **Attribute Name**.

When you define an attribute, you provide the name of the attribute, which consists of alphanumeric characters. Note that words in an attribute name should be separated by dashes rather than spaces.

b) Enter the **Attribute ID** as an integer.

The attribute ID should be an integer and should not conflict with any existing attribute IDs in the `etc/radiusclient/dictionary` file.

c) Choose the **Attribute Type** from the drop-down list.

You also specify the type of attribute: string, IP address, integer, or date.

d) Click **Add** to add the custom attribute.

When you create a RADIUS authentication object, a new dictionary file for that object is created on the device in the `/var/sf/userauth` directory. Any custom attributes you add are added to the dictionary file.

**Example:**

If a RADIUS server is used on a network with a Cisco router, you might want to use the `Ascend-Assign-IP-Pool` attribute to grant a specific role to all users logging in from a specific IP address pool. `Ascend-Assign-IP-Pool` is an integer attribute that defines the address pool where the user is allowed to log in, with the integer indicating the number of the assigned IP address pool.

To declare that custom attribute, you create a custom attribute with an attribute name of `Ascend-IP-Pool-Definition`, an attribute ID of 218, and an attribute type of `integer`.

You could then enter `Ascend-Assign-IP-Pool=2` in the **Security Analyst (Read Only)** field to grant read-only security analyst rights to all users with an `Ascend-IP-Pool-Definition` attribute value of 2.

**Step 12**

(Optional) In the **CLI Access Filter** area **Administrator CLI Access User List** field, enter the user names that should have CLI access, separated by commas.

Make sure that these usernames match usernames on the RADIUS server. The names must be Linux-valid usernames:

- Maximum 32 alphanumeric characters, plus hyphen (-) and underscore (\_)
- All lowercase
- Cannot start with hyphen (-); cannot be all numbers; cannot include a period (.), at sign (@), or slash (/)

To prevent RADIUS authentication of CLI access, leave the field blank.

**Note** Users with CLI access can gain Linux shell access with the **expert** command. Linux shell users can obtain root privileges, which can present a security risk. Make sure that you restrict the list of users with CLI or Linux shell access.

**Note** Remove any internal users that have the same user name as users included in the shell access filter. For the FMC, the only internal CLI user is **admin**, so do not also create an **admin** external user.

- Step 13** (Optional) Click **Test** to test FMC connectivity to the RADIUS server.
- Step 14** (Optional) You can also enter **Additional Test Parameters** to test user credentials for a user who should be able to authenticate: enter a **User Name** and **Password**, and then click **Test**.
- Tip** If you mistype the name or password of the test user, the test fails even if the server configuration is correct. To verify that the server configuration is correct, click **Test** without entering user information in the **Additional Test Parameters** field first. If that succeeds, supply a user name and password to test with the specific user.
- Example:**  
To test if you can retrieve the `JSmith` user credentials at the Example company, enter `JSmith` and the correct password.
- Step 15** Click **Save**.
- Step 16** Enable use of this server. See [Enable External Authentication for Users on the FMC, on page 23](#).

## Examples

### Simple User Role Assignments

The following figure illustrates a sample RADIUS login authentication object for a server running Cisco Identity Services Engine (ISE) with an IP address of 10.10.10.98 on port 1812. No backup server is defined.

The screenshot shows the configuration for an External Authentication Object. The fields are as follows:

- Authentication Method:** RADIUS
- Name:** ISE\_RADIUS
- Description:** (empty)
- Primary Server:**
  - Host Name/IP Address:** 10.10.10.98 (with a note "ex. IP or hostname")
  - Port:** 1812
  - RADIUS Secret Key:** (masked with asterisks)

The following example shows RADIUS-specific parameters, including the timeout (30 seconds) and number of failed retries before the Firepower System attempts to contact the backup server, if any.

This example illustrates important aspects of RADIUS user role configuration:

Users `ewharton` and `gsand` are granted web interface Administrative access.

The user `cbronte` is granted web interface Maintenance User access.

The user `jausten` is granted web interface Security Analyst access.

The user `ewharton` can log into the device using a CLI account.

The following graphic depicts the role configuration for the example:

### RADIUS-Specific Parameters

Timeout (Seconds)	<input type="text" value="30"/>	
Retries	<input type="text" value="3"/>	
Access Admin	<input type="text"/>	
Administrator	<input type="text" value="radius@domain.com"/>	
Discovery Admin	<input type="text"/>	
External Database User	<input type="text"/>	
Intrusion Admin	<input type="text"/>	
Maintenance User	<input type="text" value="admin"/>	
Network Admin	<input type="text"/>	
Security Analyst	<input type="text" value="radius@domain.com"/>	
Security Analyst (Read Only)	<input type="text"/>	
Security Approver	<input type="text"/>	
Threat Intelligence Director (TID) User	<input type="text"/>	
Default User Role	<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 2px;"> Discovery Admin  External Database User  <b>Intrusion Admin</b>  Maintenance User </div>	To specify the default user role if user is not found in any group

### CLI Access Filter

(For FMC (all versions) and FTD (5.2.3 and 5.3), define users for CLI access. For FTD 5.4 and later, we recommend defining users on the RADIUS server. Click [here](#) for more information)

Administrator CLI Access User List	<input type="text" value="radius@domain.com"/>	<small>ex. user1, user2, user3 (lowercase letters only)</small>
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### Roles for Users Matching an Attribute-Value Pair

You can use an attribute-value pair to identify users who should receive a particular user role. If the attribute you use is a custom attribute, you must define the custom attribute.

The following figure illustrates the role configuration and custom attribute definition in a sample RADIUS login authentication object for the same ISE server as in the previous example.

In this example, however, the `MS-RAS-Version` custom attribute is returned for one or more of the users because a Microsoft remote access server is in use. Note the `MS-RAS-Version` custom attribute is a string. In this example, all users logging in to RADIUS through a Microsoft v. 5.00 remote access server should receive the Security Analyst (Read Only) role, so you enter the attribute-value pair of `MS-RAS-Version=MSRASV5.00` in the **Security Analyst (Read Only)** field.

Attribute Name	Attribute ID	Attribute Type
MS-Ras-Version	S	string

## Enable External Authentication for Users on the FMC

When you enable external authentication for management users, the FMC verifies the user credentials with an LDAP or RADIUS server as specified in an External Authentication object.

### Before you begin

Add one or more external authentication objects according to [Add an LDAP External Authentication Object for FMC](#), on page 11 and [Add a RADIUS External Authentication Object for FMC](#), on page 19.

### Procedure


**Step 1** Choose **System > Users**.

**Step 2** Click **External Authentication**.

**Step 3** Set the default user role for external web interface users.

Users without a role cannot perform any actions. Any user roles defined in the external authentication object overrides this default user role.

- a) Click the **Default User Roles** value (by default, none selected).
- a) In the **Default User Role Configuration** dialog box, check the role(s) that you want to use.
- b) Click **Save**.

**Step 4** Click the **Slider enabled** () next to the each external authentication object that you want to use. If you enable more than 1 object, then users are compared against servers in the order specified. See the next step to reorder servers.

If you enable shell authentication, you must enable an external authentication object that includes a **CLI Access Filter**. Also, CLI access users can only authenticate against the server whose authentication object is highest in the list.

- Step 5** (Optional) Drag and drop servers to change the order in which authentication they are accessed when an authentication request occurs.
- Step 6** Choose **Shell Authentication** > **Enabled** if you want to allow CLI access for external users.  
The first external authentication object name is shown next to the **Enabled** option to remind you that only the first object is used for CLI.
- Step 7** Click **Save and Apply**.
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## Configure Common Access Card Authentication with LDAP

If your organization uses Common Access Cards (CACs), you can configure LDAP authentication to authenticate FMC users logging into the web interface. With CAC authentication, users have the option to log in directly without providing a separate username and password for the device.

CAC-authenticated users are identified by their electronic data interchange personal identifier (EDIPI) numbers.

After 24 hours of inactivity, the device deletes CAC-authenticated users from the **Users** tab. The users are re-added after each subsequent login, but you must reconfigure any manual changes to their user roles.



**Caution** When configuring CAC authentication with LDAP, ensure that you follow the principles of least privilege while assigning a default access role to the users. When a user first logs in to the system with their CAC credentials, their account will be assigned this default access role.

If you do not follow the principles of least privilege while assigning the default access role, users may be assigned an unintended privilege level on subsequent logins. This could result in the users having privileges beyond their required access role.

If a user who has logged in with the default access role needs a temporary elevation of their privileges, a user with administrative privileges can temporarily provide that user the required higher level of access by assigning them a role with higher privilege. This privilege will be revoked after 24 hours of inactivity, and the user will return to their default access role.

If a user needs a permanent access role reassignment to a higher privilege level, such as System Admin, use the **Group Controlled Access Roles** method to provide admin access to the user. This method ensures that the provided access role persists beyond 24 hours and users will have the correct privilege level as per the group assignment. For more information on configuring Group Controlled Access Roles, see the [Step 13](#) section.

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### Before you begin

You must have a valid user certificate present in your browser (in this case, a certificate passed to your browser via your CAC) to enable user certificates as part of the CAC configuration process. After you configure CAC authentication and authorization, users on your network must maintain the CAC connection for the duration of their browsing session. If you remove or replace a CAC during a session, your web browser terminates the session and the system logs you out of the web interface.



## Procedure

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- Step 1** Insert a CAC as directed by your organization.
- Step 2** Direct your browser to **https://ipaddress\_or\_hostname/**, where *ipaddress* or *hostname* corresponds to your device.
- Step 3** If prompted, enter the PIN associated with the CAC you inserted in step 1.
- Step 4** If prompted, choose the appropriate certificate from the drop-down list.
- Step 5** On the Login page, in the **Username** and **Password** fields, log in as a user with Administrator privileges. You **cannot** yet log in using your CAC credentials.
- Step 6** Choose **System > Users > External Authentication**.
- Step 7** Create an LDAP authentication object exclusively for CAC, following the procedure in [Add an LDAP External Authentication Object for FMC, on page 11](#). You must configure the following:
- **CAC** check box.
  - **LDAP-Specific Parameters > Show Advanced Options > User Name Template**.
  - **Attribute Mapping > UI Access Attribute**.
- Step 8** Click **Save**.
- Step 9** Enable external authentication and CAC authentication as described in [Enable External Authentication for Users on the FMC, on page 23](#).
- Step 10** Choose **System > Configuration**, and click **HTTPS Certificate**.
- Step 11** Import a HTTPS server certificate, if necessary, following the procedure outlined in [Importing HTTPS Server Certificates](#).
- The same certificate authority (CA) must issue the HTTPS server certificate and the user certificates on the CACs you plan to use.
- Step 12** Under **HTTPS User Certificate Settings**, choose **Enable User Certificates**. For more information, see [Requiring Valid HTTPS Client Certificates](#).
- Step 13** Log into the device according to [Logging Into the Firepower Management Center with CAC Credentials](#).
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## Configure SAML Single Sign-On

You can configure your FMC to use Single Sign-On, a system by which a central identity provider (IdP) provides authentication and authorization for users logging into the FMC as well as other applications within an organization. The applications configured to take part in such an SSO arrangement are said to be federated service provider applications. SSO users can log in once to gain access to all service provider applications that are members of the same federation.

## About SAML Single Sign-On

An FMC configured for SSO presents a link for single sign-on on the Login page. Users configured for SSO access click on this link and are redirected to the IdP for authentication and authorization, rather than supplying a username and password on the FMC Login page. Once successfully authenticated by the IdP, SSO users

are redirected back to the FMC web interface and logged in. All the communication between the FMC and the IdP to accomplish this takes place using the browser as an intermediary; as a result, the FMC does not require a network connection to directly access the identity provider.

The FMC supports SSO using any SSO provider conforming to the Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) 2.0 open standard for authentication and authorization.



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**Note** The management center cannot sign SAML authentication request messages. Hence, if the IdP requires service provider's signature on the authentication requests, the SSO on the management center would fail.

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The FMC web interface offers configuration options for the following SSO providers:

- Okta
- OneLogin
- Azure
- PingID's PingOne for Customers cloud solution



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**Note** The Cisco Secure Sign On SSO product does not recognize the FMC as a pre-integrated service provider.

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## SSO Guidelines for the FMC

Keep the following in mind when you configure an FMC to be a member of an SSO federation:

- The FMC can support SSO with only one SSO provider at a time—you cannot configure the FMC to use, for instance, both Okta and OneLogin for SSO.
- FMCs in a high availability configuration can support SSO, but you must keep the following considerations in mind:
  - SSO configuration is not synchronized between the members of the high availability pair; you must configure SSO separately on each member of the pair.
  - Both FMCs in a high availability pair must use the same IdP for SSO. You must configure a service provider application at the IdP for each FMC configured for SSO.
  - In a high availability pair of FMCs where both are configured to support SSO, before a user can use SSO to access the secondary FMC for the first time, that user must first use SSO to log into the primary FMC at least once.
  - When configuring SSO for FMCs in a high availability pair:
    - If you configure SSO on the primary FMC, you are not required to configure SSO on the secondary FMC.
    - If you configure SSO on the secondary FMC, you are required to configure SSO on the primary FMC as well. (This is because SSO users must login into the primary FMC at least once before logging into the secondary FMC.)

- In an FMC that uses multi-tenancy, the SSO configuration can be applied only at the global domain level, and applies to the global domain and all subdomains.
- Only users with the Admin role authenticated internally or by LDAP or RADIUS can configure SSO.
- The FMC does not support SSO initiated from the IdP.
- The FMC does not support logging in with CAC credentials for SSO accounts.
- Do not configure SSO in deployments using CC mode.
- SSO activities are logged in the FMC audit log with Login or Logout specified in the Subsystem field.

#### Related Topics

[Firepower Management Center High Availability](#)

[Domain Management](#)

[Logging Into the Firepower Management Center with CAC Credentials](#)

[Security Certifications Compliance](#)

[Audit Records](#)

## SSO User Accounts

Identity providers can support user and group configuration directly, or they often can import users and groups from other user management applications such as Active Directory, RADIUS, or LDAP. This documentation focuses on configuring the FMC to work with the IdP to support SSO assuming that IdP users and groups are already established; to configure an IdP to support users and groups from other user management applications, consult the IdP vendor documentation.

Most account characteristics for SSO users, including the user name and password, are established at the IdP. SSO accounts do not appear on the FMC web interface Users page until those accounts log in the first time.



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**Note** The FMC requires that user names for SSO accounts as well as the NameID attribute the IdP sends to the FMC during the SAML login process must be both be valid email addresses. Many IdP's automatically use the username of the user trying to logon as the NameID attribute, but you should confirm this is the case for your IdP. Keep this in mind when configuring a service provider application at your IdP and creating IdP user accounts that are to be granted SSO access to an FMC.

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The following account characteristics for SSO users can be configured from the FMC web interface under **System > User > Edit User**:

- Real Name
- Exempt from Browser Session Timeout

## User Role Mapping for SSO Users

By default, all users given SSO access to an FMC are assigned the Security Analyst (Read Only) role. You can change this default, as well as override it for specific SSO users or groups with *user role mapping*. After you have established and successfully tested the FMC SSO configuration, you can configure user role mapping to establish what FMC user roles SSO users are assigned when they log in.

User role mapping requires coordinating configuration settings at the FMC with settings at the SSO IdP application. User roles can be assigned to users or to groups defined at the IdP application. Users may or may not be members of groups, and user or group definitions may or may not be imported to the IdP from other user management systems within your organization, such as Active Directory. For this reason, to effectively configure FMC SSO user role mapping you must be familiar with how your SSO federation is organized and how users, groups and their roles are assigned at the SSO IdP application. This documentation focuses on configuring the FMC to work with the IdP to support user role mapping; to create users or groups within the IdP, or import users or groups into the IdP from a user management application, consult the IdP vendor documentation.

In user role mapping, the IdP maintains a role attribute for the FMC service provider application, and each user or group with access to that FMC is configured with a string or expression for the role attribute (requirements for the attribute value are different for each IdP). At the FMC the name of the that role attribute is part of the SSO configuration. The FMC SSO configuration also contains a list of expressions assigned to a list of FMC user roles. When a user logs into the FMC using SSO, the FMC compares the value of the role attribute for that user (or that user's group, depending upon configuration) against the expressions for each FMC user role. The FMC assigns the user all the roles where the expression matches the attribute value the user has provided.



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**Note** You can configure FMC roles to be mapped based on individual user permissions or based on group permissions, but a single FMC application cannot support role mapping for both groups and individual users.

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## Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC

### Before you begin

- At the SAML SSO management application, configure a service provider application for the FMC and assign users or groups to the service provider application:
  - To configure an FMC service provider application for Okta, see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Okta, on page 30](#).
  - To configure an FMC service provider application for OneLogin, see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for OneLogin, on page 43](#).
  - To configure an FMC service provider application for Azure, see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Azure, on page 21](#).
  - To configure an FMC service provider application for PingID's PingOne for Customers cloud solution, see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for PingID PingOne for Customers, on page 66](#).
  - To configure an FMC service provider application for any SAML 2.0-compliant SSO provider, see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Any SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Provider, on page 72](#).

**Procedure**

- Step 1** Choose **System > Users > Single Sign-On**.
- Step 2** Click the **Single Sign-On (SSO) Configuration** slider to enable SSO.
- Step 3** Click the **Configure SSO** button.
- Step 4** At the **Select FMC SAML Provider** dialog, click the radio button for the SSO IdP of your choice and click **Next**.

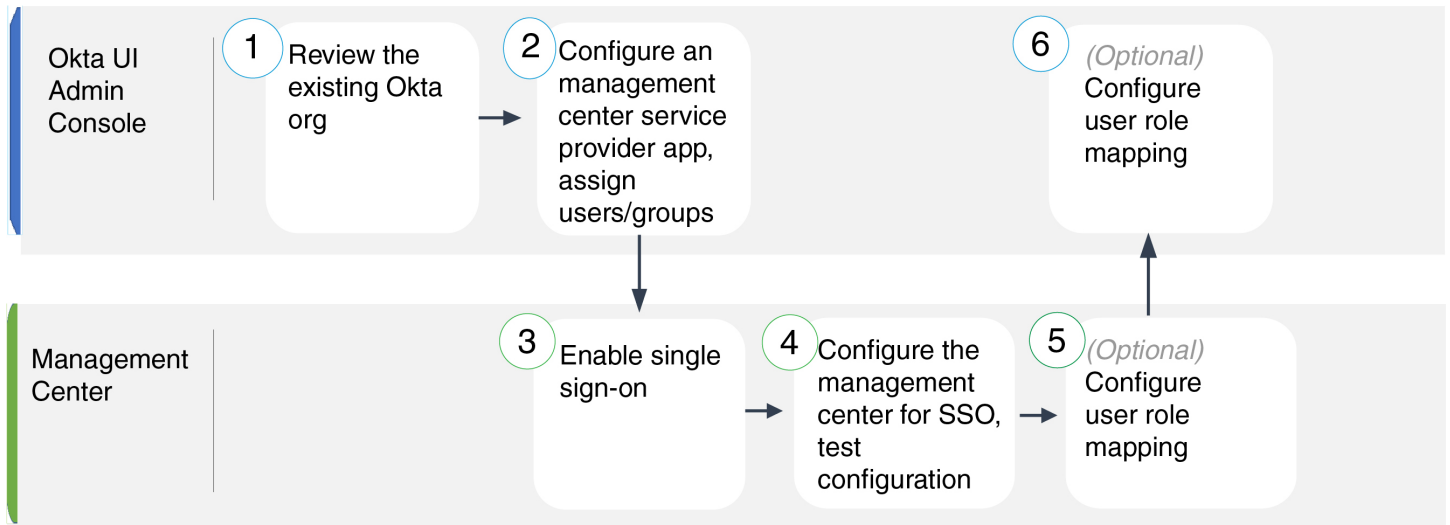
**What to do next**

Proceed with the instructions appropriate to your choice of SSO provider:

- Configure the FMC for Okta SSO; see [Configure the FMC for Okta SSO, on page 32](#).
- Configure the FMC for SSO using PingID's PingOne for Customers cloud solution; see [Configure the FMC for SSO with PingID PingOne for Customers, on page 68](#).
- Configure the FMC for Azure SSO; see [Configure the FMC for Azure SSO, on page 56](#).
- Configure the FMC for OneLogin SSO; see [Configure the FMC for OneLogin SSO, on page 44](#).
- Configure the FMC for SSO using any SAML 2.0-compliant provider; see [Configure the FMC for SSO Using Any SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Provider, on page 73](#).

## Configure Single Sign-On with Okta

See the following tasks to configure SSO using Okta:



1	Okta UI Admin Console	<a href="#">Review the Okta Org, on page 30</a>
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2	Okta UI Admin Console	<a href="#">Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Okta, on page 30</a>
3	FMC	<a href="#">Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28</a>
4	FMC	<a href="#">Configure the FMC for Okta SSO, on page 32</a>
5	FMC	<a href="#">Configure User Role Mapping for Okta at the FMC, on page 33</a>
6	Okta UI Admin Console	<a href="#">Configure User Role Mapping at the Okta IdP, on page 34</a>

## Review the Okta Org

In Okta, the entity that encompasses all the federated devices and applications that a user can access with the same SSO account is called an *org*. Before adding the FMC to an Okta org, be familiar with its configuration; consider the following questions:

- How many users will have access to the FMC?
- Are users within the Okta org members of groups?
- Are user and group definitions native to Okta or imported from a user management application such as Active Directory, RADIUS, or LDAP?
- Do you need to add more users or groups to the Okta org to support SSO on the FMC?
- What kind of user role assignments do you want to make? (If you choose not to assign user roles, the FMC automatically assigns a configurable default user role to all SSO users.)
- How must users and groups within the Okta org be organized to support the required user role mapping?

Keep in mind that you can configure FMC roles to be mapped based on individual user permissions or based on group permissions, but a single FMC application cannot support role mapping for both groups and individual users.

This documentation assumes you are already familiar with the Okta Classic UI Admin Console, and have an account that can perform configuration functions requiring Super Admin permissions. If you need more information, see Okta's documentation available online.

## Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Okta

Use these instructions at the Okta Classic UI Admin Console to create an FMC service provider application within Okta and assign users or groups to that application. You should be familiar with SAML SSO concepts and the Okta admin console. This documentation does not describe all the Okta functions you need to establish a fully functional SSO org; for instance, to create users and groups, or to import user and group definitions from another user management application, see the Okta documentation.




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**Note** If you plan to assign user groups to the FMC application, do not also assign users within those groups as individuals.

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**Note** The FMC cannot support role mapping using multiple SSO attributes; you must select either user role mapping or group role mapping and configure a single attribute to convey user role information from OneLogin to the FMC.

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### Before you begin

- Familiarize yourself with the SSO federation and its user and groups; see [Review the Okta Org, on page 30](#).
- Create user accounts and/or groups in your Okta org if necessary.



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**Note** The FMC requires that user names for SSO accounts as well as the NameID attribute the IdP sends to the FMC during the SAML login process must be both be valid email addresses. Many IdP's automatically use the username of the user trying to logon as the NameID attribute, but you should confirm this is the case for your IdP. Keep this in mind when configuring a service provider application at your IdP and creating IdP user accounts that are to be granted SSO access to an FMC.

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- Confirm the login URL for the target FMC (`https://ipaddress_or_hostname`).



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**Note** If your FMC web interface can be reached with multiple URLs (for instance, a fully-qualified domain name as well as an IP address), SSO users must consistently access the FMC using the login URL that you configure in this task.

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### Procedure

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**Step 1** From the Okta Classic UI Admin Console, create a service provider application for the FMC. Configure the FMC application with the following selections:

- Select `web` for the **Platform**.
- Select `SAML 2.0` for the **Sign on method**.
- Provide a **Single sign on URL**.

This is the FMC URL to which the browser sends information on behalf of the IdP.

Append the string `saml/acs` to the FMC login URL. For example: `https://ExampleFMC/saml/acs`.

- Enable **Use this for Recipient URL and Destination URL**.
- Enter an **Audience URI (SP Entity ID)**.

This is a globally unique name for the service provider (the FMC), often formatted as a URL.

Append the string `/saml/metadata` to the FMC login URL. For example:  
`https://ExampleFMC/saml/metadata.`

- For **Name ID Format** choose `Unspecified`.

- Step 2** (Optional if you are assigning groups to the application.) Assign individual Okta users to the FMC application. (If you plan to assign groups to the FMC application, do not assign users that are members of those groups as individuals.)
- Step 3** (Optional if you are assigning individual users to the application.) Assign Okta groups to the FMC application.
- Step 4** (Optional) To make SSO setup at the FMC easier, you can download the SAML XML metadata file for the FMC service provider application from Okta to your local computer.

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### What to do next

Enable single sign-on; see [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#).

## Configure the FMC for Okta SSO

Use these instructions at the FMC web interface.

Before you begin

- Create an FMC service provider application at the Okta Classic UI Admin Console; see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Okta, on page 30](#).
- Enable single sign-on; see [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#).

### Procedure

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- Step 1** (This step continues directly from [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#).) At the **Configure Okta Metadata** dialog, you have two choices:
- To enter the SSO configuration information manually:
    - a. Click the **Manual Configuration** radio button.
    - b. Enter the following values from the Okta SSO Service Provider application. (Retrieve these values from the Okta Classic UI Admin Console.)
      - **Identity Provider Single Sign-On URL**
      - **Identity Provider Issuer**
      - **X.509 Certificate**
  - If you saved the XML metadata file generated by Okta to your local computer (Step 4 in [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Okta, on page 30](#)), you can upload the file to the FMC:
    - a. Click the **Upload XML File** radio button.
    - b. Follow the on-screen instructions to navigate to and choose the XML metadata file on your local computer.



- Step 2** Click **Next**.
- Step 3** At the **Verify Metadata** dialog, review the configuration parameters and click **Save**.
- Step 4** Click **Test Configuration**. If the system displays an error message, review the SSO configuration for the FMC as well as the Okta service provider application configuration, correct any errors, and try again.
- Step 5** When the system reports a successful configuration test, click **Apply**.
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### What to do next

You may optionally configure user role mapping for SSO users; see [Configure User Role Mapping for Okta at the FMC, on page 33](#). If you choose not to configure role mapping, by default all SSO users that log into the FMC are assigned the user role you configure in Step 4 of [Configure User Role Mapping for Okta at the FMC, on page 33](#).

## Configure User Role Mapping for Okta at the FMC

The fields to configure for user role mapping at the FMC web interface are the same regardless of your choice of SSO provider. But the values you configure must take into account how the SAML SSO provider you use implements user role mapping.

### Before you begin

- Review the Okta user group mapping information; see [Review the Okta Org, on page 30](#).
- Configure an SSO service provider application for the FMC; see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Okta, on page 30](#).
- Enable and configure single sign-on at the FMC; see [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#), and [Configure the FMC for Okta SSO, on page 32](#).

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **System > Users**.
- Step 2** Click the **Single Sign-On** tab.
- Step 3** Expand **Advanced Configuration (Role Mapping)**.
- Step 4** Select an FMC user role to assign users as a default value from the **Default User Role** drop-down.
- Step 5** Enter a **Group Member Attribute**. This string must match an attribute name configured at the Okta FMC provider application for user role mapping for either users or groups. (See Step 1 of [Configure a User Attribute for Role Mapping at the Okta IdP, on page 34](#) or Step 1 of [Configure a Group Attribute for Role Mapping at the Okta IdP, on page 35](#) .)
- Step 6** Next to each FMC user role you wish to assign to SSO users, enter a regular expression. (The FMC uses a restricted version of Google's RE2 regular expression standard supported by Golang and Perl.) The FMC compares these values against the user role mapping attribute value the IdP sends to the FMC with SSO user information. The FMC grants users a union of all the roles for which a match is found.
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### What to do next

- Configure user role mapping at the service provider application; see [Configure User Role Mapping at the Okta IdP, on page 34](#).

## Configure User Role Mapping at the Okta IdP

You can configure SSO user role mapping at the Okta Classic UI Admin Console based on individual user permissions or based on group permissions.

- To map based on individual user permissions, see [Configure a User Attribute for Role Mapping at the Okta IdP, on page 34](#).
- To map based on group permissions, see [Configure a Group Attribute for Role Mapping at the Okta IdP, on page 35](#).

When an SSO user logs in to the FMC, Okta presents to the FMC a user or group role attribute value configured at the Okta IdP. The FMC compares that attribute value against the regular expressions assigned to each FMC user role in the SSO configuration, and grants the user all the roles for which a match is found. (If no match is found, the FMC grants the user a configurable default user role.) The expression you assign to each FMC user role must comply with the restricted version of Google's RE2 regular expression standard supported by Golang and Perl. The FMC treats the attribute value received from Okta as a regular expression using that same standard for purposes of comparison with the FMC user role expressions.



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**Note** A single FMC cannot support role mapping for both groups and individual users; you must choose one mapping method for the FMC service provider application and use it consistently. Furthermore, the FMC can support group role mapping using only one group attribute statement per FMC service provider application configured in Okta. Generally group-based roll mapping is more efficient for an FMC with many users. You should take into account user and group definitions established throughout your Okta org.

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### Configure a User Attribute for Role Mapping at the Okta IdP

Use these instructions at the Okta Classic UI Admin Console to add a custom role mapping attribute to the Okta default user profile.

Okta service provider applications may use one of two types of user profiles:

- Okta user profiles, which can be extended with any custom attribute.
- App user profiles, which can be extended only with attributes from a predefined list that Okta generates by querying a third-party application or directory (such as Active directory, LDAP, or Radius) for supported attributes.

You may use either type of user profile in your Okta org; consult Okta documentation for information on how to configure them. Whichever type of user profile you use, to support user role mapping with the FMC you must configure a custom attribute in the profile to convey each user's role mapping expression to the FMC.

This documentation describes role mapping using Okta user profiles; mapping with App profiles requires familiarity with the third-party user management application in use at your organization to set up custom attributes. See the Okta documentation for details.

### Before you begin

- Configure an FMC service provider application at the Okta IdP as described in [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Okta, on page 30](#).
- Configure SSO user role mapping at the FMC as described in [Configure User Role Mapping for Okta at the FMC, on page 33](#).

### Procedure

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#### Step 1

Add a new attribute to the default Okta user profile:

- For **Data type** choose `string`.
- Provide the **Variable name** the Okta IdP will send to the FMC, containing an expression to match for user role mapping. This variable name must match the string you entered at the FMC SSO configuration for **Group Member Attribute**. (See Step 5 in [Configure User Role Mapping for Okta at the FMC, on page 33](#).)

#### Step 2

For each user assigned to the FMC service provider application using this profile, assign a value to the user role attribute you have just created.

Use an expression to represent the role or roles the FMC will assign to the user. The FMC compares this string against the expressions you assigned to each FMC user role in Step 6 of [Configure User Role Mapping for Okta at the FMC, on page 33](#). (For purposes of comparison with the FMC user role expressions, the FMC treats the attribute value received from Okta as an expression complying with the restricted version of Google's RE2 regular expression standard supported by Golang and Perl.)

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### Configure a Group Attribute for Role Mapping at the Okta IdP

Use these instructions at the Okta Classic UI Admin Console to add a custom role mapping group attribute to the FMC service provider application. The FMC can support group role mapping using only one group attribute statement per Okta FMC service provider application.

Okta service provider applications may use one of two types of groups:

- Okta groups, which can be extended with any custom attribute.
- Application groups, which can be extended only with attributes from a predefined list that Okta generates by querying a third-party application or directory (such as Active directory, LDAP, or Radius) for supported attributes.

You may use either type of group in your Okta org; consult Okta documentation for information on how to configure them. Whichever type of group you use, to support user role mapping with the FMC you must configure a custom attribute for the group to convey its role mapping expression to the FMC.

This documentation describes role mapping using Okta groups; mapping with application groups requires familiarity with the third-party user management application in use at your organization to set up custom attributes. See the Okta documentation for details.

**Before you begin**

- Configure an FMC service provider application at the Okta IdP; see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Okta, on page 30](#).
- Configure user role mapping at the FMC; [Configure User Role Mapping for Okta at the FMC, on page 33](#).

**Procedure**


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Create a new SAML group attribute for the FMC service provider application:

- For **Name**, use the same string you entered at the FMC SSO configuration for **Group Member Attribute**. (See Step 5 in [Configure User Role Mapping for Okta at the FMC, on page 33](#).)
  - For **Filter**, specify an expression to represent the role or roles the FMC will assign to the members of the group. Okta compares this value against the names of the group(s) of which a user is a member, and sends the FMC the group names that match. The FMC in turn compares those group names against the regular expressions you assigned to each FMC user role in Step 6 of [Configure User Role Mapping for Okta at the FMC, on page 33](#).
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**Okta User Role Mapping Examples**

As the following examples demonstrate, the SSO configurations at the FMC to support user role mapping are the same for both individual users and for groups. The difference lies in the settings at the FMC service provider application in Okta.




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**Note** You can configure FMC roles to be mapped based on individual user permissions or based on group permissions, but a single FMC application cannot support role mapping for both groups and individual users. Furthermore, the FMC can support group role mapping using only one group attribute statement per FMC service provider application configured in Okta.

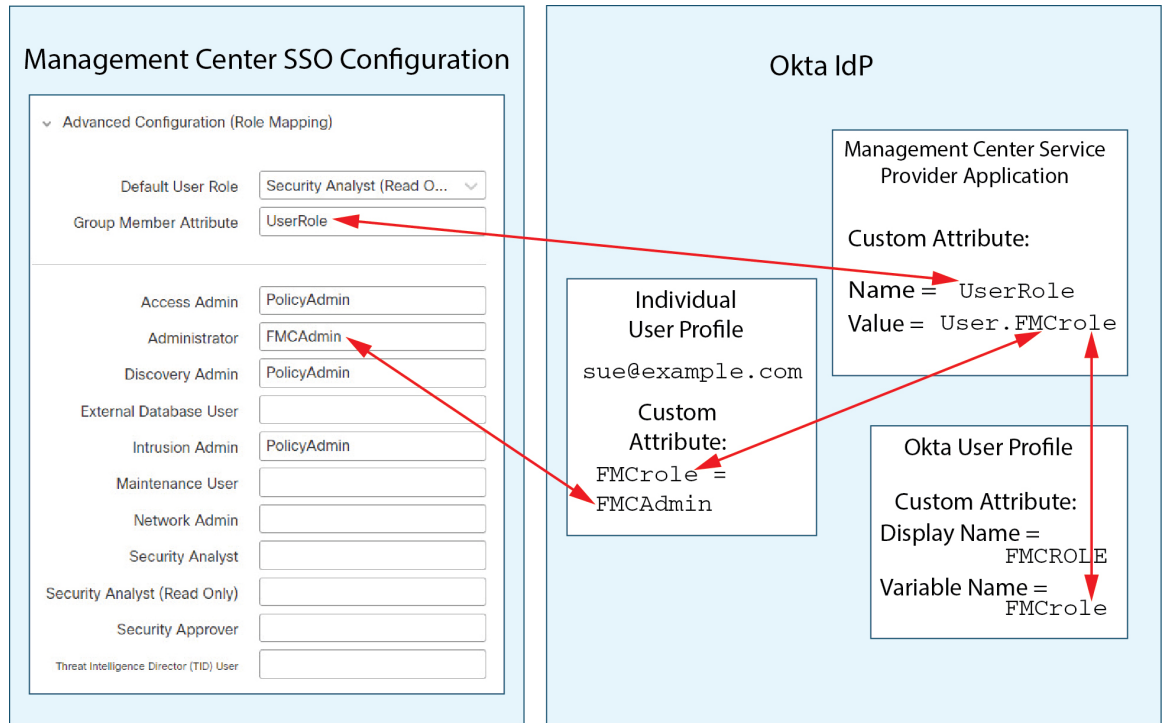
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**Okta Role Mapping Example for Individual User Accounts**

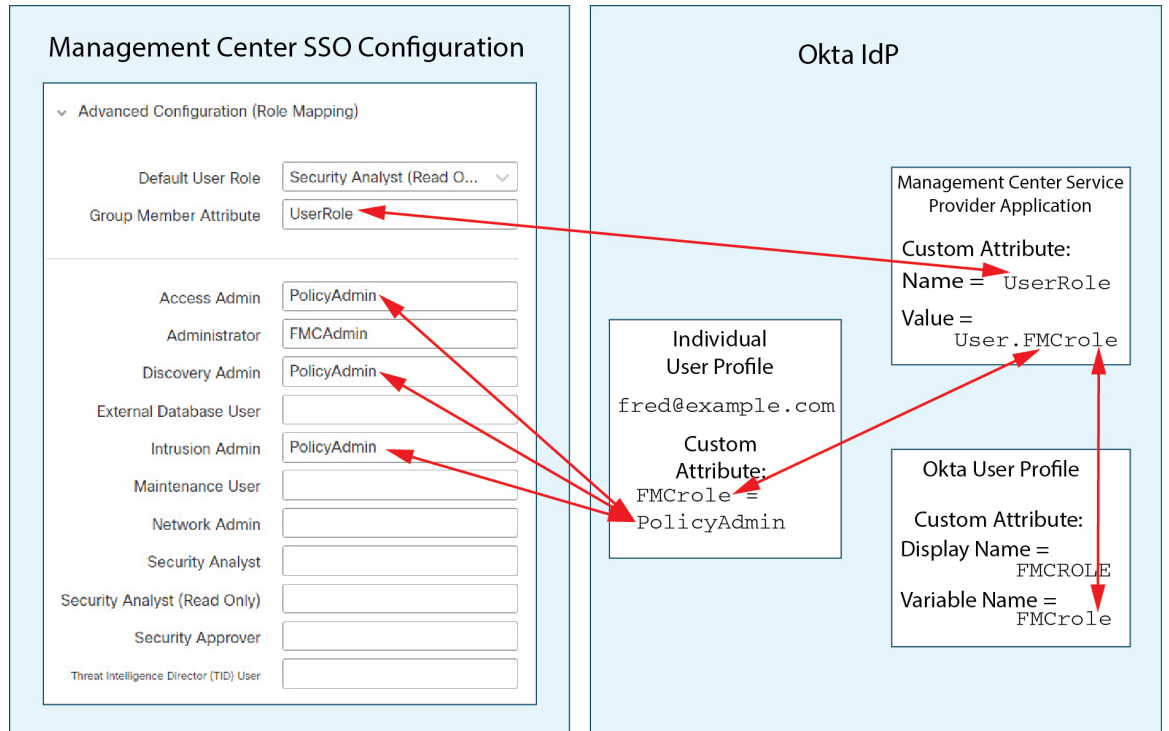
In role mapping for individual users, the Okta FMC service application has a custom attribute whose name matches the name of the Group Member Attribute on the FMC. (In this example, `UserRole`). The user profile in Okta also has a custom attribute (in this example, a variable named `FMCrole`.) The definition for the application custom attribute `UserRole` establishes that when Okta passes user role mapping information to the FMC, it will use the custom attribute value assigned for the user in question.

The following diagrams illustrate how the relevant fields and values in the FMC and Okta configurations correspond to each other in user role mapping for individual accounts. Each diagram uses the same SSO configurations at the FMC and at the Okta UI Admin Console, but the configuration for each user at the Okta UI Admin Console differs to assign each user different roles at the FMC.

- In this diagram `sue@example.com` uses the `FMCrole` value `FMCAdmin` and the FMC assigns her the Administrator role.



- In this diagram fred@example.com uses the FMCrole value PolicyAdmin, and the FMC assigns him the roles Access Admin, Discovery Admin, and Intrusion Admin.



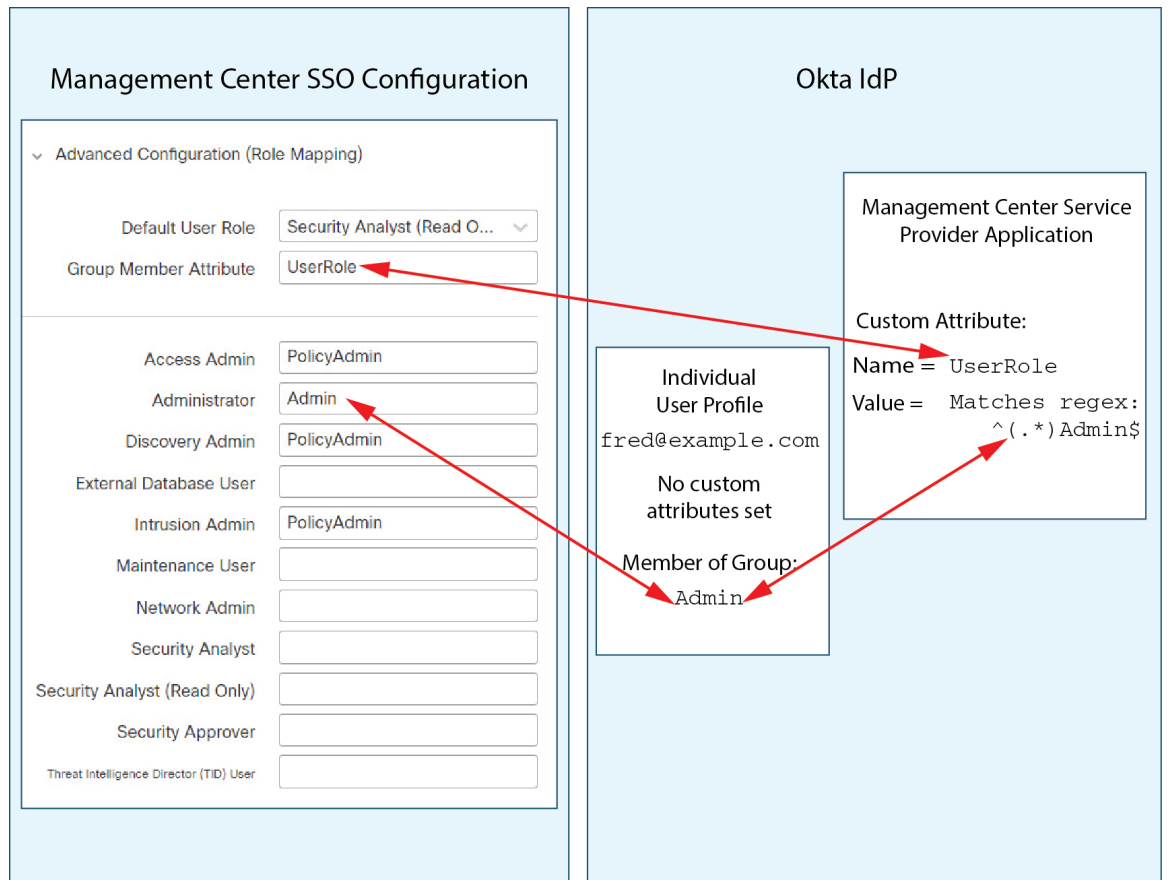
- Other users assigned to the Okta service application for this FMC are assigned the default user role Security Analyst (Read Only) for one of the following reasons:
  - They have no value assigned to the `FMCrole` variable in their Okta user profile.
  - The value assigned to the `FMCrole` variable in their Okta user profile does not match any expression configured for a user role in the SSO configuration at the FMC.

### Okta Role Mapping Example for Groups

In role mapping for groups, the Okta FMC service application has a custom group attribute whose name matches the name of the Group Member Attribute on the FMC (in this example, `UserRole`). When Okta processes a request for FMC SSO login, it compares the user's group membership against the expression assigned to the FMC service application group attribute (in this case `^(.*)Admin$`). Okta sends to the FMC the user's group membership(s) that match the group attribute. The FMC compares the group names it receives against the regular expressions it has configured for each user role, and assigns user roles accordingly.

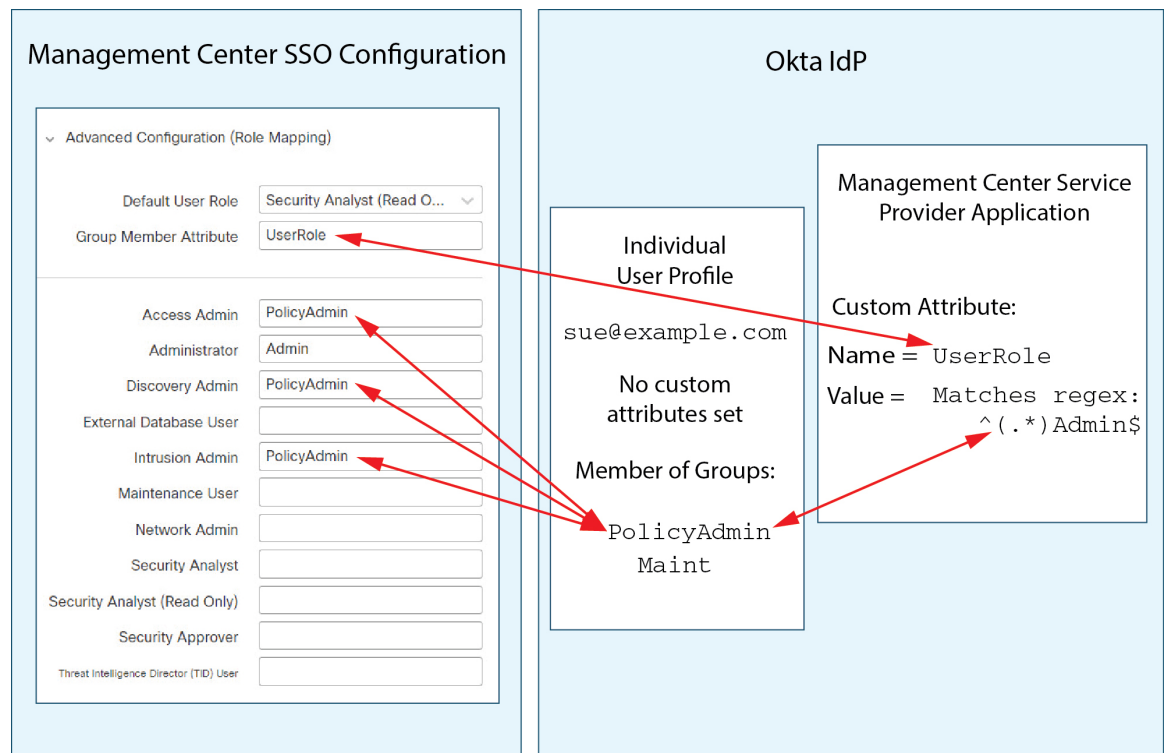
The following diagrams illustrate how the relevant fields and values in the FMC and Okta configurations correspond to each other in user role mapping for groups. Each diagram uses the same SSO configurations at the FMC and at the Okta UI Admin Console, but the configuration for each user at the Okta UI Admin Console differs to assign each user different roles at the FMC.

- In this diagram `fred@example.com` is a member of the Okta IdP group `Admin`, which matches the expression `^(.*)Admin$`. Okta sends the FMC Fred's `Admin` group membership, and the FMC assigns him the Administrator role.



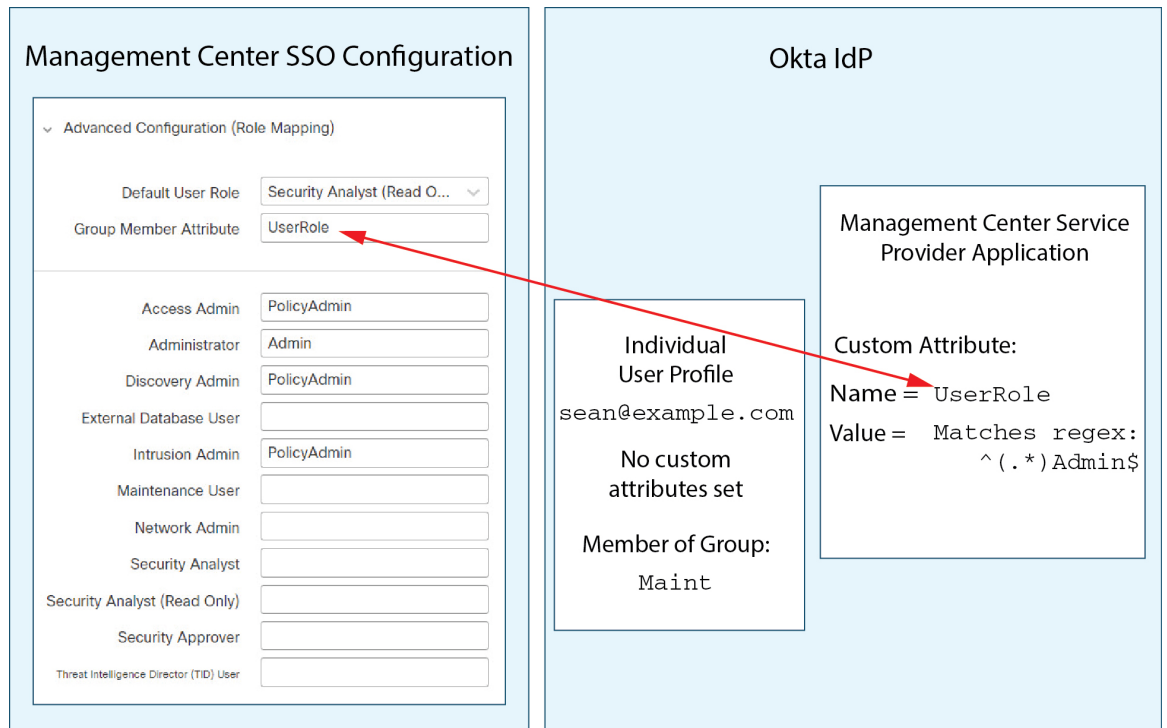
- In this diagram sue@example.com is a member of the Okta IdP group PolicyAdmin, which matches the expression ^(.\*)Admin\$. Okta sends the FMC Sue's PolicyAdmin group membership, and the FMC assigns her the roles Access Admin, Discovery Admin, and Intrusion Admin.

Sue is also a member of the Okta group Maint, but because this group name does not match the expression assigned to the group membership attribute in the Okta FMC service application, Okta does not send information about Sue's Maint group membership to the FMC, and her membership in the Maint group plays no part in the roles the FMC assigns to her.



- In this diagram sean@example.com is a member of the Okta IdP group `Maint`. This group name does not match the expression  $^(.*)Admin\$$ , so, when sean@example.com logs into the FMC, Okta does not send information about Sean's `Maint` group membership to the FMC and Sean is assigned the default user role (Security Analyst (Read Only)) rather than the Maintenance User role.

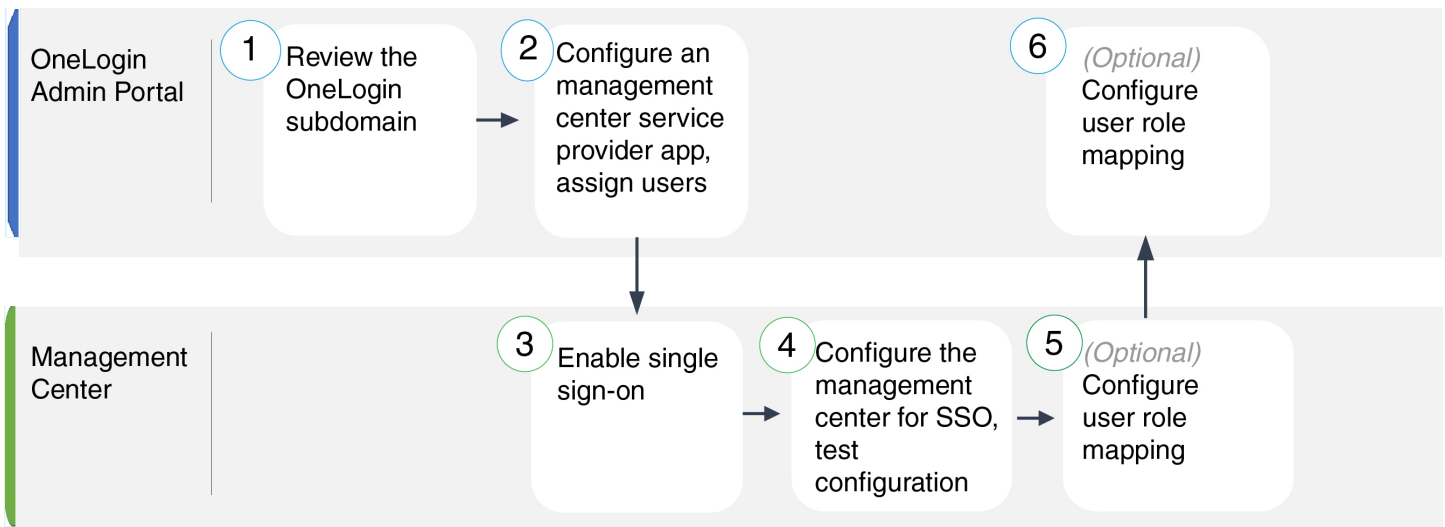




These diagrams illustrate the importance of advance planning when establishing a role mapping strategy. In this example, any Okta user with access to this FMC who is a member of only the `Maint` group can be assigned only the default user role. The FMC supports using only one custom group attribute in its Okta Service Application configuration. The expression you assign to that attribute and the group names you establish to match against it must be carefully crafted. You can add more flexibility to role mapping by using regular expressions in the user role assignment strings in the FMC SSO configuration. (The expression you assign to each FMC user role must comply with the restricted version of Google's RE2 regular expression standard supported by Golang and Perl.)

## Configure Single Sign-On with OneLogin

See the following tasks to configure SSO using OneLogin:



1	FMC	<a href="#">Review the OneLogin Subdomain, on page 42</a>
2	FMC	<a href="#">Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for OneLogin, on page 43</a>
3	OneLogin Admin Portal	<a href="#">Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28</a>
4	OneLogin Admin Portal	<a href="#">Configure the FMC for OneLogin SSO, on page 44</a>
5	OneLogin Admin Portal	<a href="#">Configure User Role Mapping for OneLogin at the FMC, on page 45</a>
6	FMC	<a href="#">Configure User Role Mapping at the OneLogin IdP, on page 46</a>

## Review the OneLogin Subdomain

In OneLogin, the entity that encompasses all the federated devices and applications that a user can access with the same SSO account is called a subdomain. Before adding the FMC to a OneLogin subdomain, be familiar with its configuration; consider the following questions:

- How many users will have access to the FMC?
- Are users within the OneLogin subdomain members of groups?
- Are users and groups from a third-party directory such as Active Directory, Google Apps, or LDAP synchronized with the OneLogin subdomain?
- Do you need to add more users or groups to the OneLogin subdomain to support SSO on the FMC?
- What kind of FMC user role assignments do you want to make? (If you choose not to assign user roles, the FMC automatically assigns a configurable default user role to all SSO users.)

- How must users and groups within the OneLogin subdomain be organized to support the required user role mapping?

Keep in mind that you can configure FMC roles to be mapped based on individual users or based on groups, but a single FMC application cannot support role mapping for both groups and individual users.

This documentation assumes you are already familiar with the OneLogin Admin Portal, and have an account with Super User privilege. To configure user role mapping, you will also need a subscription to the OneLogin Unlimited plan, which supports Custom User Fields. If you need more information, see the OneLogin documentation available online.

## Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for OneLogin

Use these instructions at the OneLogin Admin Portal to create an FMC service provider application within OneLogin and assign users or groups to that application. You should be familiar with SAML SSO concepts and the OneLogin Admin Portal. This documentation does not describe all the OneLogin functions you need to establish a fully functional SSO org; for instance, to create users and groups, or to import user and group definitions from another user management application, see the OneLogin documentation.



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**Note** If you plan to assign user groups to the FMC application, do not also assign users within those groups as individuals.

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**Note** The FMC cannot support role mapping using multiple SSO attributes; you must select either user role mapping or group role mapping and configure a single attribute to convey user role information from OneLogin to the FMC.

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### Before you begin

- Familiarize yourself with the OneLogin subdomain and its users and groups; see [Review the OneLogin Subdomain, on page 42](#).
- Create user accounts in your OneLogin subdomain if necessary.



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**Note** The FMC requires that user names for SSO accounts as well as the NameID attribute the IdP sends to the FMC during the SAML login process must be both be valid email addresses. Many IdP's automatically use the username of the user trying to logon as the NameID attribute, but you should confirm this is the case for your IdP. Keep this in mind when configuring a service provider application at your IdP and creating IdP user accounts that are to be granted SSO access to an FMC.

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- Confirm the login URL for the target FMC (`https://ipaddress_or_hostname/`).




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**Note** If your FMC web interface can be reached with multiple URLs. (for instance, a fully-qualified domain name as well as an IP address), SSO users must consistently access the FMC using the login URL that you configure in this task.

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## Procedure

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- Step 1** Create the FMC service provider application using the **SAML Test Connector (Advanced)** as its basis.
- Step 2** Configure the application with the following settings:
- For the **Audience (Entity ID)**, append the string `/saml/metadata` to the FMC login URL. For example:  
`https://ExampleFMC/saml/metadata.`
  - For **Recipient**, append the string `/saml/acs` to the FMC login URL. For example:  
`https://ExampleFMC/saml/acs.`
  - For **ACS (Consumer) URL Validator**, enter an expression that OneLogin uses to confirm it is using the correct FMC URL. You can create a simple validator by using the ACS URL and altering it as follows:
    - Append a `^` to the beginning of the ACS URL.
    - Append a `$` to the end of the ACS URL.
    - Insert a `\` preceding every `/` and `?` within the ACS URL.
- For example, for the ACS URL `https://ExampleFMC/saml/acs`, an appropriate URL validator would be `^https:\\\\ExampleFMC\\saml\\acs$.`
- For **ACS (Consumer) URL**, append the string `/saml/acs` to the FMC login URL. For example:  
`https://ExampleFMC/saml/acs.`
  - For **Login URL**, append the string `/saml/acs` to the FMC login URL. For example:  
`https://ExampleFMC/saml/acs.`
  - For the **SAML Initiator**, choose `Service Provider`.
- Step 3** Assign OneLogin users to the FMC service provider application.
- Step 4** (Optional) To make SSO setup at the FMC easier, you can download the SAML XML metadata for the FMC service provider application from OneLogin to your local computer.
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## What to do next

Enable single sign-on; see [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#).

## Configure the FMC for OneLogin SSO

Use these instructions at the FMC web interface.

### Before you begin

- Create an FMC service provider application at the OneLogin Admin Portal; see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for OneLogin, on page 43](#).
- Enable single sign-on; see [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#).

### Procedure

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- Step 1** (This step continues directly from [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#).) At the **Configure OneLogin Metadata** dialog, you have two choices:
- To enter the SSO configuration information manually:
    - a. Click the **Manual Configuration** radio button.
    - b. Enter the following SSO configuration values from the OneLogin service provide application:
      - **Identity Provider Single Sign-On URL**: Enter the **SAML 2.0 Endpoint (HTTP)** from OneLogin.
      - **Identity Provider Issuer**: Enter the **Issuer URL** from OneLogin.
      - **X.509 Certificate**: Enter the **X.509 Certificate** from OneLogin.
  - If you saved the XML metadata file generated by OneLogin to your local computer (Step 4 in [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for OneLogin, on page 43](#)), you can upload the file to the FMC:
    - a. Click the **Upload XML File** radio button.
    - b. Follow the on-screen instructions to navigate to and choose the XML metadata file on your local computer.
- Step 2** Click **Next**.
- Step 3** At the **Verify Metadata** dialog, review the configuration parameters and click **Save**.
- Step 4** Click **Test Configuration**. If the system displays an error message, review the SSO configuration for the FMC as well as the OneLogin service provider application configuration, correct any errors, and try again.
- Step 5** When the system reports a successful configuration test, click **Apply**.
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### What to do next

You may optionally configure user role mapping for SSO users; see [Configure User Role Mapping for OneLogin at the FMC, on page 45](#). If you choose not to configure role mapping, by default all SSO users that log into the FMC are assigned the user role you configure in Step 4 of [Configure User Role Mapping for OneLogin at the FMC, on page 45](#).

## Configure User Role Mapping for OneLogin at the FMC

The fields to configure for user role mapping at the FMC web interface are the same regardless of your choice of SSO provider. But the values you configure must take into account how the SAML SSO provider you use implements user role mapping.

**Before you begin**

- Review the OneLogin users and groups, see [Review the OneLogin Subdomain, on page 42](#).
- Configure an SSO service provider application for the FMC; see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for OneLogin, on page 43](#).
- Enable and configure single sign-on at the FMC; see [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#), and [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for OneLogin, on page 43](#).

**Procedure**

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- Step 1** Choose **System > Users > Single Sign-On** **System > Users**.
- Step 2** Expand **Advanced Configuration (Role Mapping)**.
- Step 3** Select an FMC user role to assign to users as a default value from the **Default User Role** drop-down.
- Step 4** Enter a **Group Member Attribute**. This string must match the field name for a custom parameter you define for role mapping at the FMC service provider application in OneLogin. (See Step 1 of [Configure User Role Mapping for Individual Users at the OneLogin IdP, on page 47](#) or Step 1 of [Configure User Role Mapping for Groups at the OneLogin IdP, on page 48](#).)
- Step 5** Next to each FMC user role you wish to assign to SSO users, enter a regular expression. The FMC compares these values against the user role mapping attribute the IdP sends to the FMC with SSO user information. The FMC grants users a union of all the roles for which a match is found.
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**What to do next**

Configure user role mapping at the service provider application; see [Configure User Role Mapping at the OneLogin IdP, on page 46](#).

**Configure User Role Mapping at the OneLogin IdP**

You can configure SSO user role mapping at the OneLogin Admin Portal based on individual permissions or based on group permissions.

- To map based on individual user permissions, see [Configure User Role Mapping for Individual Users at the OneLogin IdP, on page 47](#).
- To map based on group permissions, see [Configure User Role Mapping for Groups at the OneLogin IdP, on page 48](#).

When an SSO user logs into the FMC, OneLogin presents to the FMC a user or group role attribute value that gets its value from a custom user field configured at the OneLogin IdP. The FMC compares that attribute value against the regular expression assigned to each FMC user role in the SSO configuration, and grants the user all the roles for which a match is found. (If no match is found, the FMC grants the user a configurable default user role.) The expression you assign to each FMC user role must comply with the restricted version of Google's RE2 regular expression standard supported by Golang and Perl. The FMC treats the attribute value received from OneLogin as a regular expression using that same standard for purposes of comparison with the FMC user role expressions.



**Note** A single FMC cannot support role mapping for both groups and individual users; you must choose one mapping method for the FMC service provider application and use it consistently. The FMC can support role mapping using only one custom user field configured in OneLogin. Generally group-based role mapping is more efficient for an FMC with many users. You should take into account user and group definitions established throughout your OneLogin subdomain.

## Configure User Role Mapping for Individual Users at the OneLogin IdP

Use the OneLogin Admin Portal to create a custom parameter for the FMC service provider application and a custom user field. These provide the means for OneLogin to pass user role information to the FMC during the SSO login process.

### Before you begin

- Review the OneLogin subdomain and its users and groups; see [Review the OneLogin Subdomain, on page 42](#).
- Create and configure an FMC service provider application in OneLogin; see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for OneLogin, on page 43](#).
- Configure SSO user role mapping as described in [Configure User Role Mapping for OneLogin at the FMC, on page 45](#).

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Create a custom parameter for the FMC service provider application.
- For the **Field Name**, use the same name you used for the **Group Member Attribute** in the FMC SSO configuration. (See Step 4 in [Configure User Role Mapping for OneLogin at the FMC, on page 45](#).)
  - For the **Value**, provide a mnemonic name such as `FMCUserRole`. This must match the name of the customer user field you will configure in Step 2 of this procedure.
- Step 2** Create a custom user field to contain user role information for each OneLogin user with access the FMC.
- For the field **Name**, provide a mnemonic name such as `FMCUserRole`. This must match the value provided for the application custom parameter described in Step 1 of this procedure.
  - For the **Short name**, provide an abbreviated alternate name for the field. (This is used for OneLogin programmatic interfaces.)
- Step 3** For each user with access to the FMC service provider application, assign a value to the custom user field you created in Step 2 of this procedure.
- When a user logs into the FMC using SSO, the value you assign to this field for that user is the value the FMC compares against the expressions you assigned to FMC user roles in the SSO configuration. (See Step 5 in [Configure User Role Mapping for OneLogin at the FMC, on page 45](#).)
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### What to do next

- Test your role mapping scheme by logging into the FMC using SSO from various accounts and confirming that users are assigned FMC user roles as you expect.

## Configure User Role Mapping for Groups at the OneLogin IdP

Use the OneLogin Admin Portal to create a custom parameter for the FMC service provider application and a custom user field. Assign OneLogin users to groups. Then create one or more mappings between the custom user field and the user group so OneLogin assigns a value to the custom user field based on the user's group membership. These provide the means for OneLogin to pass group-based user role information to the FMC during the SSO login process.

OneLogin service provider applications may use one of two types of groups:

- Groups native to OneLogin.
- Groups synchronized from third-party applications such as Active Directory, Google Apps, or LDAP.

You may use either type of group for FMC group role mapping. This documentation describes role mapping using OneLogin groups; using third-party application groups requires familiarity with the third-party user management application in use at your organization. See the OneLogin documentation for details.

### Before you begin

- Review the OneLogin subdomain and its users and groups; see [Review the OneLogin Subdomain, on page 42](#).
- Create and configure an FMC service provider application in OneLogin; see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for OneLogin, on page 43](#).
- Configure SSO user role mapping as described in [Configure User Role Mapping for OneLogin at the FMC, on page 45](#).

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Create a custom parameter for the FMC service provider application.
- For the **Field Name**, use the same name you used for the **Group Member Attribute** in the FMC SSO configuration. (See Step 4 in [Configure User Role Mapping for OneLogin at the FMC, on page 45](#).)
  - For the **Value**, provide a mnemonic name such as `FMCUserRole`. This must match the name of the customer user field you will configure in Step 2 of this procedure.
- Step 2** Create a custom user field to contain user role information for each OneLogin user with access the FMC.
- For the field **Name**, provide a mnemonic name such as `FMCUserRole`. This must match the value provided for the application custom parameter described in Step 1 of this procedure.
  - For the **Short name**, provide an abbreviated alternate name for the field. (This is used for OneLogin programmatic interfaces.)



**Step 3** Create one or more user field mappings to assign group-based values to the custom user field you created in Step 2 of this procedure. Create as many mappings as you need to assign the correct FMC user role to each OneLogin user group.

- Create one or more **Conditions** for the mapping, comparing the user **Group** field against group names.
- If you create multiple **Conditions**, choose whether a user's group must match *any* or *all* of the conditions for the mapping to take place.
- Create an **Action** for the mapping, to assign a value to the custom user field you created in Step 2 of this procedure. Provide the field **Name**, and the string that OneLogin assigns to this custom user field for all users that meet the **Conditions** you specified.

The FMC compares this string against the expressions you assign to each FMC user role in Step 5 of [Configure User Role Mapping for OneLogin at the FMC, on page 45](#).

- **Reapply All Mappings** when you have completed your changes.

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#### What to do next

- Test your role mapping scheme by logging into the FMC using SSO from various accounts and confirming that users are assigned FMC user roles as you expect.

## OneLogin User Role Mapping Examples

As the following examples demonstrate, the SSO configurations at the FMC to support user role mapping are the same for both individual users and for groups. The difference lies in the settings at the FMC service provider application in OneLogin.



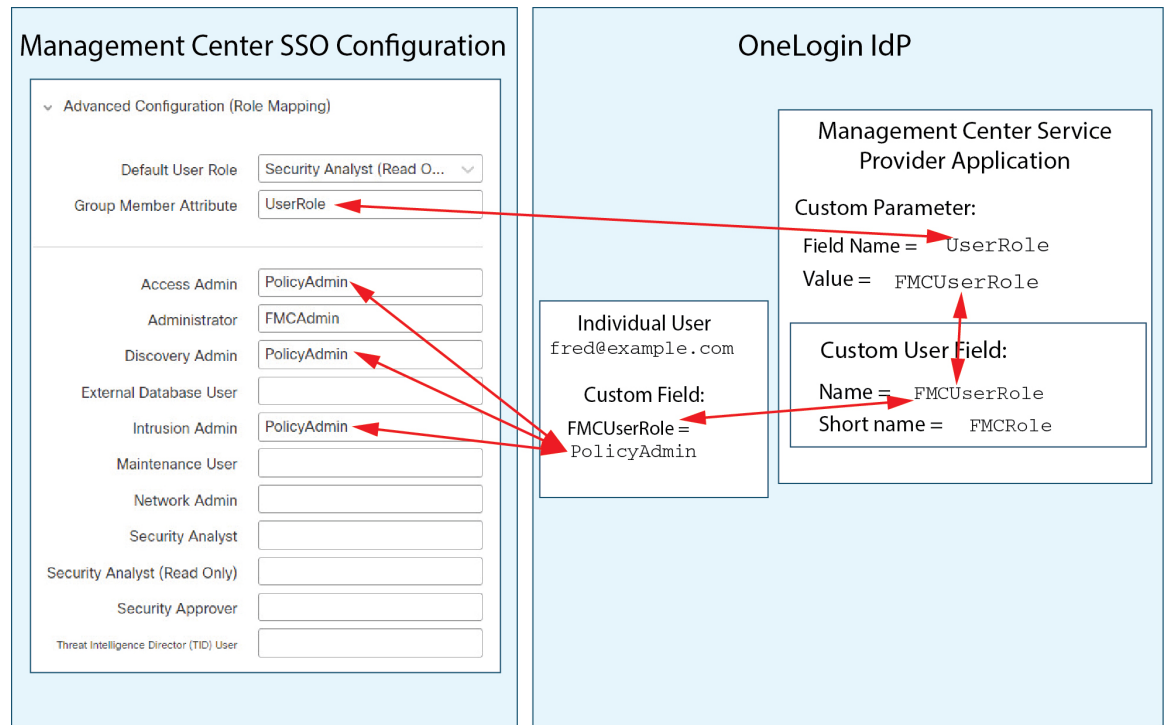
**Note** A single FMC cannot support role mapping for both groups and individual users; you must choose one mapping method for the FMC service provider application and use it consistently. The FMC can support role mapping using only one custom user field configured in OneLogin. Generally group-based role mapping is more efficient for an FMC with many users. You should take into account user and group definitions established throughout your OneLogin subdomain.

### OneLogin Role Mapping Example for Individual User Accounts

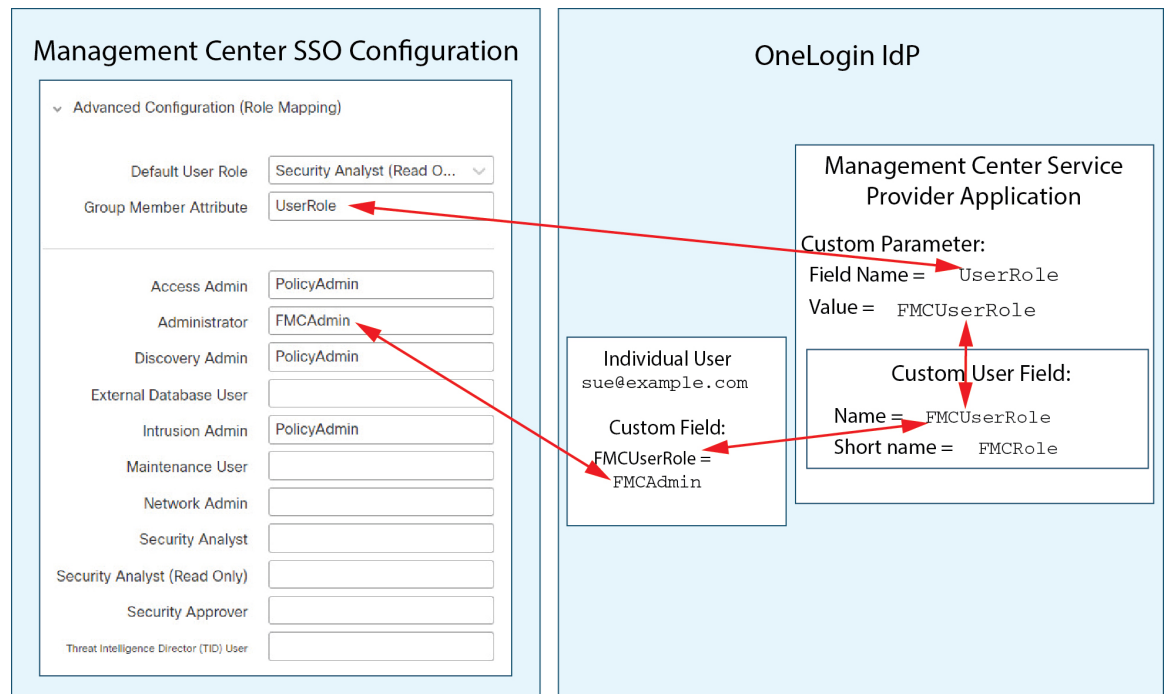
In role mapping for individual users, the OneLogin FMC service application has a custom parameter whose name matches the name of the Group Member attribute on the FMC (in this example, `UserRole`). OneLogin also has a custom user field defined (in this example, `FMCUserRole`). The definition for the application custom parameter `UserRole` establishes that when OneLogin passes user role mapping information to the FMC, it will use the value of the custom user field `FMCUserRole` for the user in question.

The following diagrams illustrate how the relevant fields and values in the FMC and OneLogin configurations correspond to each other in user role mapping for individual accounts. Each diagram uses the same SSO configurations at the FMC and at the OneLogin Admin portal, but the configuration for each user at the OneLogin Admin portal differs to assign each user different roles at the FMC.

- In this diagram `fred@example.com` uses the `FMCUserRole` value `PolicyAdmin` and the FMC assigns him the roles Access Admin, Discovery Admin, and Intrusion Admin.



- In this diagram sue@example.com uses the FMCUserRole value FMCAdmin, and the FMC assigns her the Administrator role.



- Other users assigned to the OneLogin service application for this FMC are assigned the default user role Security Analyst (Read Only) for one of the following reasons:

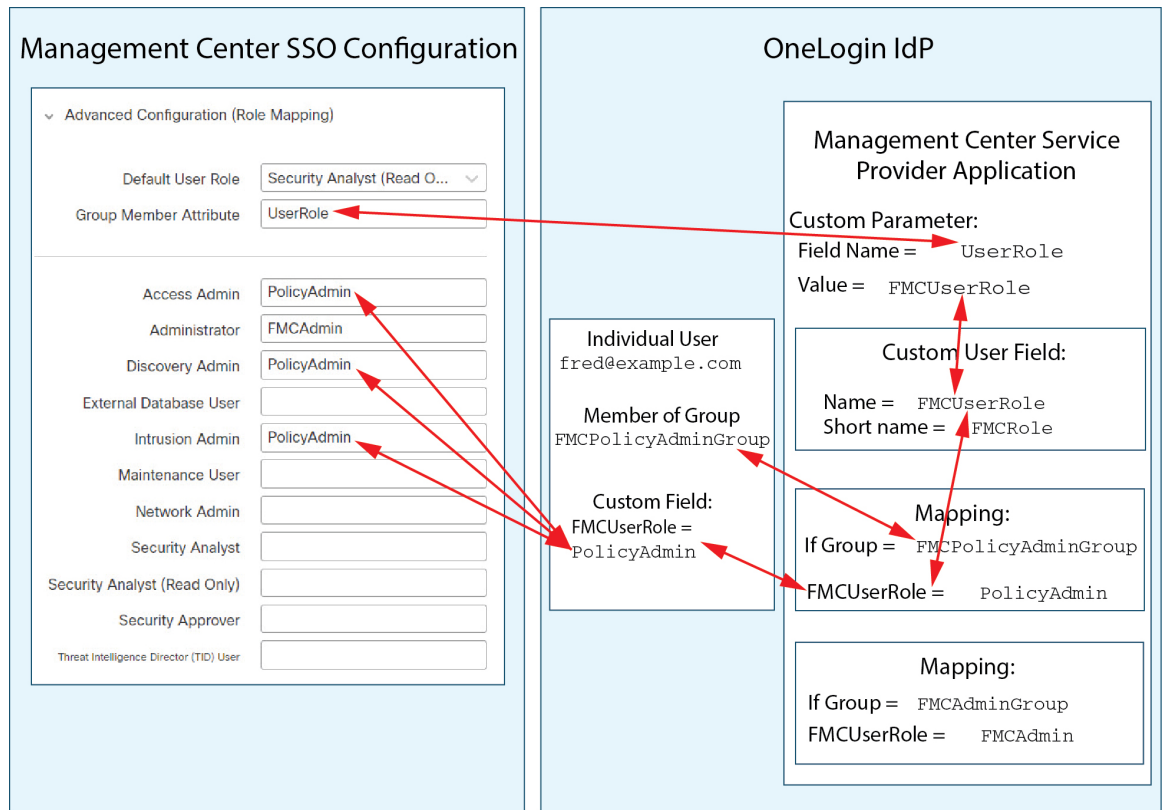
- They have no value assigned to the `FMCUserRole` custom user field.
- The value assigned to the `FMCUserRole` custom user field does not match any expression configured for a user role in the SSO configuration at the FMC.

### OneLogin Role Mapping Example for Groups

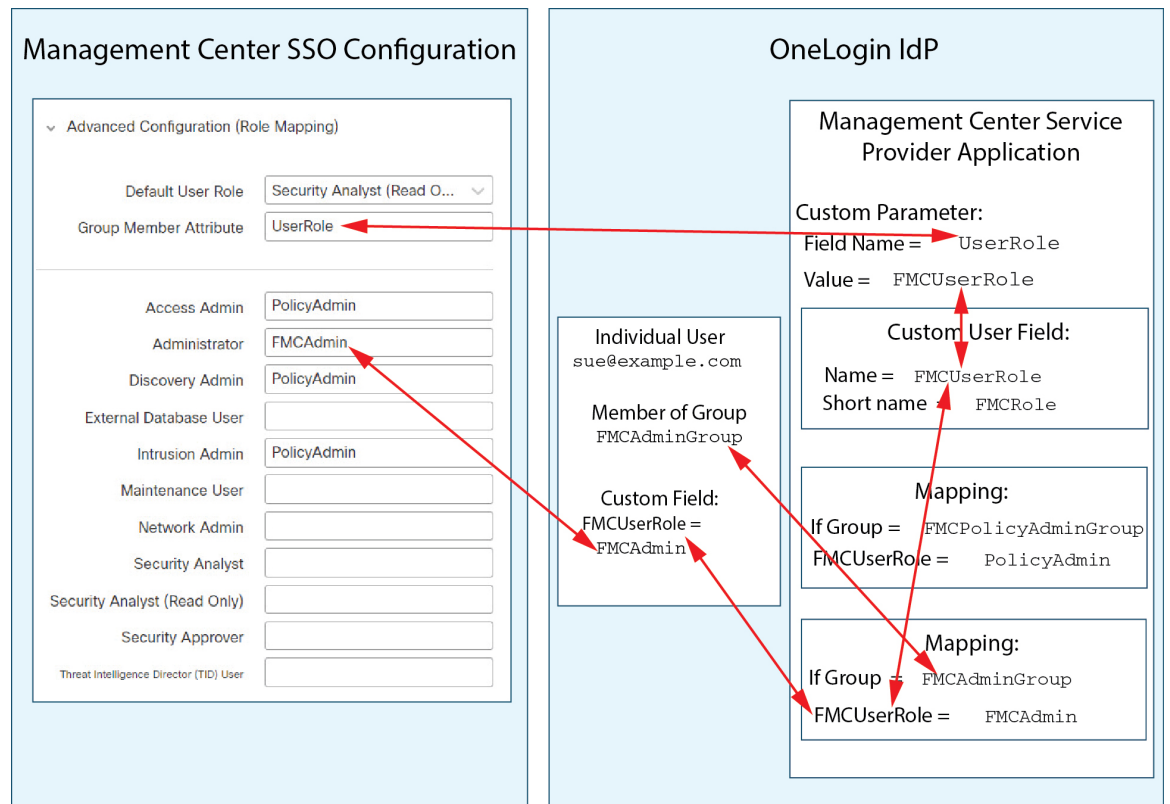
In role mapping for groups, the OneLogin FMC service application has a custom parameter whose name matches the name of the Group Member attribute on the FMC (in this example, `UserRole`). OneLogin also has a custom user field defined (in this example, `FMCUserRole`). The definition for the application custom parameter `UserRole` establishes that when OneLogin passes user role mapping information to the FMC, it will use the value of the custom user field `FMCUserRole` for the user in question. To support user group mapping, you must establish a mapping within OneLogin to assign a value for each user's `FMCUserRole` field based on that user's OneLogin group membership.

The following diagrams illustrate how the relevant fields and values in the FMC and OneLogin configurations correspond to each other in user role mapping for groups. Each diagram uses the same SSO configurations at the FMC and at the OneLogin Admin portal, but the configuration for each user at the OneLogin Admin portal differs to assign each user different roles at the FMC.

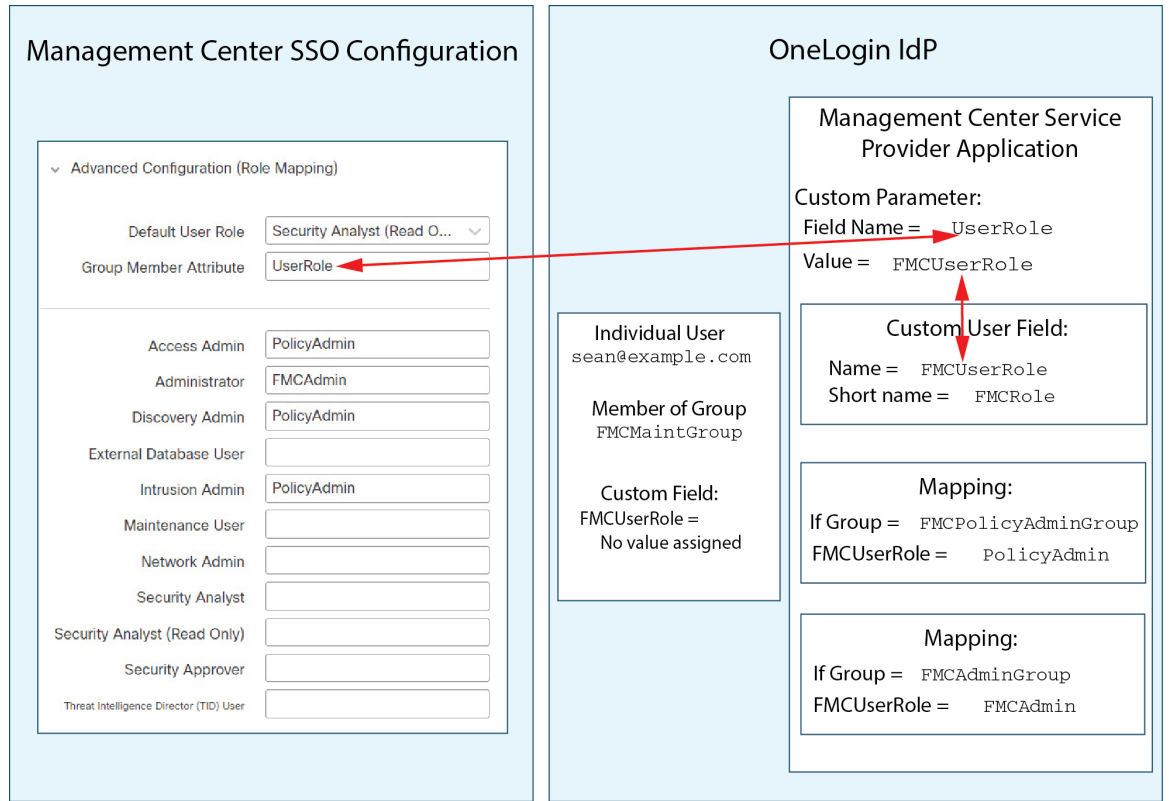
- In this diagram `fred@example.com` is a member of the OneLogin IdP group `FMCPolicyAdminGroup`. A OneLogin mapping assigns the value `PolicyAdmin` to the custom user field `FMCUserRole` for members of the `FMCPolicyAdminGroup`. The FMC assigns Fred and other members of the `FMCPolicyAdminGroup` the roles Access Admin, Discovery Admin, and Intrusion Admin.



- In this diagram `sue@example.com` is a member of the OneLogin IdP group `FMCAdminGroup`. A OneLogin mapping assigns the value `FMCAdmin` to the custom user field `FMCUserRole` for members of the `FMCAdminGroup`. The FMC assigns Sue and other members of the `FMCAdminGroup` the Administrator role.

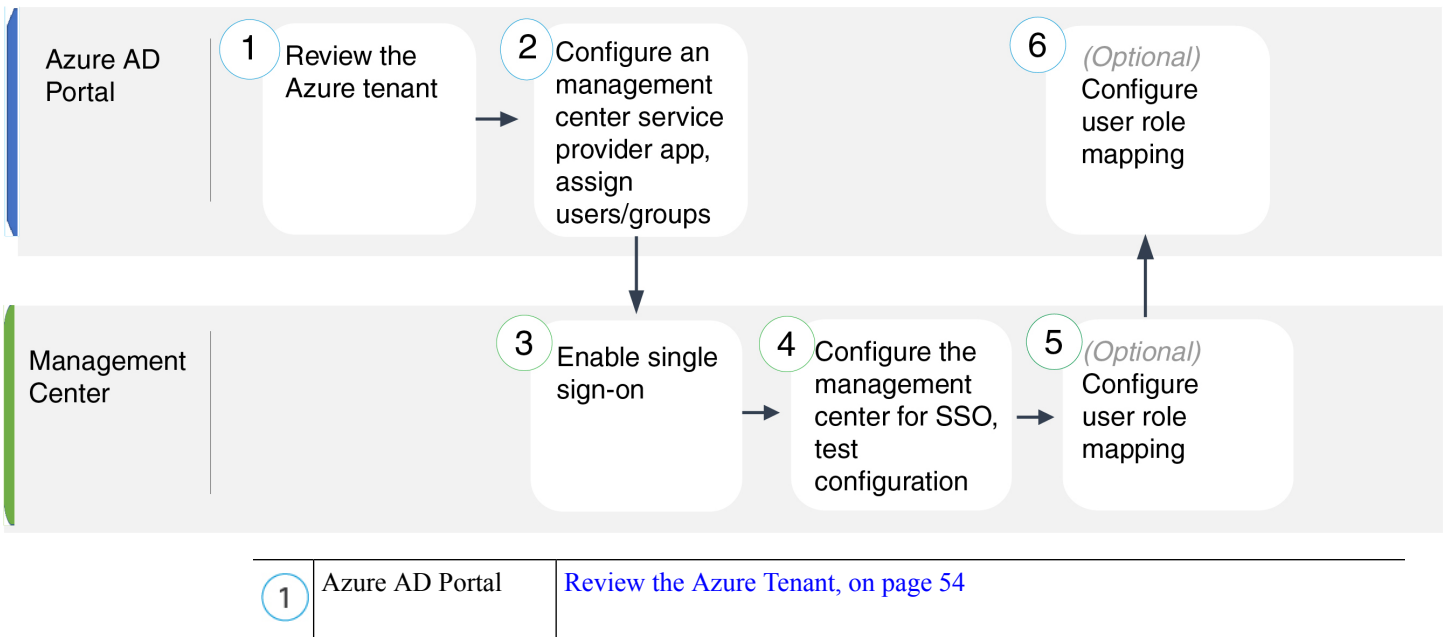


- In this diagram `sean@example.com` is a member of the Idp group `FMCMaintGroup`. There is no OneLogin mapping associated with this group, so OneLogin does not assign a value to the custom user field `FMCUserRole` for Sean. The FMC assigns Sean the default user role (Security Analyst (Read Only)) rather than the Maintenance User role.



## Configure Single Sign-On with Azure AD

See the following tasks to configure SSO using Azure:



2	Azure AD Portal	<a href="#">Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Azure, on page 54</a>
3	FMC	<a href="#">Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28</a>
4	FMC	<a href="#">Configure the FMC for Azure SSO, on page 56</a>
5	FMC	<a href="#">Configure User Role Mapping for Azure at the FMC, on page 57</a>
6	Azure AD Portal	<a href="#">Configure User Role Mapping at the Azure IdP, on page 58</a>

## Review the Azure Tenant

Azure AD is Microsoft's multitenant cloud based identity and access management service. In Azure, the entity that encompasses all the federated devices that a user can access with the same SSO account is called a *tenant*. Before adding the FMC to an Azure tenant, be familiar with its organization; consider the following questions:

- How many users will have access to the FMC?
- Are users within the Azure tenant members of groups?
- Are users and groups from another directory product?
- Do you need to add more users or groups to the Azure tenant to support SSO on the FMC?
- What kind of FMC user role assignments do you want to make? (If you choose not to assign user roles, the FMC automatically assigns a configurable default user role to all SSO users.)
- How must users and groups within the Azure tenant be organized to support the required user role mapping?
- Keep in mind that you can configure FMC roles to be mapped based on individual users or based on groups, but a single FMC application cannot support role mapping for both groups and individual users.

This documentation assumes you are already familiar with the Azure Active Directory Portal and have an account with application admin privileges for the Azure AD tenant. Keep in mind that the FMC supports Azure SSO only with tenant-specific single sign-on and single sign-out endpoints. You must have an Azure AD Premium P1 or above license and Global Administrator permissions; see Azure documentation for more information.

## Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Azure

Use the Azure Active Directory Portal to create an FMC service provider application within your Azure Active Directory tenant and establish basic configuration settings.



**Note** If you plan to assign user groups to the FMC application, do not also assign users within those groups as individuals.



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**Note** The FMC cannot support role mapping using multiple SSO attributes; you must select either user role mapping or grup role mapping and configure a single attribute to convey user role information from OneLogin to the FMC.

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### Before you begin

- Familiarize yourself with your Azure tenant and its users and groups; see [Review the Azure Tenant, on page 54](#).
- Create user accounts and/or groups in your Azure tenant if necessary.



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**Note** The FMC requires that user names for SSO accounts as well as the NameID attribute the IdP sends to the FMC during the SAML login process must be both be valid email addresses. Many IdP's automatically use the username of the user trying to logon as the NameID attribute, but you should confirm this is the case for your IdP. Keep this in mind when configuring a service provider application at your IdP and creating IdP user accounts that are to be granted SSO access to an FMC.

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- Confirm the login URL for the target FMC (`https://ipaddress_or_hostname`)



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**Note** If your FMC web interface can be reached with multiple URLs (for instance, a fully-qualified domain name as well as an IP address), SSO users must consistently access the FMC using the login URL that you configure in this task.

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### Procedure

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- Step 1** Create the FMC service provider application using the Azure AD SAML Toolkit as its basis.
- Step 2** Configure the application with the following settings for **Basic SAML Configuration**:
- For the **Identifier (Entity ID)** append the string `/saml/metadata` to the FMC login URL. For example:  
`https://ExampleFMC/saml/metadata`.
  - For the **Reply URL (Assertion Consumer Service URL)** append the string `/saml/acs` to the FMC login URL. For example: `https://ExampleFMC/saml/acs`.
  - For the **Sign on URL** append the string `/saml/acs` to the FMC login URL. For example:  
`https://ExampleFMC/saml/acs`.
- Step 3** Edit the **Unique User Identifier Name (Name ID)** claim for the application to force the username for sign-on at the FMC to be the email address associated with the user account:
- For **Source** choose `Attribute`.
  - For **Source attribute**: Choose `user.mail`.

- Step 4** Generate a certificate to secure SSO on the FMC. Use the following options for the certificate:
- Select Sign SAML Response and Assertion for the Signing Option.
  - Select SHA-256 for the Signing Algorithm.
- Step 5** Download the Base-64 version of the certificate to your local computer; you will need it when you configure Azure SSO at the FMC web interface
- Step 6** In the SAML-based Sign-on information for the application, note the following values:
- **Login URL**
  - **Azure AD Identifier**
- You will need these values when you configure Azure SSO at the FMC web interface.
- Step 7** (Optional) to make SSO setup at the FMC easier, you can download the SAML XML metadata file for the FMC service provider application (called the **Federation Metadata XML** in the Azure Portal) to your local computer.
- Step 8** Assign existing Azure users and groups to the FMC service application.
- Note** If you plan to assign user groups to the FMC Application, do not also assign users within those groups as individuals.
- Note** If you plan to configure user role mapping, you can configure roles to be mapped based on individual user permissions or based on group permissions, but a single FMC application cannot support role mapping for both groups and individual users.

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### What to do next

Enable single sign-on; see [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#).

## Configure the FMC for Azure SSO

Use these instructions at the FMC web interface.

### Before you begin

- Create an FMC service provider application at the Azure AD Portal; see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Azure, on page 54](#).
- Enable single sign-on; see [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#).

### Procedure

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- Step 1** (This step continues directly from [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#).) At the **Configure Azure Metadata** dialog, you have two choices:
- To enter the SSO configuration information manually:
    - a. Click the **Manual Configuration** radio button.



- b. Enter the values you retrieved from the Azure SSO Service Provider application:
  - For **Identity Provider Single Sign-On URL** enter the **Login URL** you noted in Step 6 of [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Azure, on page 54](#).
  - For **Identity Provider Issuer** enter the **Azure AD Identifier** you noted in Step 6 of [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Azure, on page 54](#).
  - For the **X.509 Certificate**, use the certificate you downloaded from Azure in Step 5 of [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Azure, on page 54](#). (Use a text editor to open the certificate file, copy the contents, and paste it into the **X.509 Certificate** field.)
- If you saved the XML metadata file generated by Azure to your local computer (Step 7 of [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Azure, on page 54](#)), you can upload the file the FMC:
  - a. Click the **Upload XML File** radio button.
  - b. Follow the on-screen instructions to navigate to and choose the XML metadata file on your local computer.

**Step 2** Click **Next**.

**Step 3** At the **Verify Metadata** dialog, review the configuration parameters and click **Save**.

**Step 4** Click **Test Configuration**. If the System displays an error message, review the SSO configuration for the FMC as well as the Azure service provider application, correct any errors, and try again.

**Step 5** When the system reports a successful configuration test, click **Apply**.

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### What to do next

You may optionally configure role mapping for SSO users; see [Configure User Role Mapping for Azure at the FMC, on page 57](#). If you choose not to configure role mapping, by default all SSO users that log into the FMC are assigned the default user role you configure in Step 4 of [Configure User Role Mapping for Azure at the FMC, on page 57](#).

## Configure User Role Mapping for Azure at the FMC

The fields to configure for user role mapping at the FMC web interface are the same regardless of your choice of SSO provider. But the values you configure must take into account how the SAML SSO provider you use implements user role mapping.

### Before you begin

- Review the existing Azure users and groups; see [Review the Azure Tenant, on page 54](#).
- Configure an SSO service provider application for the FMC; see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Azure, on page 54](#).
- Enable and configure single sign-on at the FMC; see [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#), and [Configure the FMC for Azure SSO, on page 56](#).

## Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **System > Users**.
- Step 2** Click the **Single Sign-On** tab.
- Step 3** Expand **Advanced Configuration (Role Mapping)**.
- Step 4** Select an FMC user role to assign users as a default value from the **Default User Role** drop-down.
- Step 5** Enter a **Group Member Attribute**. This string must match the name of the user claim you create for the FMC service provider application in Azure; see Step 1 of [Configure User Role Mapping for Individual Users at the Azure IdP, on page 59](#) or Step 1 of [Configure User Role Mapping for Groups at the Azure IdP, on page 60](#).
- Step 6** Next to each FMC user role you wish to assign to SSO users, enter a regular expression. (The FMC uses a restricted version of Google's RE2 regular expression standard supported by Golang and Perl.) The FMC compares these values against the user role mapping attribute value the IdP sends to the FMC with SSO user information. The FMC grants users a union of all the roles for which a match is found.
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## What to do next

Configure user role mapping at the service provider application; see [Configure User Role Mapping at the Azure IdP, on page 58](#).

## Configure User Role Mapping at the Azure IdP

You can configure SSO user role mapping at the Azure AD Portal based on individual user permissions or based on group permissions.

- To map based on individual user permissions, see [Configure User Role Mapping for Individual Users at the Azure IdP](#).
- To map based on group permissions, see [Configure User Role Mapping for Groups at the Azure IdP](#).

When an SSO user logs into the FMC, Azure presents to the FMC a user or group role attribute value that gets its value from an application role configured at the Azure AD Portal. The FMC compares that attribute value against the regular expression assigned to each FMC user role in the SSO configuration, and grants the user all the roles for which a match is found. (If no match is found, the FMC grants the user a configurable default user role.) The expression you assign to each FMC user role must comply with the restricted version of Google's RE2 regular expression standard supported by Golang and Perl. The FMC treats the attribute value received from Azure as a regular expression using that same standard for purposes of comparison with the FMC user role expressions.



**Note** A single FMC cannot support role mapping for both groups and individual users; you must choose one mapping method for the FMC service provider application and use it consistently. The FMC can support role mapping using only one claim configured in Azure. Generally group-based role mapping is more efficient for an FMC with many users. You should take into account user and group definitions established throughout your Azure tenant.

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## Configure User Role Mapping for Individual Users at the Azure IdP

To establish role mapping for individual users of the FMC service application in Azure, use the Azure AD Portal to add a claim to the application, add roles to the application's registration manifest, and assign roles to users.

### Before you begin

- Review the Azure tenant; see [Review the Azure Tenant, on page 54](#).
- Create and configure an FMC service provider application in Azure; see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Azure, on page 54](#).
- Configure SSO user role mapping as described in [Configure User Role Mapping for Azure at the FMC, on page 57](#).

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Add a user claim to the SSO configuration for the FMC service application with the following characteristics:
- **Name:** Use the same string you entered for the **Group Member Attribute** in the FMC SSO configuration. (See Step 5 in [Configure User Role Mapping for Azure at the FMC, on page 57](#).)
  - **Source:** Choose `Attribute`.
  - **Source attribute:** Choose `user.assignedroles`.
- Step 2** Edit the manifest for the FMC service application (in JSON format) and add application roles to represent FMC user roles you wish to assign to SSO users. The simplest approach is to copy an existing application role definition and change the following properties:
- `displayName`: The name for the role that will appear in the AD Azure Portal.
  - `description`: A brief description of the role.
  - `id`: An alphanumeric string that must be unique among ID properties within the manifest.
  - `value`: A string to represent one or more FMC user roles. (Note: Azure does not permit spaces in this string.)
- Step 3** For each user assigned to the FMC Service application, assign one of the application roles you have added to the manifest for that application. When a user logs in to the FMC using SSO, the application role you assign to that user is the value Azure sends to the FMC in the claim for the service application. The FMC compares the claim against the expressions you assigned to FMC user roles in the SSO configuration (See Step 6 of [Configure User Role Mapping for Azure at the FMC, on page 57](#).), and assigns the user all the FMC user roles for which there is a match.
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### What to do next

- Test your role mapping scheme by logging into the FMC using SSO from various accounts and confirming that users are assigned FMC user roles as you expect.

## Configure User Role Mapping for Groups at the Azure IdP

To establish role mapping for user groups for the FMC service application in Azure, use the Azure AD Portal to add a claim to the application, add roles to the application's registration manifest, and assign roles to groups.

### Before you begin

- Review the Azure tenant; see [Review the Azure Tenant, on page 54](#).
- Create and configure an FMC service provider application in Azure; see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Azure, on page 54](#).
- Configure SSO user role mapping as described in [Configure User Role Mapping for Azure at the FMC, on page 57](#).

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Add a user claim to the SSO configuration for the FMC service application with the following characteristics:
- **Name:** Use the same string you entered for the **Group Member Attribute** in the FMC SSO configuration. (See Step 5 in [Configure User Role Mapping for Azure at the FMC, on page 57](#).)
  - **Source:** Choose `Attribute`.
  - **Source attribute:** Choose `user.assignedroles`.
- Step 2** Edit the manifest for the FMC service application (in JSON format) and add application roles to represent FMC user roles you wish to assign to SSO users. The simplest approach is to copy an existing application role definition and change the following properties:
- `displayName`: The name for the role that will appear in the Ad Azure Portal.
  - `description`: A brief description of the role.
  - `Id`: An alphanumeric string that must be unique among id properties within the manifest.
  - `value`: A string to represent one or more FMC user roles. (Azure does not permit spaces in this string.)
- Step 3** For each group assigned to the FMC Service application, assign one of the application roles you have added to the manifest for that application. When a user logs in to the FMC using SSO, the application role you assign to that user's group is the value Azure sends to the FMC in the claim for the service application. The FMC compares the claim against the expressions you assigned to FMC user roles in the SSO configuration (see Step 6 of [Configure User Role Mapping for Azure at the FMC, on page 57](#)), and assigns the user all the FMC user roles for which there is a match.
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### What to do next

Test your role mapping scheme by logging into the FMC using SSO from various accounts and confirming that users are assigned FMC user roles as you expect.

## Azure User Role Mapping Examples

As the following examples demonstrate, the SSO configurations at the FMC to support user role mapping are the same for both individual users and for groups. The difference lies in the settings at the FMC service provider application in Azure.



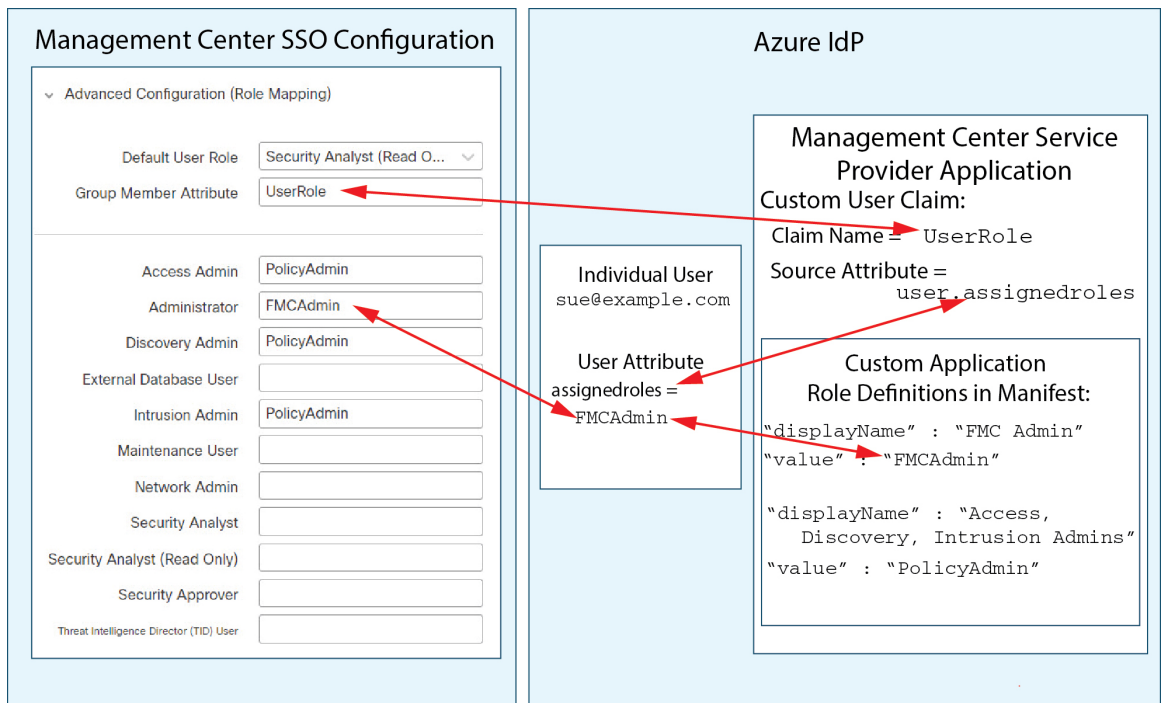
**Note** You can configure FMC roles to be mapped based on individual permissions or based on group permissions, but a single FMC application cannot support role mapping for both groups and individual users. The FMC can support role mapping using only one claim configured in Azure.

### Azure Role Mapping Example for Individual User Accounts

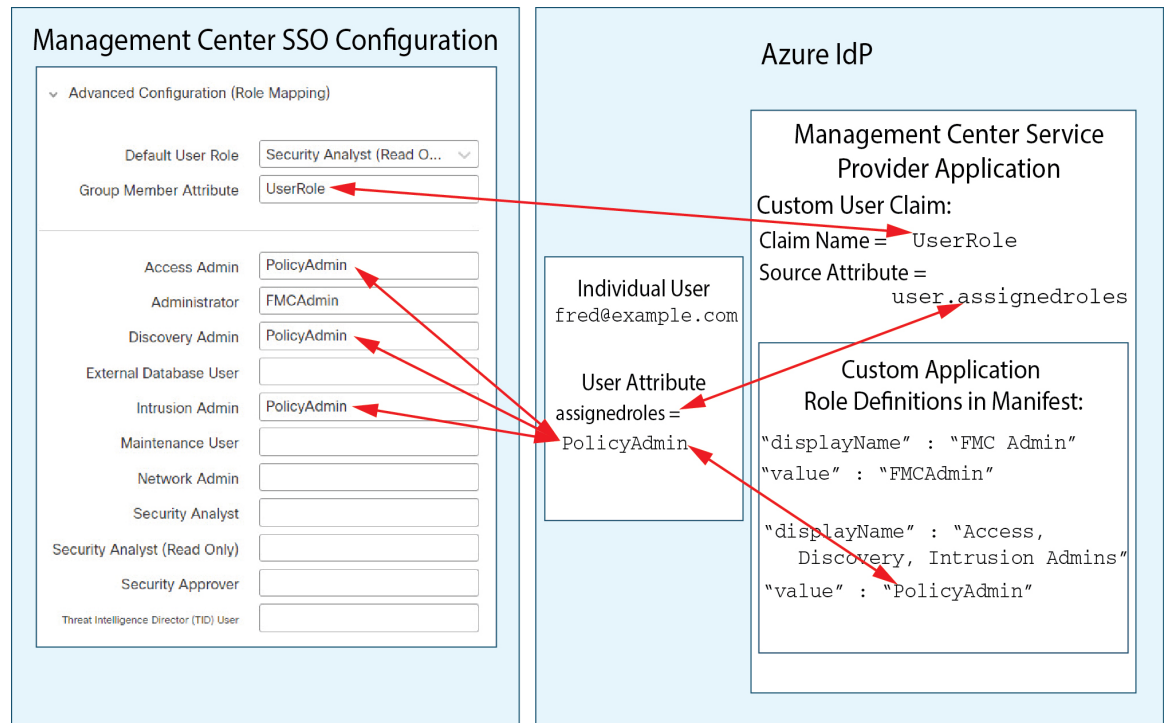
In role mapping for individual users, the Azure FMC service application has custom roles defined within its manifest. (In this case, FMCAdmin and PolicyAdmin.) These roles can be assigned to users; Azure stores role assignments for each user in that user's assignedroles attribute. The application also has a custom user claim defined, and this claim is configured to get its value from the assigned user role for a user logging into the FMC using SSO. Azure passes the claim value to the FMC during the SSO login process, and the FMC compares the claim value against strings assigned to each FMC user role in the FMC SSO configuration.

The following diagrams illustrate how the relevant fields and values in the FMC and Azure configurations correspond to each other in user role mapping for individual accounts. Each diagram uses the same SSO configurations at the FMC and at the Azure AD portal, but the configuration for each user at the Azure AD portal differs to assign each user different roles at the FMC.

- In this diagram sue@example.com uses the assignedroles attribute value FMCAdmin, and the FMC assigns her the FMC Administrator role.



- In this diagram fred@example.com uses the assignedroles attribute value PolicyAdmin, and the FMC assigns him the roles Access Admin, Discovery Admin, and Intrusion Admin.



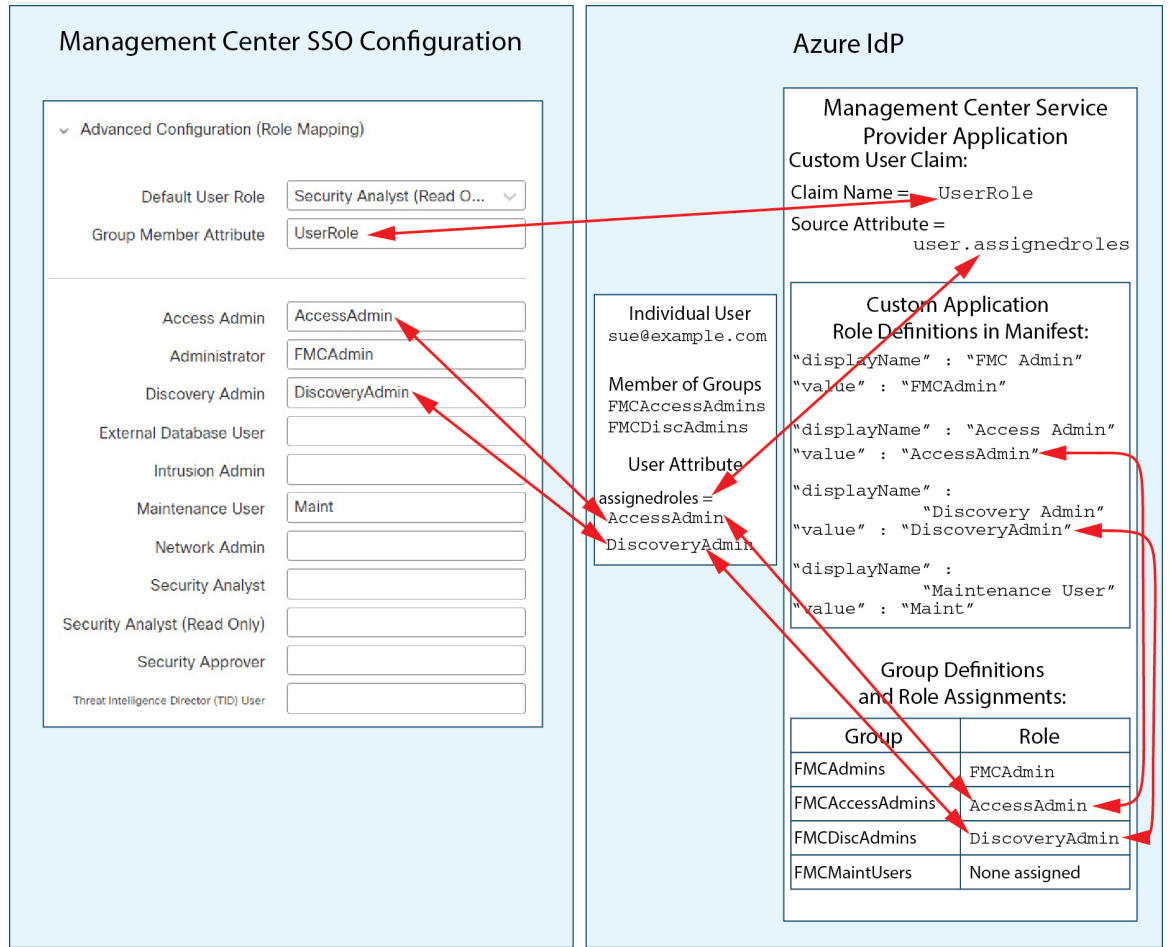
- Other users assigned to the Azure service application for this FMC are assigned the default user role Security Analyst (Read Only) for one of the following reasons:
  - They have no value assigned to their assignedroles attribute.
  - The value assigned to their assignedroles attribute does not match any expression configured for a user role in the SSO configuration at the FMC.

## Azure Role Mapping Example for Groups

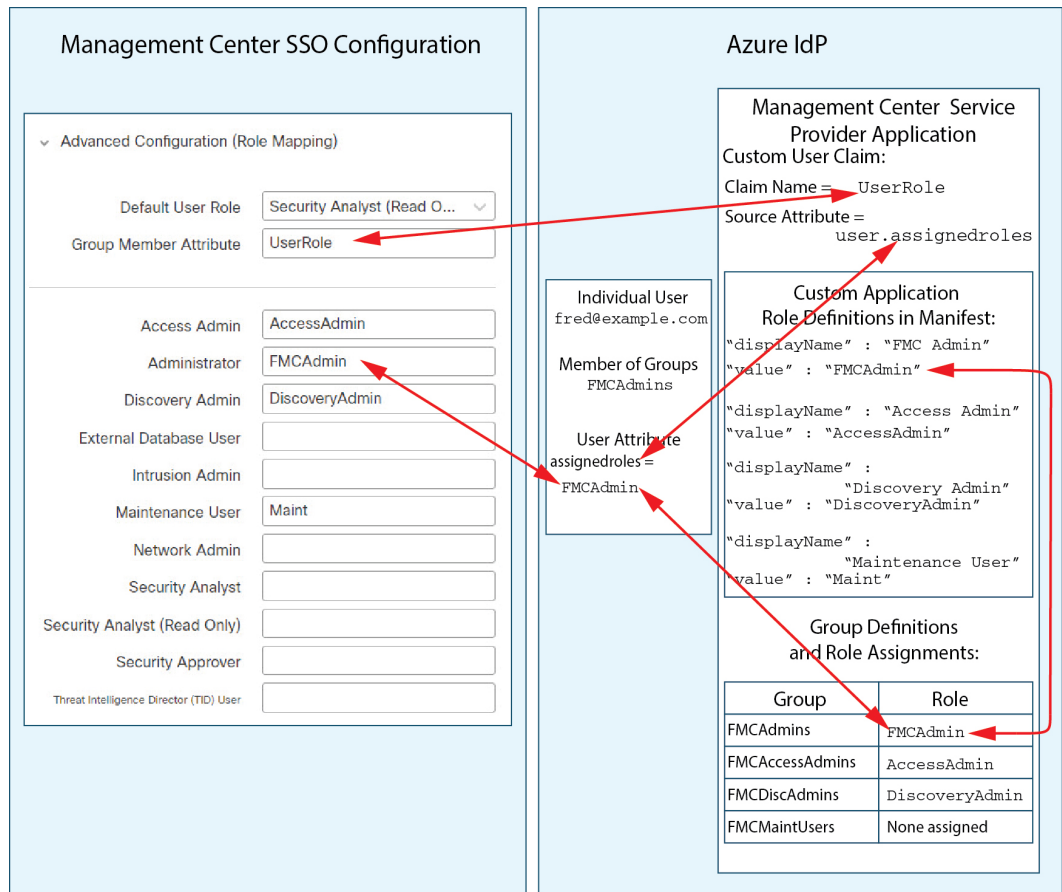
In role mapping for groups, the Azure FMC service application has custom roles defined within its manifest. (In this case, FMCAAdmin, AccessAdmin, Discovery Admin, and Maint.) These roles can be assigned to groups; Azure passes role assignments for each group to group members' assignedroles attribute. The application also has a custom user claim defined, and this claim is configured to get its value from the assigned user role for a user logging into the FMC using SSO. Azure passes the claim value to the FMC during the SSO login process, and the FMC compares the claim value against strings assigned to each FMC user role in the FMC SSO configuration.

The following diagrams illustrate how the relevant fields and values in the FMC and Azure configurations correspond to each other in user role mapping for groups. Each diagram uses the same SSO configurations at the FMC and at the Azure AD portal, but the configuration for each user at the Azure AD portal differs to assign each user different roles at the FMC.

- In this diagram sue@example.com is a member of the groups FMCAccessAdmins and FMCDiscoveryAdmins. From these groups she inherits the custom roles AccessAdmin and DiscoveryAdmin. When Sue logs into the FMC using SSO the FMC assigns her the roles Access Admin and Discovery Admin.



- In this diagram fred@example.com is a member of the FMCAAdmins group, from which he inherits the custom role FMCAAdmin. When Fred logs into the FMC using SSO the FMC assigns him the Administrator role.



- In this diagram sean@example.com is a member of the FMCMaintUsers group, but because no custom role has been assigned to FMCMaintUsers within the Azure FMC service provider application, Sean has no roles assigned to him, and when he logs into the FMC using SSO, the FMC assigns him the default role Security Analyst (Read Only).



### Management Center SSO Configuration

Advanced Configuration (Role Mapping)

Default User Role: Security Analyst (Read O...)

Group Member Attribute: UserRole

Access Admin: AccessAdmin

Administrator: FMCAdmin

Discovery Admin: DiscoveryAdmin

External Database User:

Intrusion Admin:

Maintenance User: Maint

Network Admin:

Security Analyst:

Security Analyst (Read Only):

Security Approver:

Threat Intelligence Director (TID) User:

### Azure IdP

Management Center Service Provider Application

Custom User Claim:

Claim Name = UserRole

Source Attribute = user.assignedroles

Individual User  
sean@example.com

Member of Groups  
FMCMaintUsers

No Assigned Roles

Custom Application Role Definitions in Manifest:

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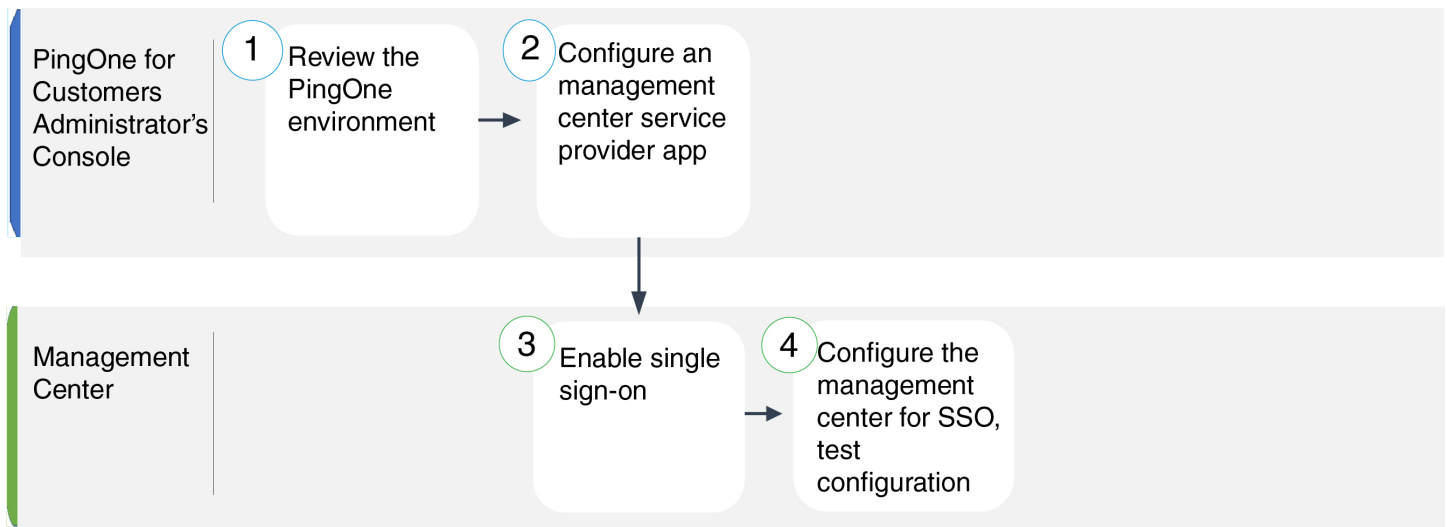
"displayName" : "FMC Admin"
"value" : "FMCAdmin"
"displayName" : "Access Admin"
"value" : "AccessAdmin"
"displayName" :
  "Discovery Admin"
"value" : "DiscoveryAdmin"
"displayName" :
  "Maintenance User"
"value" : "Maint"
                    
```

Group Definitions and Role Assignments:

Group	Role
FMCAdmins	FMCAdmin
FMCAccessAdmins	AccessAdmin
FMCDiscAdmins	DiscoveryAdmin
FMCMaintUsers	None assigned

## Configure Single Sign-On with PingID

See the following tasks to configure SSO using PingID's PingOne for Customers product:



1	PingOne for Customers Administrator's Console	<a href="#">Review the PingID PingOne for Customers Environment, on page 66.</a>
2	PingOne for Customers Administrator's Console	<a href="#">Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for PingID PingOne for Customers, on page 66.</a>
3	FMC	<a href="#">Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28.</a>
4	FMC	<a href="#">Configure the FMC for SSO with PingID PingOne for Customers, on page 68.</a>

## Review the PingID PingOne for Customers Environment

PingOne for Customers is PingID's cloud-hosted identity-as-a-service (IDaaS) product. In PingOne for Customers, the entity that encompasses all the federated devices that a user can access with the same SSO account is called an environment. Before adding the FMC to a PingOne environment, be familiar with its organization; consider the following questions:

- How many users will have access to the FMC?
- Do you need to add more users to support SSO access to the FMC?

This documentation assumes you are already familiar with the PingOne for Customers Administrator Console and have an account with the Organization Admin role.

## Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for PingID PingOne for Customers

Use the PingOne for Customers Administrator Console to create an FMC service provider application within your PingOne for Customers environment and establish basic configuration settings. This documentation does not describe all the PingOne for Customers functions you need to establish a fully functional SSO environment; for instance, to create users see the PingOne for Customers documentation.

### Before you begin

- Familiarize yourself with your PingOne for Customers environment and its users.
- Create additional users if necessary.



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**Note** The FMC requires that user names for SSO accounts as well as the NameID attribute the IdP sends to the FMC during the SAML login process must be both be valid email addresses. Many IdP's automatically use the username of the user trying to logon as the NameID attribute, but you should confirm this is the case for your IdP. Keep this in mind when configuring a service provider application at your IdP and creating IdP user accounts that are to be granted SSO access to an FMC.

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- Confirm the login URL for the target FMC (`https://ipaddress_or_hostname`)



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**Note** If your FMC web interface can be reached with multiple URLs (for instance, a fully-qualified domain name as well as an IP address), SSO users must consistently access the FMC using the login URL that you configure in this task.

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### Procedure

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- Step 1** Use the PingOne for Customer Administrator Console to create the application in your environment using these settings:
- Choose the **Web App** application type.
  - Choose the **SAML** connection type.
- Step 2** Configure the application with the following settings for the SAML Connection:
- For the **ACS URL**, append the string `/sam/acs` to the FMC login URL. For example:  
`https://ExampleFMC/saml/acs`.
  - For the **Signing Certificate**, choose Sign Assertion & Response.
  - For the **Signing Algorithm** choose RSA\_SHA256.
  - For the **Entity ID**, append the string `/saml/metadata` to the FMC login URL. For example:  
`https://ExampleFMC/saml/metadata`.
  - For the **SLO Binding** select HTTP POST.
  - For the **Assertion Validity Duration** enter 300.
- Step 3** In the SAMLConnection information for the application, note the following values:
- **Single Sign-On Service**
  - **Issuer ID**

You will need these values when you configure SSO using PingID's PingOne for Customers product at the FMC web interface.

- Step 4** For **SAML ATTRIBUTES**, make the following selections for a single required attribute:
- **PINGONE USER ATTRIBUTE:** `Email Address`
  - **APPLICATION ATTRIBUTE:** `saml_subject`
- Step 5** Download the signing certificate in X509 PEM (.`crt`) format and save it to your local computer.
- Step 6** (Optional) to make SSO setup at the FMC easier, you can download the SAML XML metadata file for the FMC service provider application to your local computer.
- Step 7** Enable the application.

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### What to do next

Enable single sign-on; see [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#).

## Configure the FMC for SSO with PingID PingOne for Customers

Use these instructions at the FMC web interface.

### Before you begin

- Create an FMC service provider application at the PingOne for Customers Administrator Console; see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for PingID PingOne for Customers, on page 66](#).
- Enable single sign-on; see [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#).

### Procedure

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- Step 1** (This step continues directly from [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#).) At the **Configure PingID Metadata** dialog, you have two choices:
- To enter the SSO configuration information manually:
    - a. Click the **Manual Configuration** radio button.
    - b. Enter the values you retrieved from the PingOne for Customers Administrator Console:
      - For **Identity Provider Single Sign-On URL** enter the **Single Signon Service** you noted in Step 3 of [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for PingID PingOne for Customers, on page 66](#).
      - For **Identity Provider Issuer** enter the **Issuer ID** you noted in Step 3 of [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for PingID PingOne for Customers, on page 66](#).
      - For the **X.509 Certificate**, use the certificate you downloaded from PingOne for Customers in Step 5 of [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for PingID PingOne for Customers, on page 66](#). (Use a text editor to open the certificate file, copy the contents, and paste it into the **X.509 Certificate** field.)

- If you saved the XML metadata file generated by PingOne for Customers to your local computer (Step 6 of [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for PingID PingOne for Customers, on page 66](#)), you can upload the file to the FMC:
  - a. Click the **Upload XML File** radio button.
  - b. Follow the on-screen instructions to navigate to and choose the XML metadata file on your local computer.

- Step 2** Click **Next**.
- Step 3** At the **Verify Metadata** dialog, review the configuration parameters and click **Save**.
- Step 4** Expand **Advanced Configuration (Role Mapping)**.
- Step 5** Select an FMC user role to assign users as a default value from the **Default User Role** drop-down.
- Step 6** Click **Test Configuration**. If the System displays an error message, review the SSO configuration for the FMC as well as the PingOne for Customers service provider application, correct any errors, and try again.
- Step 7** When the system reports a successful configuration test, click **Apply**.
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## Configure Single Sign-On with Any SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Provider

The FMC supports single sign-on with any SSO identity provider (IdP) compliant with the SAML 2.0 SSO protocol. Generic instructions to use a wide range of SSO providers must address the tasks to be performed at a high level; establishing SSO using a provider not specifically addressed in this documentation requires that you be proficient with the IdP of your choice. These tasks help you determine the steps to configure the FMC for single sign-on using any SAML 2.0-compliant SSO provider:

## IdP Administration Application

**1** Familiarize yourself with the SSO IdP and the SSO federation

**2** Configure management center service provider application for the IdP

## Management Center

**3** Enable single sign-on

<b>1</b>	IdP Administration Application	Familiarize Yourself with the SSO Identity Provider and the SSO Federation, on page 71.
<b>2</b>	IdP Administration Application	Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Any SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Provider, on page 72.
<b>3</b>	FMC	Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28.

4	FMC	<a href="#">Configure the FMC for SSO Using Any SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Provider, on page 73.</a>
5	FMC	<a href="#">Configure User Role Mapping at the FMC for SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Providers, on page 74.</a>
6	IdP Administration Application	<a href="#">Configure FMC User Role Mapping at the IdP for SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Providers, on page 75.</a>

## Familiarize Yourself with the SSO Identity Provider and the SSO Federation

Read the IdP vendor documentation with the following considerations in mind:

- Does the SSO provider require that users subscribe to or register with any services before using the IdP?
- What terminology does the SSO provider use for common SSO concepts? For instance, to refer to a group of federated service provider applications, Okta uses "org" where Azure uses "tenant."
- Does the SSO provider support SSO exclusively, or a suite of functions—for instance, multifactor authentication or domain management? (This can affect configuration of some elements shared between features—especially users and groups.)
- What permissions does an IdP user account need to configure SSO?
- What configurations does the SSO provider require you to establish for a service provider application? For instance, Okta automatically generates an X509 Certificate to secure its communications with the FMC, while Azure requires that you generate that certificate using the Azure portal interface.
- How are users and groups created and configured? How are users assigned to groups? How are users and groups granted access to service provider applications?
- Does the SSO provider require that at least one user be assigned to a service provider application before the SSO connection can be tested?
- Does the SSO provider support user groups? How are user and group attributes configured? How can you map attributes to FMC user roles in the SSO configuration?
- Do you need to add more users or groups to the federation to support SSO on the FMC?
- Are users within the federation members of groups?
- Are user and group definition native to the IdP or imported from a user management application such as Active Directory, RADIUS, or LDAP?
- What kind of user role assignments do you want to make? (If you choose not to assign user roles, the FMC automatically assigns the user a configurable default user role role to all SSO users.)
- How must users and groups within the federation be organized to support your plan for user role mapping?

## Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Any SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Provider

Generally SSO providers require that you configure a service provider application at the IdP for each federated application. All IdPs that support SAML 2.0 SSO need the same configuration information for service provider applications, but some IdP's automatically generate some configuration settings for you, while others require that you configure all settings yourself.




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**Note** If you plan to assign user groups to the FMC Application, do not also assign users within those groups as individuals.

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**Note** The FMC cannot support role mapping using multiple SSO attributes; you must select either user role mapping or group role mapping and configure a single attribute to convey user role information from the IdP to the FMC.

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### Before you begin

- Familiarize yourself with the SSO federation and its users and groups; see [Familiarize Yourself with the SSO Identity Provider and the SSO Federation, on page 71](#).
- Confirm your IdP account has the necessary permissions to perform this task.
- Create user accounts and/or groups in your SSO federation if necessary.




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**Note** The FMC requires that user names for SSO accounts as well as the NameID attribute the IdP sends to the FMC during the SAML login process must be both be valid email addresses. Many IdP's automatically use the username of the user trying to logon as the NameID attribute, but you should confirm this is the case for your IdP. Keep this in mind when configuring a service provider application at your IdP and creating IdP user accounts that are to be granted SSO access to an FMC.

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- Confirm the login URL for the target FMC (`https://ipaddress_or_hostname`)




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**Note** If your FMC web interface can be reached with multiple URLs. (for instance, a full-qualified domain name as well as an IP address), SSO users must consistently access the FMC using the login URL that you configure in this task.

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### Procedure

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- Step 1** Create a new service provider application at the IdP.



- Step 2** Configure values required by the IdP. Be sure to include the fields listed below, required to support SAML 2.0 SSO functionality with the FMC. (Because different SSO service providers use different terminology for SAML concepts, this list provides alternate names for these fields to help you find the right settings in the IdP application.):
- Service Provider Entity ID, Service Provider Identifier, Audience URI: A globally unique name for the service provider (the FMC), formatted as a URL. To create this, append the string `/saml/metadata` to the FMC login URL, such as `https://ExampleFMC/saml/metadata`.
  - Single Sign on URL, Recipient URL, Assertion Consumer Service URL: The service provider (FMC) address to which the browser sends information on behalf of the IdP. To create this, append the string `saml/acs` to the FMC login URL, such as `https://ExampleFMC/saml/acs`.
  - X.509 Certificate: Certificate to secure communications between the FMC and the IdP. Some IdP's may automatically generate the certificate, and some may require that you explicitly generate it using the IDP interface.
- Step 3** (Optional if you are assigning groups to the application) Assign individual users to the FMC application. (If you plan to assign groups to the FMC application, do not assign members of those groups as individuals.)
- Step 4** (Optional if you are assigning individual users to the application.) Assign user groups to the FMC application.
- Step 5** (Optional) Some IdP's provide the ability to generate a SAML XML metadata file containing the information you have configured in this task formatted to comply with SAML 2.0 standards. If your IdP provides this ability, you can download the file to your local computer to ease the SSO configuration process at the FMC.
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### What to do next

Enable single sign-on; see [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#).

## Configure the FMC for SSO Using Any SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Provider

Use these instructions at the FMC web interface. To configure the FMC for SSO using any SAML 2.0-compliant SSO provider, you need information from the IdP.

### Before you begin

- Review the organization of your SSO federation, and its users and groups.
- Configure an FMC service provider application at the IdP; see [Configure the FMC for SSO Using Any SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Provider, on page 73](#).
- Gather the following SSO configuration information for the service provider application from the IdP. Because different SSO service providers use different terminology for SAML concepts, this list provides alternate names for these fields to help you find the right values in the IdP application:
  - Identity Provider Single Sign-On URL, Login URL: The IdP URL where the browser sends information on behalf of the FMC.
  - Identity Provider Issuer, Identity Provider Issuer URL, Issuer URL: A globally unique name for the IdP, often formatted as a URL.
  - An X.509 digital certificate to secure communications between the FMC and the IdP.
- Enable single sign-on; see [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28](#).

## Procedure

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- Step 1** (This step continues directly from [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC, on page 28.](#)) At the **Configure SAML Metadata** dialog, you have two choices:
- To enter the SSO configuration information manually:
    - a. Click the **Manual Configuration** radio button.
    - b. Enter the following values previously obtained from the SSO Service Provider application:
      - **Identity Provider Single Sign-On URL**
      - **Identity Provider Issuer**
      - **X.509 Certificate**
  - If you saved an the XML metadata file generated at the IdP (Step 5 in [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Any SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Provider, on page 72.](#)), you can upload the file to the FMC:
    - a. Click the **Upload XML File** radio button.
    - b. Follow the on-screen instructions to navigate to and choose the XML metadata file on your local computer.
- Step 2** Click **Next**.
- Step 3** At the **Verify Metadata** dialog, review the configuration parameters and click **Save**.
- Step 4** Click **Test Configuration**. If the system displays an error message, review the SSO configuration for the FMC as well as the service provider application configuration at the IdP, correct any errors, and try again.
- Step 5** When the system reports a successful configuration test, click **Apply**.
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## What to do next

You may optionally configure user role mapping for SSO users; see [Configure User Role Mapping at the FMC for SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Providers, on page 74.](#) If you choose not to configure role mapping, by default all SSO users that log into the FMC are assigned the default user role you configure in Step 4 of [Configure User Role Mapping at the FMC for SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Providers, on page 74.](#)

## Configure User Role Mapping at the FMC for SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Providers

To implement SAML SSO user role mapping you must establish coordinating configurations at the IdP and at the FMC.

- At the IdP, establish user or group attributes to convey user role information and assign values to them; the IdP sends these to the FMC once it has authenticated and authorized an SSO user.
- At the FMC, associate values with each of the FMC user roles you want to assign to users.

When the IdP sends the FMC the user or group attribute associated with an authorized user, the FMC compares the attribute value against values associated with each FMC user role, and assigns the user all the roles that

produce a match. The FMC performs this comparison treating both values as regular expressions complying with the restricted version of Google's RE2 regular expression standard supported by Golang and Perl.

The fields to configure for user role mapping at the FMC web interface are the same regardless of your choice of SSO provider. But the values you configure must take into account how the SAML SSO provider you use implements user role mapping. Your IdP may enforce syntactical limitations on user or group attributes; if so, you must devise a user role mapping scheme using role names and regular expressions compatible with those requirements.

### Before you begin

- Configure an SSO service provider application for the FMC; see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Any SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Provider](#), on page 72.
- Enable and configure single sign-on at the FMC, see [Enable Single Sign-On at the FMC](#), on page 28, and [Configure the FMC for SSO Using Any SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Provider](#), on page 73.

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **System > Users**.
  - Step 2** Click the **Single Sign-On** tab.
  - Step 3** Expand **Advanced Configuration (Role Mapping)**.
  - Step 4** Select an FMC user role to assign users as a default value from the **Default User Role** drop-down.
  - Step 5** Enter a **Group Member Attribute**. This string must match an attribute name configured at the IdP FMC service provider application for user role mapping using either users or groups. (See Step 1 of [Configure FMC User Role Mapping at the IdP for SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Providers](#), on page 75.)
  - Step 6** Next to each FMC user role you wish to assign to SSO users, enter a regular expression. (The FMC uses a restricted version of Google's RE2 regular expression standard supported by Golang and Perl.) The FMC compares these values against the user role mapping attribute value the IdP sends to the FMC with SSO user information. The FMC grants users a union of all the roles for which a match is found.
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### What to do next

Configure user role mapping at the service provider application; see [Configure FMC User Role Mapping at the IdP for SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Providers](#), on page 75.

## Configure FMC User Role Mapping at the IdP for SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Providers

The detailed steps for configuring user role mapping are different for each IdP. You must determine how to create a custom user or group attribute for the service provider application, and assign values to the attribute for each user or group at the IdP to convey user or group privileges to the FMC. Keep in mind the following:

- If your IdP imports user or group profiles from a third-party user management application (such as Active directory, LDAP, or Radius), this may affect how you can use attributes for role mapping.
- Take into account user and group role definitions throughout your SSO federation.
- The FMC cannot support role mapping using multiple SSO attributes; you must select either user role mapping or group role mapping and configure a single attribute to convey user role information from the IdP to the FMC.

- Group role mapping is generally more efficient for an FMC with many users.
- If you assign user groups to an FMC application, do not also assign users within those groups as individuals.
- For the purpose of determining a match with FMC user roles, the FMC treats user and group role attribute values received from the IdP as regular expressions complying with the restricted version of Google's RE2 regular expression standard supported by Golang and Perl. Your IdP may enforce certain syntactical limitations on user or group attributes. If so, you must devise a user role mapping scheme using role names and regular expressions compatible with those requirements.

### Before you begin

- Confirm your IdP account has the necessary permissions to perform this task.
- Configure an FMC service provider application at the IdP (see [Configure an FMC Service Provider Application for Any SAML 2.0-Compliant SSO Provider, on page 72](#)).

### Procedure

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- Step 1** At the IdP, create or designate an attribute to be sent to the FMC to contain role mapping information for each user sign-in. This may be a user attribute, a group attribute, or a different attribute that obtains its value from a source such as user or group definitions maintained by the IdP or a third party user management application.
- Step 2** Configure how the attribute gets its value. Coordinate the possible values with the values associated with the user roles in the FMC SSO configuration.
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## Customize User Roles for the Web Interface

Each user account must be defined with a user role. This section describes how to manage user roles and how to configure a custom user role for web interface access. For default user roles, see [User Roles, on page 2](#).

### Create Custom User Roles

Custom user roles can have any set of menu-based and system permissions, and may be completely original, copied from a predefined or another custom user role, or imported from another device.



**Note** Custom user roles that the system considers read-only for the purposes of concurrent session limits, are automatically labeled by the system with **(Read Only)** in the role name on the **System > Users > Users** tab and the **System > Users > User Roles** tab. If a user role does not contain **(Read Only)** in the role name, the system considers the role to be read/write.



When you create a custom role or modify an existing custom role, the system automatically applies **(Read Only)** to the role name if all of the selected permissions for that role meet the required criteria for being read-only. You cannot make a role read-only by adding that text string manually to the role name. For more information on concurrent session limits, see [Global User Configuration Settings](#).

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**Caution** Users with menu-based User Management permissions have the ability to elevate their own privileges or create new user accounts with extensive privileges, including the Administrator user role. For system security reasons we strongly recommend you restrict the list of users with User Management permissions appropriately.

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **System > Users**.
- Step 2** Click **User Roles**.
- Step 3** Add a new user role with one of the following methods:
- Click **Create User Role**.
  - Click the **Copy** () next to the user role you want to copy.
  - Import a custom user role from another device:
    - a. On the old device, click the **Export** () to save the role to your PC.
    - b. On the new device, choose **System > Tools > Import/Export**.
    - c. Click **Upload Package**, then follow the instructions to import the saved user role to the new device.
- Step 4** Enter a **Name** for the new user role. User role names are case sensitive.
- Step 5** (Optional) Add a **Description**.
- Step 6** Choose **Menu-Based Permissions** for the new role.
- When you choose a permission, all of its children are chosen, and the multi-value permissions use the first value. If you clear a high-level permission, all of its children are cleared also. If you choose a permission but not its children, it appears in italic text.
- Copying a predefined user role to use as the base for your custom role preselects the permissions associated with that predefined role.
- You can apply restrictive searches to a custom user role. These searches constrain the data a user can see in the tables on the pages available under the Analysis menu. You can configure a restrictive search by first creating a private saved search and selecting it from the **Restrictive Search** drop-down menu under the appropriate menu-based permission.
- Step 7** (Optional) Check the **External Database Access** check box to set database access permissions for the new role.
- This option provides read-only access to the database using an application that supports JDBC SSL connections. For the third-party application to authenticate to the device, you must enable database access in the system settings.
- Step 8** (Optional) To set escalation permissions for the new user role, see [Enable User Role Escalation, on page 79](#).
- Step 9** Click **Save**.
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### Example

You can create custom user roles for access control-related features to designate whether users can view and modify access control and associated policies.

The following table lists custom roles that you could create and user permissions granted for each example. The table lists the privileges required for each custom role. In this example, Policy Approvers can view (but not modify) access control and intrusion policies. They can also deploy configuration changes to devices.

**Table 1: Sample Access Control Custom Roles**

Custom Role Permission	Example: Access Control Editor	Example: Intrusion & Network Analysis Editor	Example: Policy Approver
Access Control	yes	no	yes
Access Control Policy	yes	no	yes
Modify Access Control Policy	yes	no	no
Intrusion Policy	no	yes	yes
Modify Intrusion Policy	no	yes	no
Deploy Configuration to Devices	no	no	yes

## Deactivate User Roles

Deactivating a role removes that role and all associated permissions from any user who is assigned that role. You cannot delete predefined user roles, but you can deactivate them.

In a multidomain deployment, the system displays custom user roles created in the current domain, which you can edit. It also displays custom user roles created in ancestor domains, which you cannot edit. To view and edit custom user roles in a lower domain, switch to that domain.

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **System** > **Users**.
  - Step 2** Click **User Roles**.
  - Step 3** Click the slider next to the user role you want to activate or deactivate.

If the controls are dimmed, the configuration belongs to an ancestor domain, or you do not have permission to modify the configuration.

If you deactivate, then reactivate, a role with Lights-Out Management while a user with that role is logged in, or restore a user or user role from a backup during that user's login session, that user must log back into the web interface to regain access to IPMItool commands.

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## Enable User Role Escalation

You can give custom user roles the permission, with a password, to temporarily gain the privileges of another, targeted user role in addition to those of the base role. This feature allows you to easily substitute one user for another during an absence, or to more closely track the use of advanced user privileges. Default user roles do not support escalation.

For example, a user whose base role has very limited privileges can escalate to the Administrator role to perform administrative actions. You can configure this feature so that users can use their own passwords, or so they use the password of another user that you specify. The second option allows you to easily manage one escalation password for all applicable users.

To configure user role escalation, see the following workflow.

### Procedure

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- Step 1** [Set the Escalation Target Role, on page 79](#). Only one user role at a time can be the escalation target role.
  - Step 2** [Configure a Custom User Role for Escalation, on page 79](#).
  - Step 3** (For the logged in user) [Escalate Your User Role, on page 80](#).
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## Set the Escalation Target Role

You can assign any of your user roles, predefined or custom, to act as the system-wide escalation target role. This is the role to which a custom role can escalate, if it has the ability. Only one user role at a time can be the escalation target role. Each escalation lasts for the duration of a login session and is recorded in the audit log.

### Procedure

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- Step 1** Choose **System > Users**.
- Step 2** Click **User Roles**.
- Step 3** Click **Configure Permission Escalation**.
- Step 4** Choose a user role from the **Escalation Target** drop-down list.
- Step 5** Click **OK** to save your changes.

Changing the escalation target role is effective immediately. Users in escalated sessions now have the permissions of the new escalation target.

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## Configure a Custom User Role for Escalation

Users for whom you want to enable escalation must belong to a custom user role with escalation enabled. This procedure describes how to enable escalation for a custom user role.

Consider the needs of your organization when you configure the escalation password for a custom role. If you want to easily manage many escalating users, you might want to choose another user whose password serves as the escalation password. If you change that user's password or deactivate that user, all escalating

users who require that password are affected. This action allows you to manage user role escalation more efficiently, especially if you choose an externally-authenticated user that you can manage centrally.

### Before you begin

Set a target user role according to [Set the Escalation Target Role, on page 79](#).

### Procedure

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**Step 1** Begin configuring your custom user role as described in [Create Custom User Roles, on page 76](#).

**Step 2** In **System Permissions**, choose the **Set this role to escalate to: Maintenance User** check box.

The current escalation target role is listed beside the check box.

**Step 3** Choose the password that this role uses to escalate. You have two options:

- Choose **Authenticate with the assigned user's password** if you want users with this role to use their own passwords when they escalate, .
- Choose **Authenticate with the specified user's password** and enter that username if you want users with this role to use the password of another user.

**Note** When authenticating with another user's password, you can enter any username, even that of a deactivated or nonexistent user. Deactivating the user whose password is used for escalation makes escalation impossible for users with the role that requires it. You can use this feature to quickly remove escalation powers if necessary.

**Step 4** Click **Save**.

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## Escalate Your User Role

When a user has an assigned custom user role with permission to escalate, that user can escalate to the target role's permissions at any time. Note that escalation has no effect on user preferences.

### Procedure

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**Step 1** From the drop-down list under your user name, choose **Escalate Permissions**.

If you do not see this option, your administrator did not enable escalation for your user role.

**Step 2** Enter the authentication password.

**Step 3** Click **Escalate**. You now have all permissions of the escalation target role in addition to your current role.

Escalation lasts for the remainder of your login session. To return to the privileges of your base role only, you must log out, then begin a new session.

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# Troubleshooting LDAP Authentication Connections

If you create an LDAP authentication object and it either does not succeed in connecting to the server you select, or does not retrieve the list of users you want, you can tune the settings in the object.

If the connection fails when you test it, try the following suggestions to troubleshoot your configuration:

- Use the messages displayed at the top of the web interface screen and in the test output to determine which areas of the object are causing the issue.
- Check that the user name and password you used for the object are valid:
  - Check that you have the rights to browse to the directory indicated in your base-distinguished name by connecting to the LDAP server using a third-party LDAP browser.
  - Check that the user name is unique to the directory information tree for the LDAP server.
  - If you see an LDAP bind error 49 in the test output, the user binding for the user failed. Try authenticating to the server through a third-party application to see if the binding fails through that connection as well.
- Check that you have correctly identified the server:
  - Check that the server IP address or host name is correct.
  - Check that you have TCP/IP access from your local appliance to the authentication server where you want to connect.
  - Check that access to the server is not blocked by a firewall and that the port you have configured in the object is open.
  - If you are using a certificate to connect via TLS or SSL, the host name in the certificate must match the host name used for the server.
  - Check that you have not used an IPv6 address for the server connection if you are authenticating CLI access.
  - If you used server type defaults, check that you have the correct server type and click **Set Defaults** again to reset the default values.
- If you typed in your base-distinguished name, click **Fetch DNs** to retrieve all the available base distinguished names on the server, and select the name from the list.
- If you are using any filters, access attributes, or advanced settings, check that each is valid and typed correctly.
- If you are using any filters, access attributes, or advanced settings, try removing each setting and testing the object without it.
- If you are using a base filter or a CLI access filter, make sure that the filter is enclosed in parentheses and that you are using a valid comparison operator (maximum 450 characters, including the enclosing parentheses).
- To test a more restricted base filter, try setting it to the base distinguished name for the user to retrieve just that user.

- If you are using an encrypted connection:
  - Check that the name of the LDAP server in the certificate matches the host name that you use to connect.
  - Check that you have not used an IPv6 address with an encrypted server connection.
- If you are using a test user, make sure that the user name and password are typed correctly.
- If you are using a test user, remove the user credentials and test the object.
- Test the query that you are using by connecting to the LDAP server and using this syntax:

```
ldapsearch -x -b 'base_distinguished_name'
-h LDAPserver_ip_address -p port -v -D
'user_distinguished_name' -W 'base_filter'
```

For example, if you are trying to connect to the security domain on `myrtle.example.com` using the `domainadmin@myrtle.example.com` user and a base filter of `(cn=*)`, you could test the connection using this statement:

```
ldapsearch -x -b 'CN=security,DC=myrtle,DC=example,DC=com'
-h myrtle.example.com -p 389 -v -D
'domainadmin@myrtle.example.com' -W '(cn=*)'
```

If you can test your connection successfully but authentication does not work after you deploy a platform settings policy, check that authentication and the object you want to use are both enabled in the platform settings policy that is applied to the device.

If you connect successfully but want to adjust the list of users retrieved by your connection, you can add or change a base filter or CLI access filter or use a more restrictive or less restrictive base DN.

While authenticating a connection to Active Directory (AD) server, rarely the connection event log indicates blocked LDAP traffic although the connection to AD server is successful. This incorrect connection log occurs when the AD server sends a duplicate reset packet. The Firepower Threat Defense device identifies the second reset packet as part of a new connection request and logs the connection with Block action.

## History for User Accounts for FMC

Feature	Version	Details
Added support of Single Sign-On using any SAML 2.0-compliant SSO provider.	6.7	<p>Added the ability to support Single Sign-On for external users configured at any third-party SAML 2.0-compliant identity provider (IdP). This includes the ability to map user or group roles from the IdP to FMC user roles.</p> <p>Only users with the Admin role authenticated internally or by LDAP or RADIUS can configure SSO.</p> <p>New/Modified screens:</p> <p><b>System &gt; Users &gt; Single Sign-On</b></p>

Feature	Version	Details
Added a new field for name in user accounts	6.6	Added a field that can identify the user or department responsible for an internal user account. New/Modified screens: <b>System &gt; Users &gt; Users &gt; Real Name</b> field
Cisco Security Manager Single Sign-on no longer supported	6.5	Single Sign-on between the FMC and Cisco Security Manager is no longer supported as of Firepower 6.5. New/Modified screens: <b>System &gt; Users &gt; CSM Single Sign-on</b>
Enhanced password security	6.5	New requirements for strong passwords now appear in a single place in this chapter and are cross-referenced from other chapters. No modified screens Supported Platforms: FMC

