

Setting up Delegated Authentication with SAML on Microsoft Azure

Before setting up the installer, you have to configure Microsoft Entra ID.

Set up Microsoft Entra ID

With an account with enough rights, go to : `Enterprise Applications`

- Click on `New Application`
- Click on `Create your own application` on the top left corner
- Choose a name for it, and select `Integrate any other application you don't find in the gallery`
- Click on "Create"
- Select `Set up single sign on`
- Select `SAML`
- Edit on `Basic SAML Configuration`
- In `Identifier` , add the following URL : `https://<synapse fqdn>/_synapse/client/saml2/metadata.xml`
- Remove the default URL
- In `Reply URL` , add the following URL : `https://<synapse fqdn>/_synapse/client/saml2/authn_response`
- Click on `Save`

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Enterprise Application

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Set up Single Sign-On with SAML

An SSO implementation based on federation protocols improves security, reliability, and end user experiences and is easier to implement. Choose SAML single sign-on whenever possible for existing applications that do not use OpenID Connect or OAuth. [Learn more.](#)

Read the [configuration guide](#) for help integrating ESS.

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Identifier (Entity ID)	<code>https://matrix.example.com/_synapse/client/saml2/metadata.xml</code>
Reply URL (Assertion Consumer Service URL)	<code>https://matrix.example.com/_synapse/client/saml2/authn_response</code>
Sign on URL	Optional
Relay State (Optional)	Optional
Logout Url (Optional)	Optional

Name	Source attribute
uid	<code>ExtractMailPrefix (user.userprincipalname)</code>
email	<code>user.mail</code>
displayName	<code>user.displayName</code>
Unique User Identifier	<code>user.userprincipalname</code>

Token signing certificate	Active
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Identifier (Entity ID) *

The unique ID that identifies your application to Microsoft Entra ID. This value must be unique across all applications in your Microsoft Entra tenant. The default identifier will be the audience of the SAML response for IDP-initiated SSO.

Default

`https://matrix.example.com/_synapse/client/saml2/metadata.xml`

Add identifier

Reply URL (Assertion Consumer Service URL) *

The reply URL is where the application expects to receive the authentication token. This is also referred to as the "Assertion Consumer Service" (ACS) in SAML.

Index Default

`https://matrix.example.com/_synapse/client/saml2/authn_response`

Add reply URL

Sign on URL (Optional)

Sign on URL is used if you would like to perform service provider-initiated single sign-on. This value is the sign-in page URL for your application. This field is unnecessary if you want to perform identity provider-initiated single sign-on.

Enter a sign on URL

Relay State (Optional)

The Relay State instructs the application where to redirect users after authentication is completed, and the value is typically a URL or URL path that takes users to a specific location within the application.

[Enter a relay state](#)

- Make a note of the `App Federation Metadata Url` under `SAML Certificates` as this will be required in a later step.
- Edit on `Attributes & Claims`
- Remove all defaults for additional claims
- Click on `Add new claim` to add the following (suggested) claims (the UID will be used as the MXID):
 - Name: `uid` , Transformation : `ExtractMailPrefix` , Parameter 1 : `user.userprincipalname`
 - Name: `email` , Source attribute : `user.mail`
 - Name: `displayName` , Source attribute : `user.displayName`
- Click on `Save`

Attributes & Claims ...

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Required claim

Claim name	Type	Value
Unique User Identifier (Name ID)	SAML	user.userprincipalname [...]

Additional claims

Claim name	Type	Value
displayName	SAML	user.displayname ...
email	SAML	user.mail ...
uid	SAML	ExtractMailPrefix (user.us...)

⌵ Advanced settings

- In the application overview screen select `Users` and `Groups` and add groups and users which may have access to element

Configure the installer

Add a SAML provider in the 'Synapse' configuration after enabling `Delegated Auth` and set the following (suggested) fields in the installer:

- `Allow Unknown Attributes`
- Under `Attribute Map`, select the `Identifier` - `URN: Oasis: Names: TC: SAML: 2. 0: Attrname Format: Basic`

User Mapping Provider

Mapping between SAML attributes and MXIDs

MXID Mapping

Dotreplace

Two modes of mapping - hexencode maps unpermitted characters to '=xx'
dotreplace replaces unpermitted characters with '.'

MXID Source Attribute *

uid

The SAML Source attribute used to generate MXIDs

- Under Mapping add the following (suggested) mappings:
 - From: Primary Email To: email
 - From: First Name To: firstname
 - From: Last Name To: lastname

Attribute Map

Map from SAML Name-format attribute to attributes

Identifier

URN:Oasis:Names:TC:SAML:2.0:Attrname Format:Basic

The identifier is the name-format you expect to support

Mapping



From *

Primary Email

The SAML name-format to read

To *

email

The attribute to convert the saml name-format to



From *

First Name

The SAML name-format to read

To *

firstname

The attribute to convert the saml name-format to



- Under `Entity`, enter a `description`, the `Entity ID` (from Azure) and a `name`.

Entity

How Synapse will expose itself as a SAML Entity

Description *

Element Server

Edited

Your synapse deployment description

Entity ID *

`https://<matrix fqdn>/_synapse/client/saml2/metadata.xml`

Edited

Your Synapse entity ID

Name *

ElementChat

Your synapse deployment name

- Under `User Mapping Provider` select the following:
 - `MXID Mapping : Dotreplace`
 - `MXID Source Attribute : uid`
- Under `Metadata URL`, add the `App Federation Metadata URL` from Azure.

When clients connect, along with any existing authentication methods still enabled, they should now also have an option to `Continue with SAML`:



Sign in

Homeserver



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Sign in with

Username



[Forgot password?](#)

Sign in

Continue with SAML

English



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Welcome back!

Where your conversations live

[Redacted]
[Redacted]

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Next

or

Continue with SAML