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Single Sign-On User Guide

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Chapter 1: Customizing Authentication in CA Performance Center

This section contains the following topics:

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CA Single Sign-On

Single Sign-On is the authentication scheme for CA Performance Center and all supported data sources. Once they are authenticated to CA Performance Center, users can navigate among the console and registered data sources without signing in a second time.

By enabling navigation among separate product interfaces, Single Sign-On helps ensure a seamless drilldown experience for operators who are analyzing performance and status data. For example, if a user logs in to CA Performance Center and then follows a drilldown path to the data source interface, that user does not log in again.

CA Performance Center uses a distributed architecture. An instance of the Single Sign-On website is automatically installed on every server where a supported data source or CA Performance Center is installed. If two data source products are installed on the same server, they use the same instance of the Single Sign-On website. The distributed architecture lets users log in to individual CA data source products by logging in to the servers where these products are running.

CA Performance Center Authentication and Security

Single Sign-On provides authentication services to CA Performance Center and supported data sources. It also supports external authentication schemes, such as LDAP and SAML. This support lets you integrate CA Performance Center and other CA data source products into the same authentication scheme, enterprise-wide.

The Single Sign-On security auditing feature logs information about who is logging in, and at what time of day.

Authentication Methods

The Single Sign-On component provides the login page that supports user authentication in CA Performance Center and in the data source products. Single Sign-On supports the following authentication methods:

- Product authentication, which is based on user accounts
- LDAP
- Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) 2.0

The CA Performance Center administrator can modify settings for an individual instance of Single Sign-On. For example, you can set up LDAP authentication in Single Sign-On. You can also configure optional encryption with Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) or change the default virtual directory.

Note: As a result of the distributed architecture, any updates to the Single Sign-On website only affect those data source products that are running on the same server.

Single Sign-On Configuration Tool

The Single Sign-On Configuration Tool is a command-line application that lets administrators adjust the settings for the Single Sign-On website and the associated CA data source products.

Use the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool to perform the following tasks:

- Configure data source products to use LDAP authentication.
All of the LDAP settings for each product are updated using this tool. You can also test the current LDAP configuration to verify settings.
- Configure data source products to use SAML 2.0 authentication.
In addition to using the Configuration Tool, the administrator must also take some steps on the Identity Provider to set up SAML authentication.
- Update the Single Sign-On virtual directory that each product references.
If you added an encryption scheme or changed the Single Sign-On virtual directory, use this tool to synchronize the data source products. For example, data sources on the modified server need instructions on where to redirect users who do not successfully authenticate.
- Enable communications among servers running CA software products using HTTPS.
This change affects the Single Sign-On URL scheme and port. The Single Sign-On Configuration Tool lets administrators easily update these values in all of the necessary data source products.

Update Single Sign-On Website Settings

The Single Sign-On Configuration Tool lets you change default settings for the Single Sign-On website. For example, you can change the virtual directory for the Single Sign-On website. The virtual directory is required to use an encryption scheme for communications among CA servers.

You can change other settings that affect Single Sign-On behavior when users attempt to log in. Some parameters also affect user interface behavior, such as the timeout period that logs the user out automatically in response to inactivity.

Important! Updates to the Single Sign-On website only affect CA data source products that are running on the same server because of the distributed architecture of the Single Sign-On software.

Follow these steps:

1. Log in to the server where CA Performance Center or a CA data source product is installed.
Log in as root or with the 'sudo' command.
2. Launch the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool by running the './SsoConfig' command in the following directory:
`[InstallationDirectory]/CA/PerformanceCenter`
You are prompted to select an option. The available options correspond to CA applications running on the local server.
3. Use the following commands as needed while you are selecting settings:
 - q (quit)
 - b (go back to the previous menu)
 - u (update)
 - r (reset)
4. Enter 1 to configure CA Performance Center.
You are prompted to select an option.
5. Enter 4 for Single Sign-On.
You are prompted to specify the priority.
The Priority parameter only applies to CA Performance Center.

6. Enter one of the following options:

1. Remote Value

Refers to settings that only administrators can change. Such settings are propagated to all other CA products registered to this instance of CA Performance Center. Remote Value settings are only used if a corresponding Local Override value is not present.

2. Local Override

Refers to settings that can be changed for all products. If a Local Override value is present, it takes precedence over both the Remote Value and default settings.

You are prompted to select a property to configure.

7. Enter one or more of the following properties. When prompted, enter u to update the value and supply a new value:

1. Anonymous User Enabled

Specifies whether the Sign-In page appears when users attempt to log in to a data source interface. A value for the Anonymous User ID parameter is required if this parameter is enabled. Users do not see the Sign-In page when they attempt to log in. They are logged in as the user associated with the Anonymous User ID parameter.

The Localhost User Enabled parameter takes precedence when the following conditions are met:

- The user is logging in from the Single Sign-On server.
- The 'Localhost User Enabled' parameter and the 'Anonymous User Enabled' parameter are both enabled.

Default: Disabled.

Note: The Anonymous User login takes precedence over Windows Authentication.

2. Anonymous User ID

Specifies the username that is used to authenticate the user automatically, bypassing the Sign-In page. This parameter is only used if the Anonymous User Enabled parameter is enabled. Select one of the following values:

- **1** - The username for the default administrator account (admin).
- **2** - The username for the default user account (user).
- Another username that exists in the CA Performance Center database.

3. Localhost User Sign-In Page Enabled

Specifies whether the Sign-In page appears when the user is logging in from the server where Single Sign-On is installed.

If this parameter is enabled, the Sign-In page appears, even if the user is logging in from the Single Sign-On server.

If this parameter is disabled, the following rules apply:

- The Localhost User Enabled parameter must be enabled.
- The value for the Localhost User ID parameter must contain a valid product username. This value is used to log the user in to the software interface, bypassing the Sign-In page.

Default: Disabled.

4. Localhost User Enabled

Specifies whether users are automatically signed in—bypassing the Sign-In page—when they are logging in from the Single Sign-On server. A value for the 'Localhost User ID' parameter is required if this parameter is enabled.

- If the 'Localhost User Sign-In Page Enabled' parameter is enabled, this parameter is used in cases where the user clicks Sign In without entering a username or password. The user is then logged in to the software as the user associated with the 'Localhost User ID' parameter.
- If the user does supply a username and password, those credentials are used for authentication.
- If this parameter is enabled but the 'Localhost User Sign-In Page Enabled' parameter is disabled, the user bypasses the Sign-In page. The user is instead logged in to the interface using the value of the 'Localhost User ID' parameter.
- If the user is logging in from the Single Sign-On server and both the 'Localhost User Enabled' and 'Anonymous User Enabled' parameters are enabled, the 'Localhost User Enabled' parameter takes precedence.

Default: Disabled.

5. Localhost User ID

Specifies the user ID that is used to authenticate users automatically—bypassing the Sign-In page—when they log in to the Single Sign-On server. This parameter is used only if the 'Localhost User Enabled' parameter is enabled. Enter one of the following values:

- 1 - The username for the default administrator account (admin).
- 2 - The username for the default user account (user).

6. Cookie Timeout Minutes

Specifies the number of minutes that pass before a Single Sign-On cookie expires. Each time a user performs an action in a data source interface, the cookie timeout resets. If the timeout expires, the user is logged out and must reauthenticate.

Default: 20 minutes

7. Encryption Decryption Key

Specifies the key that is used to encrypt and decrypt the Single Sign-On cookie.

8. Encryption Algorithm

Specifies the encryption algorithm that is used to encrypt and decrypt the Single Sign-On cookie. Supply either DES or AES for the value.

9. Failed Sleep Seconds

Specifies the number of seconds the Single Sign-On application waits after a failed sign-in attempt.

10. Remember Me Enabled

Specifies whether the Remember Me check box is displayed on the Sign-In page. The Remember Me setting determines whether a user is automatically logged out when the Cookie Timeout expires.

Default: Disabled.

11. Remember Me Timeout Days

Specifies the number of days that pass before a user who selected 'Remember Me' on the Sign-In page must reauthenticate. This parameter is only used if the 'Remember Me Enabled' parameter is enabled. A value of 0 indicates that the Remember Me setting does not expire; the user must click the Sign Out link in a data source product interface.

12. Scheme

Specifies the URL scheme that data source products can use to access the Single Sign-On application. If you are using SSL, supply 'https:' for the value.

13. Port

Specifies the URL port that data source products can use to access the Single Sign-On application.

14. Virtual Directory

Specifies the name of the virtual directory for Single Sign-On.

Default: SingleSignOn.

Note: If you change the value for any of the previous parameters, the default value is not replaced, but the new value now takes precedence. The new value is actually a Local Override.

8. Enter b when you have finished changing the default settings.
9. You return to the previous set of options.
10. Enter b again to go back to the first set of options.
11. Enter q to close the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool.

The Single Sign-On Configuration Tool closes.

CA Performance Center directs all unauthenticated users to the Single Sign-On website using the new values that you supplied.

Update CA Performance Center Website Settings

The Single Sign-On Configuration Tool lets you change the default settings for the CA Performance Center website and web service. For example, you can specify a different host or port number for the CA Performance Center web service. These settings instruct the Single Sign-On application how to connect to CA Performance Center.

Follow these steps:

1. Log in to the server where CA Performance Center or a CA data source product is installed.

Log in as root or with the 'sudo' command.

2. Launch the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool by running the './SsoConfig' command in the following directory:

```
[InstallationDirectory]/CA/PerformanceCenter
```

You are prompted to select an option. The available options correspond to CA applications running on the local server.

3. Use the following commands as needed while you are selecting settings:

- q (quit)
- b (go back to the previous menu)
- u (update)
- r (reset)

4. Enter 1 to configure CA Performance Center.

You are prompted to select a configuration option.

5. Enter 3 for CA Performance Center.

You are prompted to specify the priority.

The Priority parameter only applies to CA Performance Center.

6. Enter one of the following options:

1. Remote Value

Refers to settings that only administrators can change. Such settings are propagated to all other CA products registered to this instance of CA Performance Center. Remote Value settings are only used if a corresponding Local Override value is not present.

2. Local Override

Refers to settings that can be changed for all products. If a Local Override value is present, it takes precedence over both the Remote Value and default settings.

You are prompted to select a property to configure.

7. Enter one or more of the following properties. When prompted, enter u to update the value and supply a new value:

1. Web Service Scheme

Specifies the URL scheme that the Single Sign-On application can use to access the CA Performance Center web service. Change this value to 'https' if you are using SSL for encryption.

2. Web Service Host

Specifies the URL of the host where the Single Sign-On application can access the CA Performance Center web service.

3. Web Service Port

Specifies the URL port that the Single Sign-On application can use to access the CA Performance Center web service.

4. Web Service Inventory

Specifies the URL path that the Single Sign-On application can use to access the CA Performance Center Inventory web service.

5. Web Service Product Request

Specifies the URL path that the Single Sign-On application can use to access the CA Performance Center Product Request web service.

6. Web Site Scheme

Specifies the URL scheme that the Single Sign-On application can use to access CA Performance Center. If you have set up SSL, use https://.

7. Web Site Host

Specifies the URL host that the Single Sign-On application can use to access CA Performance Center.

8. Web Site Port

Specifies the URL port that the Single Sign-On application can use to access CA Performance Center.

9. Web Site Path

Specifies the URL path that the Single Sign-On application can use to access CA Performance Center.

10. SMTP Enabled

Specifies whether the Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) is enabled to allow CA Performance Center operators to email reports and event notifications.

Default: Disabled.

11. SMTP Server Address

Is the IP address of the SMTP server.

Default: Disabled.

12. SMTP Ports:

Specifies the port to use for SMTP requests.

Default: Port 25.

13. SMTP SSL

Specifies whether to use SSL encryption when sending email from CA Performance Center or other CA data source products. Verify that SSL has been properly set up on your system before you enable this option.

Default: Disabled.

14. Email Reply Address

Specifies the return address to use for email messages that are generated by CA Performance Center. Enter u to update the value, and supply an email address. Use the format username@mydomain.com.

15. Email Format

Specifies the format to use for email messages that are sent by CA Performance Center. Enter u to update the value, and supply either HTML or text.

16. SMTP Username

Specifies a username to use when the email server challenges an SMTP request. Supply a username, or supply an empty string to disable client-side authentication.

17. SMTP Password

Specifies a password to use when the email server challenges an SMTP request. Supply any valid password. The SMTP Username parameter is required.

8. Enter b when you have finished changing the default settings.

You return to the previous set of options.

9. Enter b again to go back to the first set of options.

10. Enter q to quit.

The Single Sign-On Configuration Tool closes.

CA Performance Center directs all users to the Single Sign-On website using the new values that you supplied.

Chapter 2: Setting Up LDAP Authentication

This section contains the following topics:

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LDAP Support

Single Sign-On provides LDAP integration, allowing operators to authenticate to a Lightweight Directory Access Protocol (LDAP) server running in your environment. Once authenticated, they are mapped to a user account that the administrator can specify: either to a predefined user account, or to a custom account.

The Single Sign-On Configuration Tool lets you precisely specify how the Single Sign-On server connects to the LDAP server. You can also map individual CA Performance Center users to the user accounts that support their workflow while protecting sensitive data.

Note: Changes made in the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool only affect newly created LDAP users. They do not apply to existing LDAP users registered within CA Performance Center.

The LDAP parameters available in the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool let you integrate CA Infrastructure Management and all registered data sources into an existing authentication scheme. For example, the LDAP server can authorize groups of users who are mapped to a single custom user account in CA Performance Center. The actual account names and LDAP groups can be extensively customized. Search scope parameters let you determine how the directory search is conducted. And you can select the user account properties that are considered when validating users.

Enable LDAP Authentication

Use the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool to instruct registered data sources to use the same LDAP scheme to authenticate users. The Single Sign-On Configuration Tool lets you supply parameters that allow the CA server to connect securely to the LDAP server. Using the Configuration Tool, you can also associate users in the LDAP catalog with either predefined or custom user accounts in CA Performance Center.

Follow these steps:

1. Log in to the server where CA Performance Center or a CA data source product is installed.

Log in as root or with the 'sudo' command.

2. Launch the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool by running the './SsoConfig' command in the following directory:

[InstallationDirectory]/CA/PerformanceCenter

You are prompted to select an option. The available options correspond to CA applications running on the local server.

3. Use the following commands as needed while you are selecting settings:

- q (quit)
- b (go back to the previous menu)
- u (update)
- r (reset)

4. Enter 1 to configure CA Performance Center.

You are prompted to select an option.

5. Enter 1 for LDAP Authentication.

You are prompted to specify the priority.

The Priority parameter only applies to CA Performance Center.

6. Enter one of the following options:

1. Remote Value

Refers to settings that only administrators can change. Such settings are propagated to all other CA products registered to this instance of CA Performance Center. Remote Value settings are only used if a corresponding Local Override value is not present.

2. Local Override

Refers to settings that can be changed for all products. If a Local Override value is present, it takes precedence over both the Remote Value and default settings.

You are prompted to select a property to configure.

7. Enter one or more of the following properties. When prompted, enter u to update the value and supply a new value:

1. Connection User

Defines the user ID that the login server uses to connect to the LDAP server. This LDAP user name is used to bind to the server.

Example: If the login server uses a fixed account, enter text with the following syntax:

```
CN=The User,cn=Users,dc=domain,dc=com
```

Or if the login server uses the user ID entered on the login form, enter:

```
{0}
```

Complex configurations need the user principal name to identify the user. Supply '{0}' and use their email address as the domain name. For example:

```
{0}@domain.com
```

If the LDAP server requires a full Dn, you could also enter the following text:

```
CN={0},Cn=Users,dc=domain,dc=com
```

In this case, the user would log in with a username, such as John Doe.

Note: For security reasons, do not make the connection user a static account. The LDAP authentication only checks the password when binding to the server. If you use a static account, any user that exists in the LDAP tree is able to log in with any password.

2. Connection Password

Defines the password for the login server to use to connect to the LDAP server.

Example: If the login server uses a fixed account, enter text like the following example:

```
SomePassword
```

If the login server uses the password that was entered on the login form, enter:

```
{1}
```

3. Search Domain

Indicates the LDAP protocol, server, and initial search domain. Also identifies where searching starts when verifying user account credentials.

Examples:

- LDAP://localhost
- LDAP://svr/CN=Users,DC=company,DC=local

If you have an Active Directory set up as QASG.local, your search domain string would be:

```
LDAP://qasg.local/dc=qas,dc=local
```

4. Search String

Specifies the criteria that are used to locate the correct record for the user. Works with the Search Scope parameter. If only a subset of LDAP users is allowed to log in, the search string can be used to search the record for multiple properties. The value for this parameter can include any valid LDAP search criterion.

Example:

```
(saMAccountName={0})
```

5. Search Scope

Specifies the criteria that are used to locate the correct record for the user. Used with the Search String parameter. Determines the scope of the search that the LDAP server performs for the user account. Type one of the following values:

onelevel

Includes the current directory in the search. Matches objects in the current directory and prevents unexpected matches deeper in the directory.

subtree

Includes all subdirectories in the search. Recommended for most installations.

base

Limits the search to the base object.

6. User Bind

Specifies whether to do an additional authentication step (bind) using the distinguished name (DN) and password of the user to validate the supplied credentials.

Default: Disabled.

7. Account User

Specifies the CA Performance Center default account to which to map validated LDAP users who lack a group membership. Works with the Account Password parameter. If a valid user does not match any group definitions, the user is logged in with the default user ID specified for this parameter.

If you want the default account to have minimal privileges, enter:

- Account User: user
- Password: user

To allow all users to log in with their own username, enter:

- {saMAccountName}
- {saMAccountName} or {CN}

Note: The Account User parameter corresponds to a field from the directory entry for this user. Typically, the value matches your search filter.

8. Account User Default Clone

Specifies a user account to clone if validated LDAP users are members of a group that is not specified for the Groups parameter.

Example: Enter 'user' if you want such users to have minimal privileges.

Note: An existing user account is required.

9. Group

Lets you determine the default account handling for selected user accounts or groups of accounts.

Example: To enable all members of a group to log in using an administrator account, enter:

```
<LDAPGroups><Group searchTag="memberOf" searchString="CN=SEC_All
Employees,CN=Users,DC=company,DC=local" user="{saMAccountName}" passwd=""
userClone="admin"/></LDAPGroups>
```

8. Enter q to quit.

The Configuration Tool closes.

Validate LDAP Settings

The Single Sign-On Configuration Tool lets you test the LDAP settings that you have supplied. You can verify that LDAP authentication is set up correctly. An LDAP test script prompts you to specify a username and password combination to test, using the current settings for LDAP authentication. If you have not already used the Configuration Tool to change LDAP authentication settings, the defaults are used.

Follow these steps:

1. Log in to the server where CA Performance Center or a supported data source product is installed.

Log in as root or with the 'sudo' command.
2. Launch the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool by running the './SsoConfig' command in the following directory:

`[InstallationDirectory]/CA/PerformanceCenter`

You are prompted to select an option. The available options correspond to CA applications running on the local server.
3. Use the following commands as needed while you are selecting settings:
 - q (quit)
 - b (go back to the previous menu)
 - u (update)
 - r (reset)
4. Enter 1 to configure CA Performance Center.

You are prompted to select an option.
5. Enter 5 for the Test LDAP option.

The prompt asks you to enter a username.
6. Enter a username and a password that you know can authenticate using LDAP.

Single Sign-On attempts to use the parameters you supplied when you set up LDAP authentication to connect to the LDAP server and validate the user account. If the test succeeds, numerous steps are logged.

A message reports whether the authentication succeeded or failed.
7. Enter q to quit.

Chapter 3: Setting Up SAML 2.0 Support

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About SAML 2.0

The Security Assertion Markup Language (*SAML*) is a security protocol that is based on XML. The basic concept involves the exchange of security assertions about a subject—a person or a computer—that is requesting access to a secure domain. Assertions include whether the subject can access certain resources, and whether an external data source, such as a policy store, is used.

A typical use of SAML-based authentication is in a federated environment, such as cloud-based services that require an extra layer of security in the corporate network. But any SAML implementation involves at least three component roles:

Relying Party

Uses identity information that is stored on another server to let authorized users gain access to a system. Also referred to as the 'service provider.' CA Performance Center has this role when Single Sign-On is configured to use SAML for authentication.

Asserting Party

Stores identity or security information and provides it when requested for authentication purposes. The SAML term for this component is the *Identity Provider* or *IdP*. The CA SiteMinder server has this role, for example.

Subject

Is the user (or computer) associated with the identity information that is stored by the IdP.

SAML 2.0 Support in Single Sign-On

CA Single Sign-On supports authentication with Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML), version 2.0. A Single Sign-On service can accept and decode SAML 2.0 tokens and can present them to authentication agents that conform to the SAML standard.

Single Sign-On support for SAML 2.0 includes support for single logout. With this support, a user who is logged in to multiple user interfaces can log out of all of them simultaneously. For example, a user who logs in to CA Performance Center and later drills down into flow data in CA Network Flow Analysis can log out of one interface and be logged out of the other interface automatically.

Single Sign-On uses a standards-based SAML 2.0 library. As a result, it potentially supports many more products that rely on the SAML 2.0 standards. However, the following CA products are the only Identity Providers that we have tested with CA Single Sign-On:

- CA SiteMinder Federation Manager
- CA Arcot A-OK™ On-Demand

In a SAML environment, you can select from multiple authentication methods. CA Performance Center users can log in using the typical ('Product') authentication method in Single Sign-On, or they can use a SAML token. The Product method is enabled by default for all active user accounts. Users access the CA Performance Center user interface using the standard URL for CA Single Sign-On.

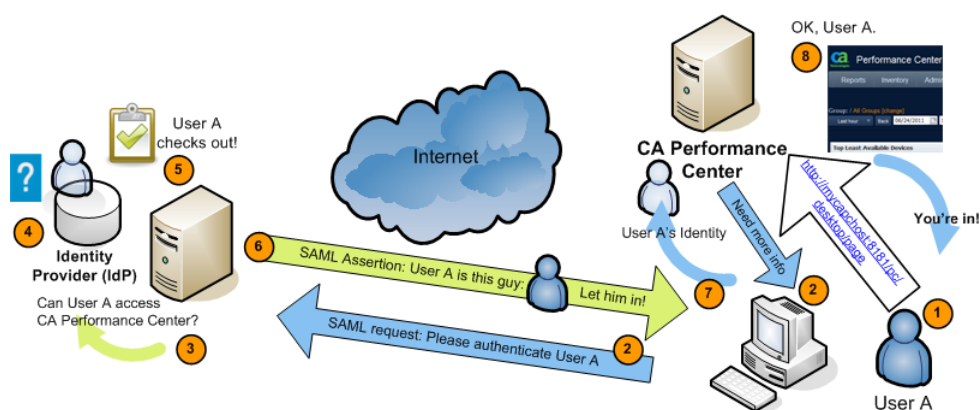
To let users authenticate using SAML 2.0, the administrator must change some Single Sign-On settings using the Configuration Tool. The administrator must also enable External Authentication for all user accounts, and for all registered data sources that support SAML 2.0.

Not all CA data source products support SAML 2.0. If you configure SAML 2.0 for external authentication in Single Sign-On and register a data source that lacks SAML support, CA Performance Center users must reauthenticate when they drill down into that data source.

How Single Sign-On Support for SAML 2.0 Works

The typical CA Performance Center authentication process using Single Sign-On differs from authentication that takes advantage of SAML support. With SAML authentication, users do not see the CA Performance Center Login page. They are instead redirected to an interface that the IdP provides. For all other supported authentication methods, Single Sign-On provides the login page.

The following diagram illustrates the SAML authentication process with Single Sign-On, CA Performance Center, and an IdP that supports the SAML standard, such as CA SiteMinder:



The following generic process describes how CA Performance Center supports SAML authentication. Implementation-specific options, such as digitally signed certificates and transport binding, have been omitted:

1. A user attempts to access CA Performance Center, by navigating to `http://mycapchost:8181/pc/desktop/page`, for example.
2. CA Performance Center responds with a SAML request for authentication from the Identity Provider (IdP).
3. The browser processes the request and contacts the authentication software running on the IdP server.
4. The IdP determines whether the user has an existing logon security context—whether the user is already logged on.
5. If the user is not logged on, the IdP authenticates the user with an implementation-specific method.

For example, the IdP might interact with the browser to challenge the user to provide credentials. This stage of the authentication is irrelevant to CA Single Sign-On.

6. The IdP builds and sends a SAML assertion representing the user's logon security context to the browser.
7. The browser sends the SAML assertion to CA Performance Center.
8. CA Performance Center obtains the assertion and processes it.
9. If the assertion is valid, CA Performance Center establishes a session for the user. The browser redirects to the target page, the Home dashboard page for the user.

How to Set Up SAML Authentication

To enable SAML 2.0 authentication in Single Sign-On, the administrator must perform the following procedures:

1. Following the guidelines specific to the Identity Provider (IdP), create a metadata file that establishes the agreement between the IdP and Single Sign-On.
For more information, see [Prepare the IdP Agreement](#) (see page 27).
2. (Optional) Create a properties file to enable digital signatures and encryption for communications between the IdP and servers running CA software.
For more information, see [Preparing the Security Properties File](#) (see page 27).
3. Use the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool to set parameters for SAML Authentication.
For more information, see [Configure SAML Support in Single Sign-On](#) (see page 28).
4. Set parameters on the IdP server. For example, add all data source product websites that support SAML to the list of trusted sites.
For more information, see [Configure the IdP](#) (see page 32).
5. Update user accounts in CA Performance Center Administration to add an instruction to use external authentication.
For more information, see [Complete SAML Setup](#) (see page 33).

Preparing the IdP Agreement

A metadata file in XML format is required to establish the agreement between the IdP and the Service Provider. In this case, CA Performance Center and all registered data sources that support SAML 2.0 require this agreement. The metadata file describes the IdP and contains information about the profiles it supports. This file also contains data about the services that it requires from the Service Provider.

Single Sign-On can import this file to set up the relationship with the IdP.

Some types of IdP, such as CA SiteMinder, provide utilities to help you create these files and export them. Or they create the agreement automatically, based on the parameters you set.

Consult the documentation for your IdP to perform this task.

Preparing the Security Properties File

If you plan to use encryption and digital certificates for communications between CA Performance Center and the IdP, a properties file is required. In this file, you specify the certificate to use for signing and encryption and other parameters to enable the encryption.

The SAML properties file is saved in the Single Sign-On home directory:

```
/opt/CA/PerformanceCenter/sso/webapps/sso
```

For example, a file like this is required:

```
/opt/CA/PerformanceCenter/sso/webapps/sso/configuration/saml.properties
```

The properties file must include the following parameters:

- Directory location and filename of the signing certificate.
- Verification certificate alias and password to access the certificate.
- Hostname of the CA Performance Center server.
- Directory location and filename of the agreement that you exported from the IdP.
- The length of the timeout period that is set on the IdP. The value must match the 'SAML2 IdP Session Timeout' parameter in Single Sign-On.

Here is an example of the syntax:

```
# Location of the certificate used for signing SAML documents
saml.sp.certificate.location=/opt/CA/saml2configuration/[Certificate filename]
saml.sp.certificate.password=[password]
saml.sp.certificate.alias=[alias]

saml.sp.metadata.hostname=[Full Hostname of CA Performance Center server]
saml.sp.metadata.entityID=[Name of the CA Performance Center server without IP
domain]
saml.sp.metadata.organizationName=[Name of your organization]
saml.sp.metadata.contactPerson=[First and last name of administrator]
saml.sp.metadata.email=[Email address of contact person]

# Location of the metadata file for the Login Site
saml.idp.metadata.file=/opt/CA/saml2configuration/[Filename].xml
# Session timeout with the IdP in minutes. Use this value for auto-reauthentication
and logout requests
saml.idp.sessionTimeout=[Length of timeout period in minutes]
```

Whenever you modify the `saml.properties` file, export the metadata file (which establishes the agreement with the IdP) again. For more information, see [Configure SAML 2.0 Support in Single Sign-On](#) (see page 28). You must also restart Single Sign-On.

Configure SAML 2.0 Support in Single Sign-On

The CA Performance Center administrator must set parameters for SAML authentication using the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool. Take these steps on all servers where a data source is installed whose users will authenticate using SAML 2.0.

Note: Multiple authentication schemes can be in use simultaneously. For example, users of a CA Network Flow Analysis data source can use LDAP to log in, while users of CA Infrastructure Management are using SAML 2.0.

Follow these steps:

1. Log in to the server where CA Performance Center or a CA data source product is installed.
Log in as root or with the 'sudo' command.
2. Launch the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool by running the './SsoConfig' command in the following directory:
`[InstallationDirectory]/CA/PerformanceCenter`
You are prompted to select an option. The available options correspond to CA applications running on the local server.

3. Use the following commands as needed while you are selecting settings:

- q (quit)
- b (go back to the previous menu)
- u (update)
- r (reset)

4. Enter the value that corresponds to the data source that you want to configure. For example, enter 1 to configure CA Performance Center.

You are prompted to select an option.

5. Enter 2 for SAML Authentication.

You are prompted to specify the priority.

The Priority parameter only applies to CA Performance Center.

6. Enter one of the following options:

1. Remote Value

Refers to settings that only administrators can change. Such settings are propagated to all other CA products registered to this instance of CA Performance Center. Remote Value settings are only used if a corresponding Local Override value is not present.

2. Local Override

Refers to settings that can be changed for all products. If a Local Override value is present, it takes precedence over both the Remote Value and default settings.

You are prompted to select a property to configure.

To supply values for the SAML2 properties, enter u to update the value and then enter a new value.

7. Enter 1 to select the 'Enable SAML2 Authentication' parameter.

You are prompted to select an option.

8. Enter u to change the value, and enter 1 to enable SAML 2.0 authentication.
9. Enter 2 to set the 'Clone Default User Accounts' parameter.

2. Clone Default User Accounts

Defines the user account to which authorized SAML users are mapped. The role and product privileges that are associated with the user account you specify are applied to all users who successfully authenticate.

Default: Blank.

Example: Enter 'user' if you want all users to log in with user-level privileges.

Note: An existing user account is required.

The user accounts configured on the IdP are sent to CA Performance Center when the agreement is established. They appear in the User List on the Manage Users Admin page, where they can be edited.

10. Enter 3 to enable security parameters.

3. SAML2 Signature and Encryption Enabled

Enables security and encryption for communications between CA Performance Center and the IdP.

Default: Disabled

You are prompted to choose an option.

11. Enter u to change the value, and enter 1 to enable it.

Note: This setting must match the setting on the IdP.

12. Enter 4 to enable automatic reauthentication.

4. SAML2 Auto-Reauthentication

Specifies whether users are required to reauthenticate after a timeout period expires. Enable this parameter to allow the IdP to perform a passive reauthentication ('auto-reauthentication'), with no user interaction.

The next parameter lets you set the duration of the timeout period.

Default: Disabled.

13. Enter u to change the value, and enter 1 to enable it.

14. Enter 5 to set the reauthentication timeout period.

5. Auto-Reauthentication Time Period

Sets the length of time that passes before a passive reauthentication is performed. If the 'SAML2 Auto-Reauthentication' parameter is disabled, this parameter is ignored.

Value: Must be less than the value for the 'IdP Session Timeout' parameter.

Default: None.

15. Enter u to change the value, and enter a new value.
16. Enter 6 to set a timeout period for the session to the Identity Provider.

6. IdP Session Timeout

Sets the length of time that passes before the session established between CA Performance Center and the Identity Provider is closed automatically. For example, enter '10' to set a 10-minute timeout.

The value must be greater than the value specified for the 'Auto-Reauthentication Duration' parameter. Otherwise, no session exists to perform the reauthentication. And the value must match the value set in the security properties file for the 'saml.idp.sessionTimeout' parameter. For more information, see [Preparing the Security Properties File](#) (see page 27).

Default: None.

17. Enter u to change the value, and enter a new value.
18. Enter b twice to go back to the initial prompt.
19. Enter 6 to export the metadata file that establishes the agreement with the IdP.

The metadata file supplies the identity provider with the parameters to use when authenticating users.

You are asked to supply a directory path and filename.

20. Enter the filename. For example, enter the following:

```
/tmp/CAPCMetadata.xml
```

The file is generated automatically, based on the settings you selected in the Configuration Tool.

You see a printout of the XML if the export operation succeeds. If the operation fails, you see an error message.

21. Enter q to quit.

The Configuration Tool closes.

Configure the IdP

To begin using SAML 2.0 for user authentication in CA Performance Center, set some parameters on the identity provider (IdP). Any IdP that supports the SAML 2.0 standard should work, but CA has only tested with CA SiteMinder and CA Arcot.

Do not enable any single logout (SLO) settings that are available for the IdP. Single Sign-On provides this support.

Follow these steps:

1. Enable the SAML authentication mode on the IdP.
2. Provide a URL for the assertion consumer service, which is running on the servers where Single Sign-On is installed.

Here is an example:

```
http://[MyServerName]:8381/sso/saml2/UserAssertionService
```

where 8381 is the port that Single Sign-On uses.

3. Set the binding method to 'HTTP-Redirect'.

Note: HTTP Redirect is the only binding method that Single Sign-On supports.

4. Provide URLs for the single logout service.

The logout service and the response location are both required. These services are running on the server where Single Sign-On is installed.

Use the following examples:

```
http://[MyServerName]:8381/sso/saml2/LogoutService
```

```
http://[MyServerName]:8381/sso/saml2/LogoutServiceResponse
```

5. Add all data source product websites that support SAML to the list of trusted sites.

This step can involve adding these websites to a list of federation partnership entities.

6. Verify digital signature and encryption settings, which are supported, but optional. You must also configure these settings in Single Sign-On.

7. Import the IdP agreement file from its location on the Single Sign-On server.

You exported this file after you completed other setup steps using the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool. For more information, see [Configure SAML Support in Single Sign-On](#) (see page 28).

Complete SAML Setup

To enable SAML authentication, edit user accounts to use External Authentication. New user accounts in CA Performance Center are set to use Performance Center Authentication by default. The administrator must update the accounts of all operators who authenticate using SAML 2.0.

During SAML configuration, you specify an existing CA Performance Center user account to be 'cloned' in the IdP. Any users who are already defined on the IdP receive the same level of product privilege as the user account you designate. These accounts are also propagated to CA Performance Center, where they appear as new users in the User List. In many cases, you must edit these accounts to make sure that these users can access only the data they require to do their jobs.

Follow these steps:

1. Log in to CA Performance Center as a user with administrative privileges.
2. Select Admin, User Settings, and click Users.
The Manage Users page opens.
3. Select a user account to edit.
4. Click Edit.
The Edit User wizard opens.
5. Select 'External' as the Authentication Type.
6. Use the wizard to make any other desired changes to the user account. For example, advance to the third wizard dialog to select a different Product Privilege for this user.
7. Click Save.
The changes to the user account are saved.

Chapter 4: Using HTTPS with Single Sign-On

This section contains the following topics:

[Secure Sockets \(SSL\) Encryption: HTTPS](#) (see page 35)

[How to Set Up HTTPS for CA Single Sign-On](#) (see page 35)

Secure Sockets (SSL) Encryption: HTTPS

By default, Single Sign-On uses HTTP (Hyper Text Transfer protocol) for communications between the user's browser and CA Performance Center. TLS (Transport Layer Security), and its predecessor, SSL (Secure Sockets Layer), are widely-supported encryption protocols that secure data transmissions over the Internet. SSL/TLS can be used in conjunction with HTTP to form HTTPS (HTTP-Secure). This guide uses *SSL* as a blanket term to mean "TLS and SSL."

You can enhance security in your monitoring system by configuring Single-Sign on to use HTTPS instead of HTTP.

Configuring CA Single Sign-On to use HTTPS is optional. Before you can configure the Single Sign-On website to use HTTPS, you must obtain a server certificate and, optionally, client certificates. The team that creates and enforces security policies for your organization might have to assist you with these steps.

How to Set Up HTTPS for CA Single Sign-On

Enabling HTTPS for CA Performance Center and Single Sign-On requires you to complete the following steps:

1. Obtain a server certificate.
2. Install the certificate in the web server keystore.
3. Use the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool to update the necessary properties. For more information, see [Configure the Port and Website for HTTPS](#) (see page 37).
4. Set up HTTPS on the CA Performance Center console. For more information, see [Configure CA Performance Center to Use HTTPS](#) (see page 38).
5. Set up HTTPS in Single Sign-On. For more information, see [Update Single Sign-On Configuration and Restart the Services](#) (see page 40).
6. Stop and restart the services.

Set Up SSL Certificates

Before you can configure the Single Sign-On website to use HTTPS, you must obtain an SSL certificate. The necessary procedures are typically specific to an organization and the policies of its security team. However, we have provided some information to guide you. Use these procedures to locate and update the necessary files in the CA Performance Center installation directories and install the certificates in the keystore.

Follow these steps:

1. Obtain a signed SSL certificate from a Certificate Authority.
2. If the Certificate Authority provided a certificate chain, import the chain into the JSE keystore using the following commands:

```
keytool -import -alias CAPCchain -trustcacerts -keystore  
[installationDirectory]/jre/lib/security/cacerts
```

Note: The default password for the cacerts keystore is 'changeit'.

3. (Optional) Change the password of the JSE keystore for additional security using the following commands:

```
keytool -storepasswd -keystore  
[installationDirectory]/jre/lib/security/cacerts
```

You are prompted to provide the existing password and the new password.

4. Rename the existing jetty keystore file to create a backup of it using the following commands:

```
mv [installationDirectory]/PerformanceCenter/jetty-version/  
etc/keystore[installationDirectory]/PerformanceCenter/  
jetty-version/etc/keystore.bak
```

5. Install the certificate in the web server keystore using the following command:

```
keytool -import -alias CAPC -trustcacerts -keystore  
[installationDirectory]/PerformanceCenter/jetty-version/etc/keystore
```

You are prompted to provide a password for this file.

Note: If you are using a self-signed certificate, omit the `-trustcacerts` option in the previous steps, and import the self-signed certificate instead of a certificate chain.

Now you must [configure the port and website](#) (see page 37) to support HTTPS.

Configure the Port and Website for SSL

By default, Single Sign-On uses Port 8381. To set up HTTPS, use the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool to update the default website scheme and port to match the encryption settings.

Perform the tasks in this procedure on every server where a data source is installed.

Follow these steps:

1. Launch the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool by running the './SsoConfig' command in the following directory:

```
[InstallationDirectory]/CA/PerformanceCenter
```

You are prompted to select an option.

2. Use the following commands as needed while you are changing settings:

- q (quit)
- b (go back to the previous menu)
- u (update)
- r (reset)

3. Enter 1 to select CA Performance Center.

4. Enter 4 to configure Single Sign-On.

You are prompted to specify the priority.

5. Enter one of the following options:

1. Remote Value

Refers to settings that only administrators can change. Such settings are propagated to all other CA products registered to this instance of CA Performance Center. Remote Value settings are only used if a corresponding Local Override value is not present.

2. Local Override

Refers to settings that can be changed for all products. If a Local Override value is present, it takes precedence over both the Remote Value and default settings.

You are prompted to select a property to configure.

6. Enter 12 for the Scheme property.
7. Enter 'u' to update the value.
8. Supply 'https' for the value.

9. Enter 13 for the Port property.
10. Update the value to '8382'.
11. Enter 'b' twice to go back to the SSO Configuration/CA Performance Center menu.
12. Enter '3' to configure the Performance Center.
You are prompted to specify the priority.
13. Enter either '1' for Remote Value or '2' for Local Override.
14. Enter '6' to select Web Site Scheme.
15. Update the value to 'https'.
16. Enter '8' to select Web Site Port.
17. Update the value to '8182'.
18. Enter q to quit.

Now you must configure CA Performance Center files to use SSL.

Configure CA Performance Center to Use HTTPS

You must edit some configuration files to reflect the new website and port settings. Edit the configuration files to replace the HTTP connector with an HTTPS connector. You must also restart the CA Performance Center services so that the changes take effect.

Follow these steps:

1. Change to the following directory:

```
cd/[InstallationDirectory]/CA/PerformanceCenter/PC
```
2. Open the start.ini file for editing.
3. Find the following line and remove the '#' so that it is active:

```
#/opt/CA/PerformanceCenter/PC/etc/jetty-ssl.xml
```

where '/opt/CA' is the default installation directory.
4. Save start.ini.
5. Change to the following directory:

```
cd/[InstallationDirectory]/CA/PerformanceCenter/PC/etc
```

6. Create a file named 'jetty-ssl.xml' in that directory with the following contents:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE Configure PUBLIC "-//Jetty//Configure//EN"
"http://www.eclipse.org/jetty/configure.dtd">

<Configure id="Server" class="org.eclipse.jetty.server.Server">
  <Call name="addConnector">
    <Arg>
      <New class="org.eclipse.jetty.server.ssl.SslSelectChannelConnector">
        <Set name="Port">8182</Set>
        <Set name="maxIdleTime">30000</Set>
        <Set name="Keystore"><Property name="jetty.home" default="."
/>/etc/keystore</Set>
        <Set name="Password">***PASSWORD***</Set>
        <Set name="KeyPassword">***PASSWORD***</Set>
        <Set name="truststore"><Property name="jetty.home" default="."
/>/etc/keystore</Set>
        <Set name="trustPassword">***PASSWORD***</Set>
        <Set name="allowRenegotiate">true</Set>
      </New>
    </Arg>
  </Call>
</Configure>
```

7. Replace all instances of the "***PASSWORD***" value with the passwords in use in your system.
8. Open the file jetty.xml for editing.
9. Remove the following lines for the default HTTP connector:

```
<Call name="addConnector">
  <Arg>
    <New class="org.eclipse.jetty.server.nio.SelectChannelConnector">
      <Set name="host"><Property name="jetty.host" /></Set>
      <!-- Changed: Used to be Property -->
      <Set name="port"><SystemProperty name="jetty.port"
default="8181" /></Set>
      <Set name="maxIdleTime">30000</Set>
      <Set name="Acceptors">2</Set>
      <Set name="statsOn">false</Set>
      <Set name="confidentialPort">8443</Set>
      <Set name="lowResourcesConnections">20000</Set>
      <Set name="lowResourcesMaxIdleTime">5000</Set>
    </New>
  </Arg>
</Call>
```

10. Save jetty.xml.

11. Change to the following directory:

```
cd/[InstallationDirectory]/CA/PerformanceCenter/PC/conf
```

12. Edit the file wrapper.conf. In the following line, replace '8181' with '8182' so that it matches the port defined in jetty-ssl.xml, described previously:

```
wrapper.java.additional.2=-Djetty.port=8181
```

13. Change to the following directory:

```
cd/[InstallationDirectory]/CA/PerformanceCenter/sso/webapps/  
sso/configuration
```

14. Edit the file 'CAPerformanceCenter.xml'.

15. Replace the <Scheme> and CA Portal values with settings appropriate for SSL:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8" ?>  
<Configuration>  
  <SingleSignOnEnabled>True</SingleSignOnEnabled>  
  <SingleSignOnProductCode>pc</SingleSignOnProductCode>  
  <SignInPageProductDefaultUrl>  
    <Scheme>https</Scheme>  
    <CA Portal8182</Port>  
    <PathAndQuery>/pc/desktop/page</PathAndQuery>  
  </SignInPageProductDefaultUrl>  
  <SingleSignOnWebServiceUrl>  
    <Scheme>https</Scheme>  
    <CA Portal8182</Port>  
    <PathAndQuery>/pc/center/webservice/sso</PathAndQuery>  
  </SingleSignOnWebServiceUrl>  
</Configuration>
```

Update Single Sign-On Configuration and Restart the Services

Edit some startup files to support SSL encryption in Single Sign-On. You must also restart all CA Performance Center and Single Sign-On services to update the settings.

Follow these steps:

1. Change to the following directory:

```
cd/[InstallationDirectory]/CA/PerformanceCenter/sso
```

2. Open the start.ini file for editing.

3. Find the following line and remove the '#' so that it is active:

```
#/opt/CA/PerformanceCenter/sso/etc/jetty-ssl.xml
```

where '/opt/CA' is the default installation directory.

4. Save start.ini.
5. Change to the following directory:
`cd/[InstallationDirectory]/CA/PerformanceCenter/sso/etc`
6. Create a file named jetty-ssl.xml in that directory with the following contents:

```
<?xml version="1.0"?>
<!DOCTYPE Configure PUBLIC "-//Jetty//Configure//EN"
"http://www.eclipse.org/jetty/configure.dtd">
<Configure id="Server" class="org.eclipse.jetty.server.Server">
  <Call name="addConnector">
    <Arg>
      <New class="org.eclipse.jetty.server.ssl.SslSelectChannelConnector">
        <Set name="Port">8382</Set>
        <Set name="maxIdleTime">30000</Set>
        <Set name="Keystore"><Property name="jetty.home" default="."
/>/etc/keystore</Set>
        <Set name="Password">***PASSWORD***</Set>
        <Set name="KeyPassword">***PASSWORD***</Set>
        <Set name="truststore"><Property name="jetty.home" default="."
/>/etc/keystore</Set>
        <Set name="trustPassword">***PASSWORD***</Set>
        <Set name="allowRenegotiate">true</Set>
      </New>
    </Arg>
  </Call>
</Configure>
```

7. Replace all instances of the "***PASSWORD***" value with the passwords in use in your system.

8. Open the file `jetty.xml`.

9. Remove the following lines for the default HTTP connector:

```
<Call name="addConnector">
  <Arg>
    <New class="org.eclipse.jetty.server.nio.SelectChannelConnector">
      <Set name="host"><Property name="jetty.host" /></Set>
      <!-- Changed: Used to be Property -->
      <Set name="port"><SystemProperty name="jetty.port"
default="8181"/></Set>
      <Set name="maxIdleTime">300000</Set>
      <Set name="Acceptors">2</Set>
      <Set name="statsOn">>false</Set>
      <Set name="confidentialPort">8443</Set>
      <Set name="lowResourcesConnections">20000</Set>
      <Set name="lowResourcesMaxIdleTime">5000</Set>
    </New>
  </Arg>
</Call>
```

10. Save `jetty.xml`.

11. Change to the following directory:

```
[InstallationDirectory]/CA/PerformanceCenter/sso/conf
```

12. Edit the file `wrapper.conf`. In the following line, replace '8381' with '8382' so that it matches the port defined in `jetty-ssl.xml`, described previously:

```
wrapper.java.additional.2=-Djetty.port=8381
```

13. Stop the console, device manager, and SSO services by entering the following commands:

```
service caperfcenter_console stop
service caperfcenter_devicemanager stop
service caperfcenter_sso stop
```

14. Restart the services by entering the following commands

```
service caperfcenter_sso start
service caperfcenter_devicemanager start
service caperfcenter_console start
```

15. You are now ready to verify SSL configuration.

Chapter 5: Troubleshooting

This section contains the following topics:

[Browser Shows Error](#) (see page 43)

[Logs](#) (see page 43)

[Check the Audit Log](#) (see page 44)

Browser Shows Error

Symptom:

When I entered my password on the Login page, I was redirected to an error page in the web browser. Did I type the wrong password?

Solution:

This symptom does not indicate that you entered the wrong SAML credentials. Instead, the browser error (such as 401 or 500) indicates that Single Sign-On redirected the browser to the login URL, but the Identity Provider (IdP) server is down.

Take the following steps:

- Verify that the IdP server is running.
- Test the network connection between the CA Performance Center server and the IdP server.

Logs

By checking your log files daily or weekly, you can resolve problems before they affect normal operations. All logs are stored in subfolders that correspond to the relevant service (or daemon). Find log files in the following path:

```
CA/PerformanceCenter/<servicename>/logs
```

where the *servicename* is one of the following:

DM

Is the Device Manager.

EM

Is the Event Manager.

PC

Is the main console program.

SSO

Is the Single Sign-On authentication software. For problems with the Single Sign-On Configuration Tool, check the application log in the following location:

```
/opt/CA/PerformanceCenter/sso/logs/application.log
```

Log filenames include the relevant date and time.

New log files are generated automatically each day. Older log files are removed automatically after 14 days to avoid consuming excessive disk space.

Access the most recent log file to find errors associated with the database or data source synchronization. You can start by opening the Events dashboard from the Dashboards tab and sorting by Status. If you want to look at the related log file, note the event type and failure date and time. In the log directory, open the log file with the corresponding date in the filename.

Check the Audit Log

Single Sign-On supports security auditing by logging daily details about user login activity to a file. Check the log to verify user activity.

Follow these steps:

1. Log in to the server where a CA data source product is installed.
2. Open a command prompt, and cd to the following directory:
`[InstallationDirectory]/PerformanceCenter/sso/logs`
3. Enter dir to see the contents of the directory.
The filename of the log file is SingleSignOnAuditLogyyyy-mm-dd.log.
4. Enter the name of the audit file you want to view.
The file opens in the local text editor application.

Glossary

Configuration Tool

The *Configuration Tool* is a command-line application that lets administrators adjust the settings used by the Single Sign-On website and the associated CA data source products.

Identity Provider (IdP)

The *Identity Provider*, or IdP, stores identity or security information and provides it when requested for authentication purposes. Also called the "asserting party," one of the three component roles required for SAML authentication.

LDAP

LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol) is a protocol that specifies methods for searching and editing directories and storing directory information in IP networks. In addition, LDAP is often used to secure network access because it includes an authentication component. LDAP directories are typically organized into logical groups of units. Microsoft Active Directory is a prominent example of a directory application that uses LDAP.

SAML

The Security Assertion Markup Language (*SAML*) is a security protocol that is based on XML. The basic concept involves the exchange of security assertions about a subject—a person or a computer—that is requesting access to a secure domain. Assertions include whether the subject can access certain resources, and whether an external data source, such as a policy store, is used.

Single Sign-On

Single Sign-On is the authentication scheme for CA Performance Center and all supported data sources. Once they are authenticated to CA Performance Center, users can navigate among the console and registered data sources without signing in a second time.

SSL

SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) is an encryption protocol that many web browsers support for data security over the Internet. Servers exchange SSL certificates that contain a public key to encrypt the data that is exchanged and a private key to decipher it. SSL lets a web browser specify the level of encryption to use based on browser, client computer, and server capabilities. The maximum level is 256-bit encryption, the most difficult to decipher.

TLS

TLS (Transport Layer Security), and its predecessor, *SSL* (Secure Sockets Layer), are widely supported encryption protocols that secure data transmissions over the Internet. SSL/TLS can be used in conjunction with HTTP to form HTTPS (HTTP-Secure).

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