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Use SAML proxy to secure a single SaaS Application in Okta

Use a SAML proxy technique in Okta to enforce device posture checks on specific SaaS applications

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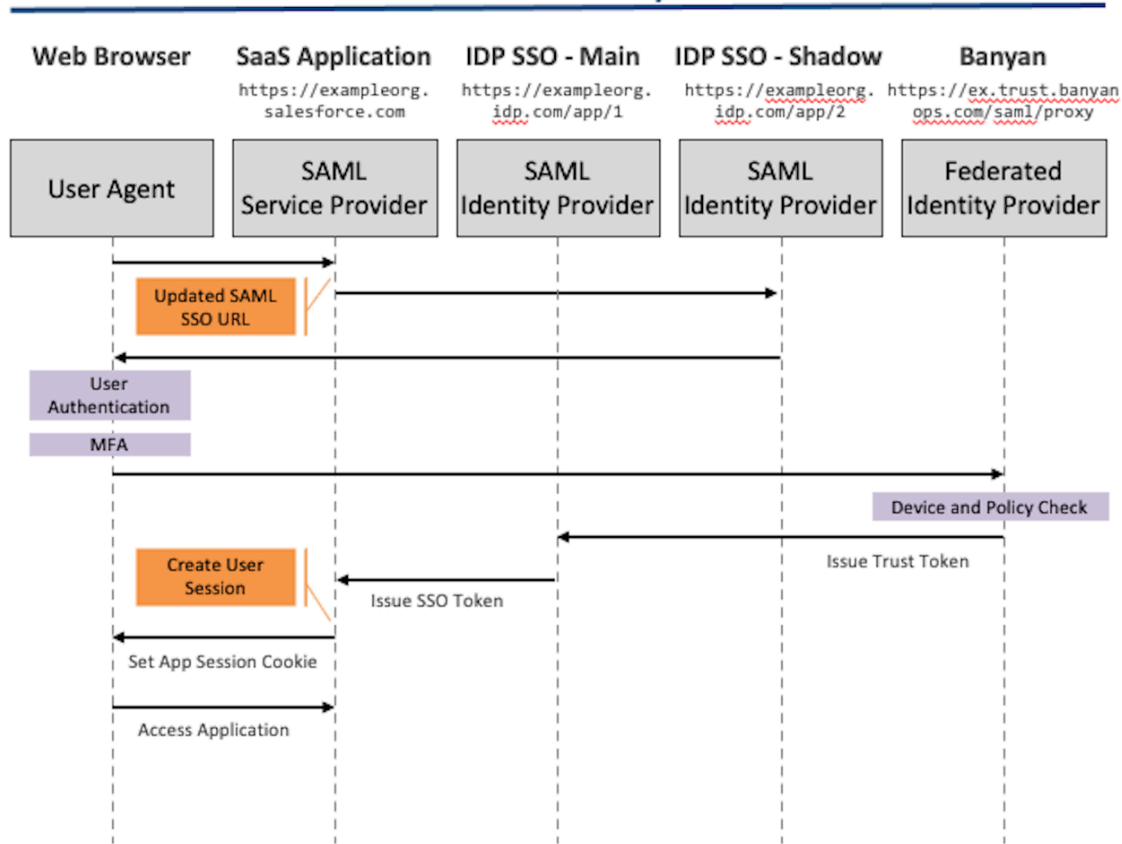
1. Create a SaaS application in the Cloud Secure Edge (CSE)
2. Create a Shadow Application for IDP Initiated SSO
3. Setup Application's SP-Initiated Authentication with CSE

Overview

This guide details the steps required to use SonicWall Cloud Secure Edge (CSE) **SAML Proxy** to secure a single Okta SaaS application. These steps cover securing IDP initiated as well as SP initiated flows for an application.

How It Works

SAML Proxy



Prerequisites

Before proceeding through the Steps sections below, please ensure you have:

- [Configure Okta for CSE Service Access](#) to create a directory of users for accessing Banyan services
- [Configure Okta for CSE Device Registration](#) to enable device registration with Okta

Steps

1. Create a SaaS application in the Cloud Secure Edge (CSE)

1.1 In the Command Center, navigate from **Manage Services > SaaS Applications**, then select **+ Publish SaaS Application**.

1.2 Select **IDP Routed**.

1.3 In the **IDP Routed Service Name** field, enter your service name (e.g., the name of your app).

1.4 Under **Authentication Federation**, select **SAML** as your authentication protocol.

1.5 Enter any placeholder text **Redirect URL** and **Audience URI** (e.g., <https://dummy.url>).

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Register IDP Routed Service

IDP Routed Service Name

Description (optional)

AUTHENTICATION FEDERATION

Which authentication protocol will this IDP Routed Application use?

OIDC SAML

Redirect URL (SAML ACS)

Audience URI (Service Provider Entity ID)

1.6 Attach a Policy of your choice (e.g., High Security).

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Name ID Format

Select Name ID Value

> ADVANCED CONFIGURATION (OPTIONAL)

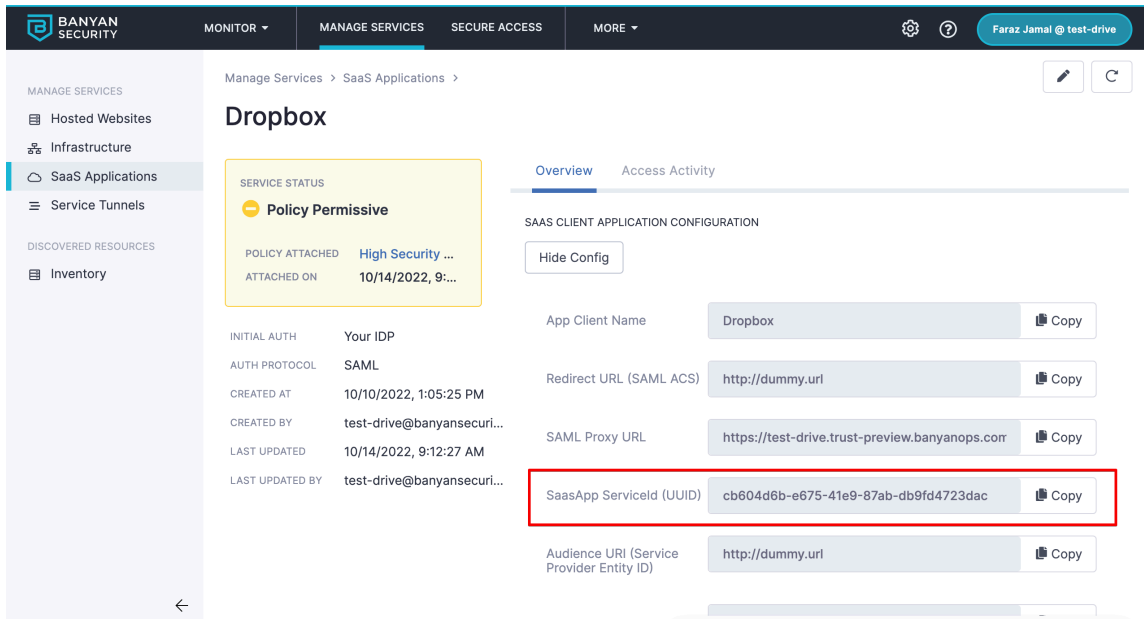
ATTACH POLICY

Attach a policy (optional):

Choose an enforcement mode:

Permissive Enforcing

1.7 Select **Register** and then **Continue**. Take note of the **SaaSApp Service ID** as you will need that in a later step.

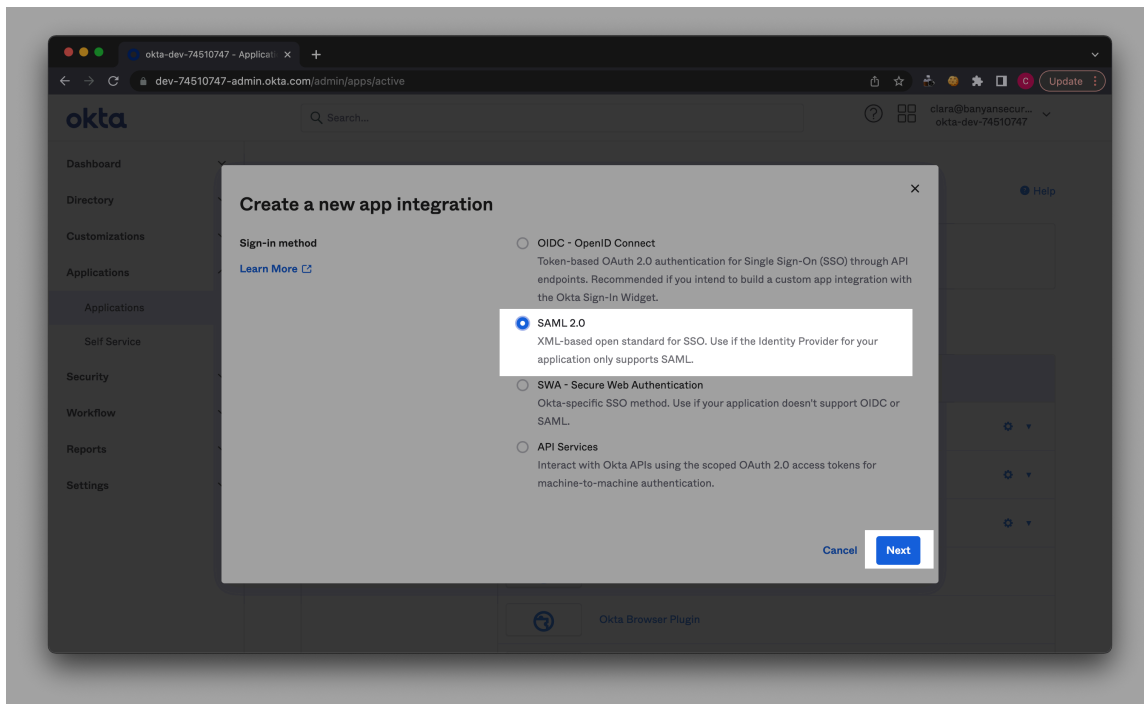


2. Create a Shadow Application for IDP Initiated SSO

The shadow application will show up in the Okta catalog and ensure that a CSE device trust check is complete regardless of an existing Okta session. For these steps, we will use Dropbox as the example SaaS application.

2.1 In Okta, navigate from **Applications > Applications**.

2.2 Select **Create App Integration** and choose **SAML 2.0**.



2.3 In **General Settings**, name your app (e.g., Dropbox) and upload the relevant app logo.

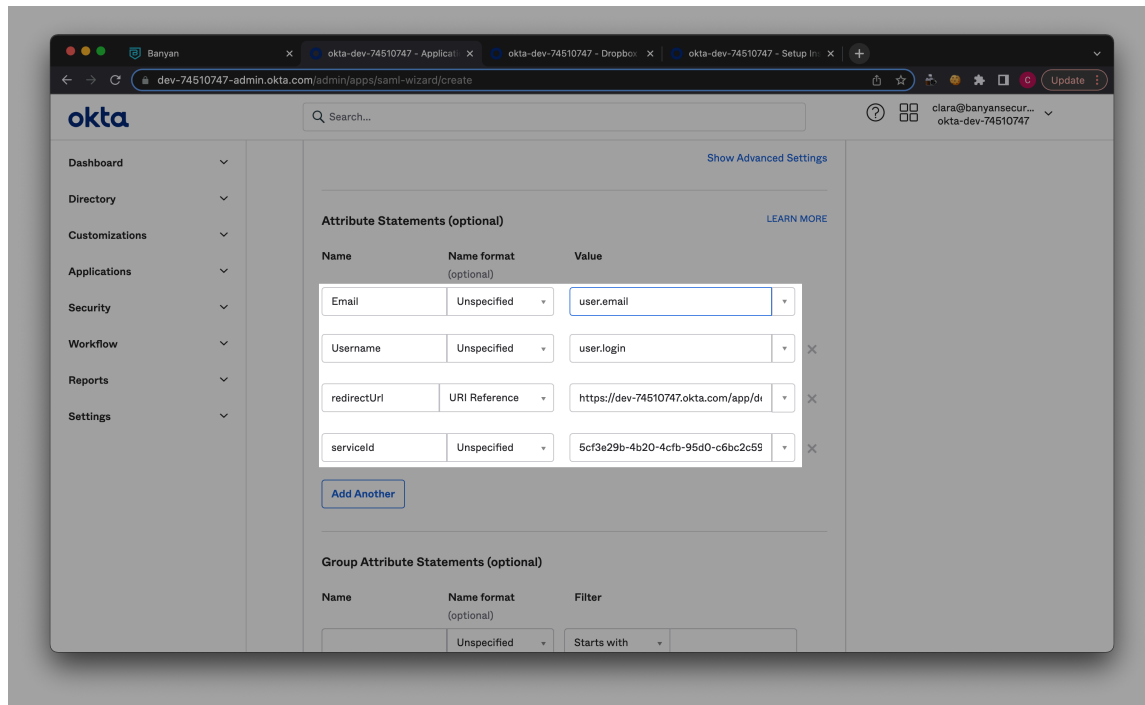
2.4 In the **Configure SAML** section, set the following configurations:

- **Single sign on URL** : `https://{ORGNOME}.trust.banyanops.com/v2/saml/proxy`

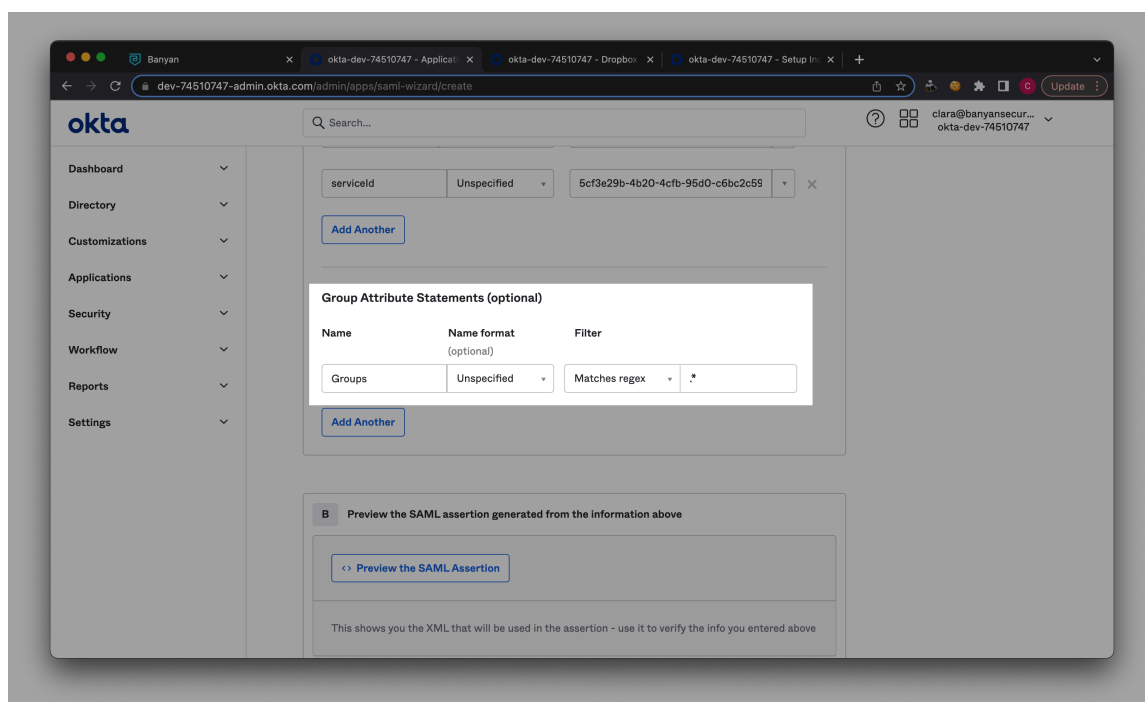
- **Audience URI** : `https://{ORGNAME}.trust.banyanops.com/v2/saml/proxy`

2.5 Set the following **Attribute Statements**:

- Email: **user.email**
- Username: **user.login**
- redirectUrl: Fetch SSO URL from your main SaaS app (e.g., Dropbox).
- serviceid: Copy **SaaS App Service ID** from your newly published SaaS app's service spec in CSE, and paste in adjacent field.



2.6 In Group Attributes Statements, enter 'Groups' under **Name**, and select **Matches regex** as the **Filter**. Then add '.*' in the field adjacent to the **Filter**.

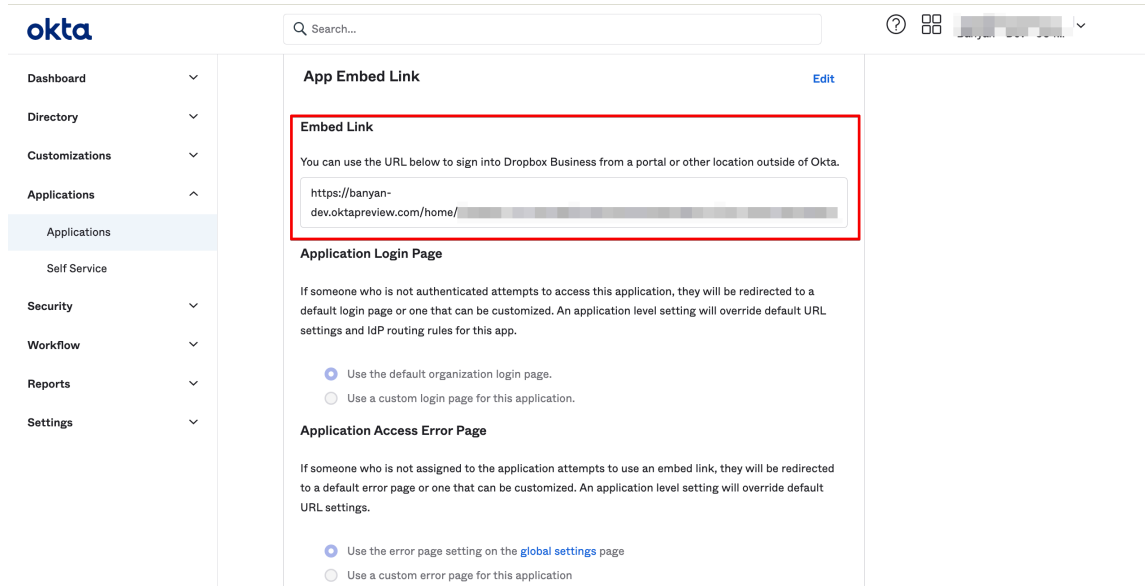


2.7 Select **Next** -> **I'm an Okta customer adding an internal app** -> **Finish**

3. Setup Application's SP-Initiated Authentication with CSE

This step is to ensure SP-initiated flows get routed to CSE post authentication with Okta.

3.1 Obtain the Single Sign-On URL from the Shadow App



The screenshot shows the Okta Admin Console interface. On the left is a navigation menu with categories like Dashboard, Directory, Customizations, Applications, Self Service, Security, Workflow, Reports, and Settings. The main content area is titled 'App Embed Link' and includes an 'Edit' link. A red box highlights the 'Embed Link' section, which contains the text: 'You can use the URL below to sign into Dropbox Business from a portal or other location outside of Okta.' Below this text is a text input field containing the URL: 'https://banyan-dev.oktapreview.com/home/'. The page also includes sections for 'Application Login Page' and 'Application Access Error Page', each with radio button options for using default or custom settings.

3.2 Replace the Identity Provider Single Sign-in URL from the original SaaS App with the SSO URL from the Shadow App

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