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#### **ABSTRACT**

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We have taken different bindings also to done this authentication process successfully. Binding are the mechanisms to transfer the messages. There are three types of bindings used :Redirect binding, Post binding, Artifact binding.

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# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ACRONYM	EXPANSION
LDAP	Lightweight Directory Access Protocol
IT	Information Technology
ADFS	Active Directory Federation Services
SP	Service Provider
IDP	Identity Provider
ACP	Access control policy
SSO	Single Sign on
ED	Enterprise Directory
IWA	Internal window authentication

#### INTRODUCTION

#### I. Overall Description:

The goal of this project is to provide the Authentication to different applications via two Methods:

- 1. Internal Window Authentication (IWA)
- 2. Single Sign on (SSO)

Internal Window Authentication (IWA): Authentication Server in an environment based on Windows users is straightforward.

- The user credentials are validated when the user logs in to the Windows operating system on the client machine.
- Later when the user wants to establish a session with Server (for example, via a browser on the desktop), then can use the built-in Integrated Windows Authentication (IWA).
- The identity of the logged-in user is communicated to Server using SAML token. This solution provides single sign-on capabilities right out of the box. In case the authentication exchange fails to identify the user, the browser prompts the user for a Windows user account name and password.

Single Sign on (SSO): Single sign-on (SSO) is a session and user authentication service that permits an end user to enter one set of login credentials (such as a name and password) and be able to access multiple applications.

#### **II.Objective:**

This is use to design the following tasks:

1. User experience: The most apparent benefit is that users can move between services securely and uninterrupted without specifying their credentials each time.

- 2. Ability for employees to log in just one time with one set of credentials to get access to all corporate apps, websites, and data for which they have permission.
- 3. Security: The users credentials are provided directly to the central SSO server, not the actual service that the user is trying to access, and therefore the credentials cannot be cached by the service. The central authentication point the SSO service limits the possibility of phishing.
- 4. Resource savings: IT administrators can save their time and resources by utilizing the central web access management service Application and web developers receive a complete authentication and authorization framework that they can use to build secure, user customized services.
- 5. SSO saves money: Around half of all IT helpdesk calls are for password resets. With only one password to remember, SSO can significantly reduce IT helpdesk costs.
- **6.** Building a centralized database, SSO supports compliance, promotes secure file sharing, and ensures effective access reporting.

#### III.Background:

SAML one.0 was to create a XML framework

The pool for outlining SAML standards and security is OASIS (Organization for the Advancement of structured data standards) they're a non-profit international organization that promotes the event and adoption of open standards for security and internet services. OASIS was supported in 1993 beneath standard generalized markup language (Standard Generalized Markup Language) Open till its name amendment in 1998. Headquarters for OASIS area unit located in North America however there's active member participation internationally in one hundred countries on 5 continents SAML 1.0 became associate OASIS customary toward the top of 2002, with its early formations starting in 2001. The goal behind

to allow for the authentication and authorization from a single sign-on perspective. At the time of this milestone, other firms and consortiums started extending SAML 1.0. whereas these extensions were being shaped, the SAML 1.1 specification was sanctioned as associate OASIS standard within the fall of 2003. The next major revision of SAML is a pair of.0, and it became an official OASIS customary in 2005. SAML 2.0 involves major changes to the SAML specifications, this can be the first revision of the quality that's not backwards compatible, and it provides vital further functionality. SAML 2.0 currently supports W3C XML encryption to satisfy privacy needs [3]. Another advantage that SAML a pair of.0 includes is that the support for

service supplier initiated net single sign-on exchanges. This allows for the service supplier to question the identity provider for authentication in addition, SAML 2.0 adds "Single Logout" practicality, the rest of this text

are going to be discussing implementation of a SAML 2.0 atmosphere. There area unit 3 roles concerned in a very SAML group action –

an declarative party, a relying party, and a topic. The asserting party (identity provider) is that the system in authority that gives the user info. The relying party (service provider) is that the system that trusts the asserting party's info, and uses the info to provide associate application to the user. The user and their identity that's concerned within the group action area unit called the subject. The elements that structure the SAML customary area unit assertions, protocols, bindings and profiles. Each layer

of the quality areoften custom, permitting specific business cases to be self-addressed per company. Since each company's situations might be distinctive, the implementation of those business cases ought to be ready to be

customized per service and per identity suppliers.

The group action from the declarative party to the relying party is termed a SAML assertion.

The relying party assumes that each one knowledge contained within the assertion from the

asserting party is valid. The structure of the SAML assertion is outlined by the XML schema and contains header info, the topic and statements regarding the subject within the type of attributes and conditions. The assertion can even contain authorization statements defining what the user is allowable to try and do within the net application.

The SAML customary defines request and response protocols accustomed communicate the assertions between the service supplier (relying party) and also the identity provider (asserting party).

# SOFTWARE REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATION

#### HARD WARE SPECIFICATION:

GCP Plateform

Created instance Window Server 2016

HARD DISK DRIVE: 500 GB

RAM: 8 Gb

#### **SOFTWARE SPECIFICATION:**

OPERATING SYSTEM: Windows server 2016

ROLES: ADFS, ADDS, IIS, DNS

#### LITERATURE SURVEY

Active Directory Federation Services provides access control and single sign on across a wide variety of applications including Office 365, cloud based SaaS applications, and applications on the corporate network. Introducing AD FS 2.0". Microsoft TechNet. May 2, 2010. Retrieved March 2, 2017

- For the IT organization, it enables you to provide sign on and access control to both modern and legacy applications, on premises and in the cloud, based on the same set of credentials and policies.
- For the user, it provides seamless sign on using the same, familiar account credentials.
- For the developer, it provides an easy way to authenticate users whose identities live in the organizational directory so that you can focus your efforts on your application, not authentication or identity.

Active Directory Federation Services (AD FS), a software component developed by Microsoft, can run on Windows Server operating systems to provide users with single sign-on access to systems.

In AD FS, identity federation is established between two organizations by establishing trust between two security realms. A federation server on one side (the Accounts side) authenticates the user through the standard means in Active Directory Domain Services and then issues a token containing a series of claims about the user, including its identity. On the other side, the Resources side, another federation server validates the token and issues another token for the local servers to accept the claimed identity. This allows a system to provide controlled access to its resources or services to a user that belongs to another security realm without requiring the user to authenticate directly to the system and without the two systems sharing a database of user identities or passwords.

#### **EXISTING SYSTEM**

Many business owners and IT managers of growing businesses prefer Linux over competitive operating systems. The major factors leading businesses to move to Linux are its low cost, security, reliability, openness, and freedom to avoid single-vendor environments.

In fact, businesses such as Amazon.com and Google rave about operational costs saved and efficiencies found from implementing Linux on their servers. These commercial examples, combined with the experiences of developers and IT managers, have led to widespread installations of Linux servers within small and medium-sized businesses. An IDC 2007 report says that Linux holds 12.7 percent of the overall server market.

Oracle Directory Server provides enterprise-wide directory services, meaning it provides information to a wide variety of applications. Until recently, many applications came bundled with their own proprietary user databases, with information about the users specific to that application. While a proprietary database can be convenient if you use only one application, multiple databases become an administrative burden if the databases manage the same information. Directory Server serves directory data to standards compliant LDAP and DSML applications. Directory Server stores the data in customized, binary tree databases, allowing quick searches even for large data sets only.

Each directory entry has attributes. For entries that concern people, these attributes may reflect names, phone numbers, and email addresses. No need to use any algorithms or applications, It will be like database only from where you can take the data of users that needed. This is only like a database where all the user entries saved at one place, Neither SSO nor real-time authentication was provided. Only one team/person has rights to change password and many different team to handle on task.

Here password is different for all the different applications.

#### PROPOSED SYSTEM

In this project Single Sign-On services protects thousands of applications from risks associated with password management and enables users to access mobile, cloud, and on-premises programs on any device. By implementing SSO, users need to enter a single username and password for once and then, acquire access to the devices and apps that are based upon policy from enterprise. It gives support to internal (contractors, employees) as well as external (customers, partners) users.

Our Single Sign-On solution strengthens the existing cloud security protocols along with single access to several users for IT monitoring ease. The challenges get significantly reduced in terms of clicks and hence, eliminating time in remembering the account usernames and passwords. An administrator will be able to track real-time activities with the provisioning and de-provisioning of sanctioned applications. We are also providing capability of restricting access to unsanctioned programs for organization users. Our SSO security is compatible with all mobile platforms and it does not need re-configuration in case of operating system updates. LDAP, Lightweight Directory Access Protocol, is an Internet protocol that email and other programs use to look up information from a server.

LDAP is not limited to contact information, or even information about people. LDAP is used to look up encryption certificates, pointers to printers and other services on a network, and provide "single sign-on" where one password for a user is shared between many services. LDAP is appropriate for any kind of directory-like information, where fast lookups and less-frequent updates are the norm.

- Here Server version which is used is 4.0.
- It is not just the stored database but providing, SSO supports compliance, promotes secure file sharing, and ensures effective access reporting.
- AD FS is a native Windows Server Role that allows users to access third-party systems

- and applications insid90e or outside the corporate firewall with a single login.
- Service provider (SP) and Identity Provider (IDP) plays important role to provide authentication. A trust should be maintained in between SP and IDP and that happened via Certificate.
- Certificates are used to authenticate an individual's identity.
- Data transferred in the form of Metadata. Metadata is a xml file which contains the information required by the resource parties (IDP and SP).
- Enables end users to achieve one-point access to all business programs
- All cloud applications will be accessed through desktops, smartphones, etc.
- Consolidate with custom on-premises applications through custom protocol / development
- Easy provisioning and deprovisioning of cloud applications
- Add or remove existing cloud programs without hard efforts
- Manage several users with an individual account from 1 console

Helps in increasing productivity by keeping the data safe and secure

## IMPLIMENTATION AND ARCHITECTURE

This architecture shows the single sign on (SSO) mechanism for all applications. There will a centralized access directory where all the data will be saved. That directory will be enterprise directory or Active directory. The users of Application (Salesforce) will be integrated with the directory and then whenever user login in any application just one time need to enter password and that too is correct or not will be validated via LDAP, and session created. For the next time when user login in that application automatically get logged-in, no need to enter ID and password again.

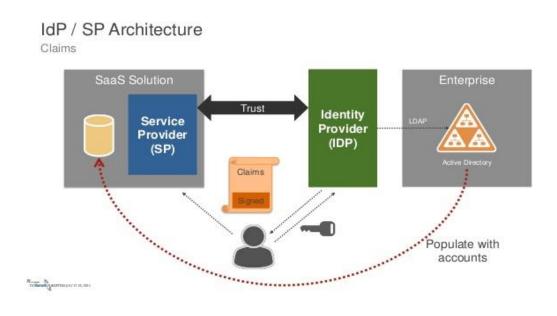


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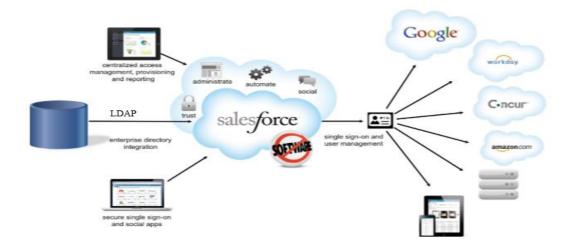


Figure 2.2

When the session is SP-initiated then process will be as follows:

- 1. User will attempt to login in any application on a browser.
- 2. Then service provider will check if previous login session is saved if yes then user will be directly accessible else send authentication request to identity provider.
- Here also any Identity provider checked for the saved previous session else redirect to login page of that organization.
- 4. There user put credentials to login and those credentials will be authenticating via LDAP.
- 5. Then a SAML token will be generated that token IDP will be send to SP.
- 6. Then whatever the claims required send to application for authentication and finally permission granted or we can say user successfully logged in.

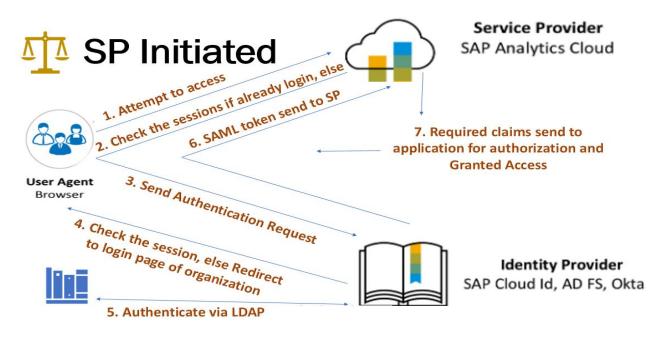


Figure 3.3

When the session is IDP-initiated then process will be as follows:

- 1. Here user attempt to login to any portal or an application.
- 2. Then Identity provider will check for the session already login by another application if yes then user will be directly accessible else redirect to login page of that organization.
- 3. Here when user put credentials for login authenticated via Active directory (AD).
- 4. Then a SAML token will be generated that Identity provider sends to the Service provider.
- 5. Then service provider sends required claims to application for authorization and user will be successfully logged in.

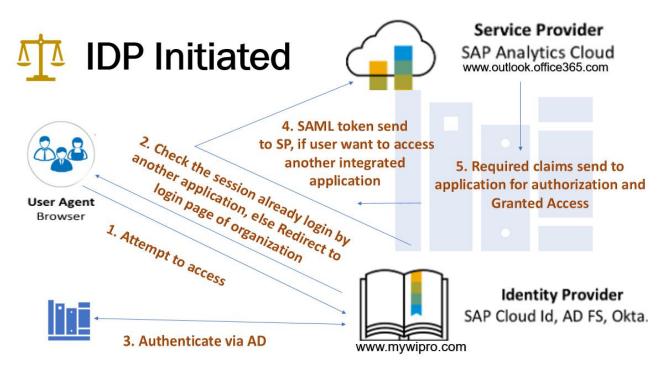


Figure 4.4

#### **Sequential Diagram:**

This structure is showing the authentication process. Service Provider and Identity provider plays very important role for communication. User will be request first then Service provider redirect to Identity provider, then from Identity provider SSO service requested. User identified and Identity provider redirect back to Service provider with SAML assertion. User request a=Assertion Consumer Service (ACS). And finally service provider respond to the requested user. Authentication request contains some of the attributes, which are send by the SP to IDP.

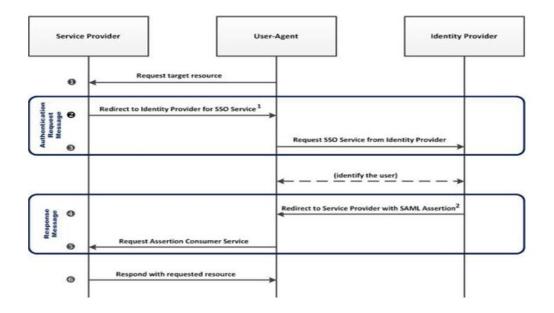
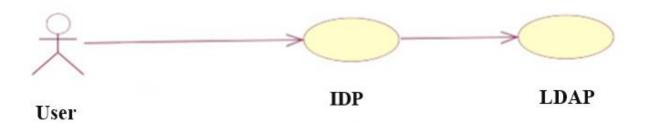


Figure 5.5

# **Usecase Diagram:**



**User Authentication Request** 



# **Authentication via LDAP**

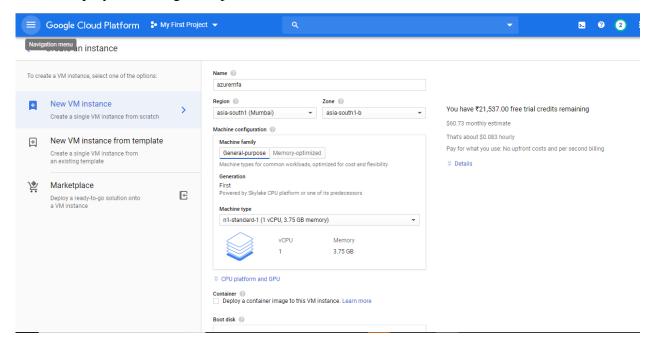


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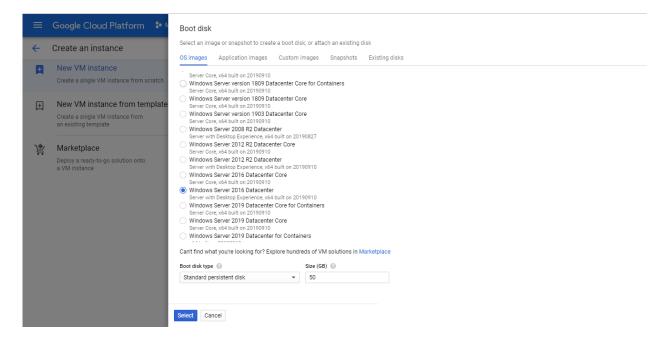
#### INSTALLATION AND CONFIGURATION

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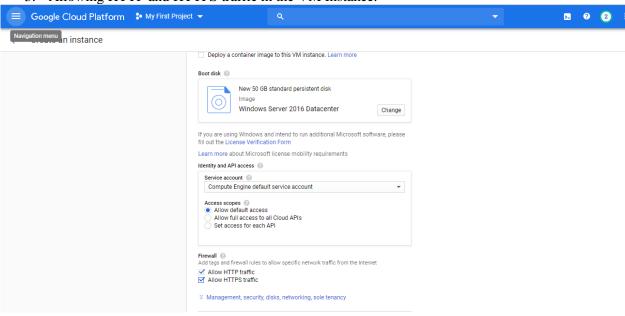
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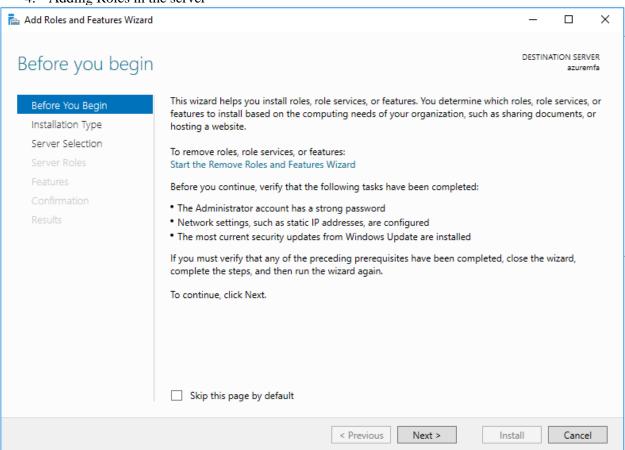
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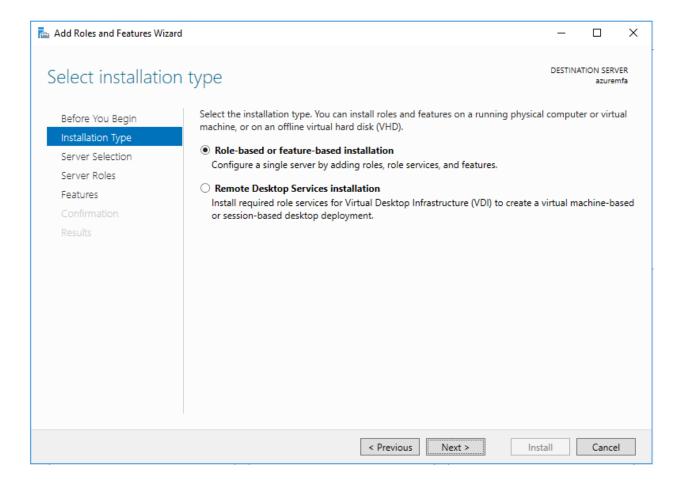


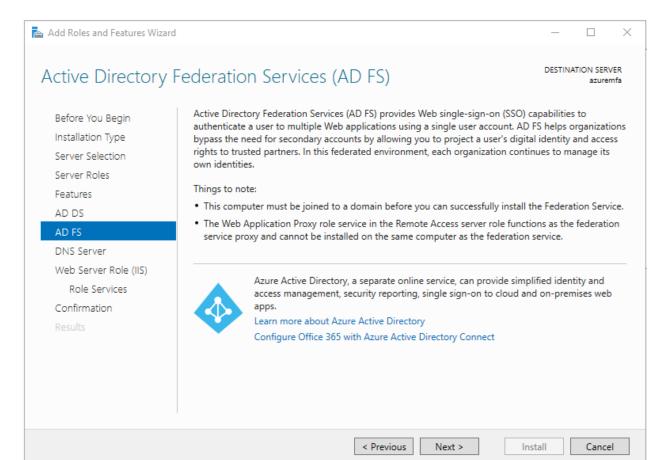
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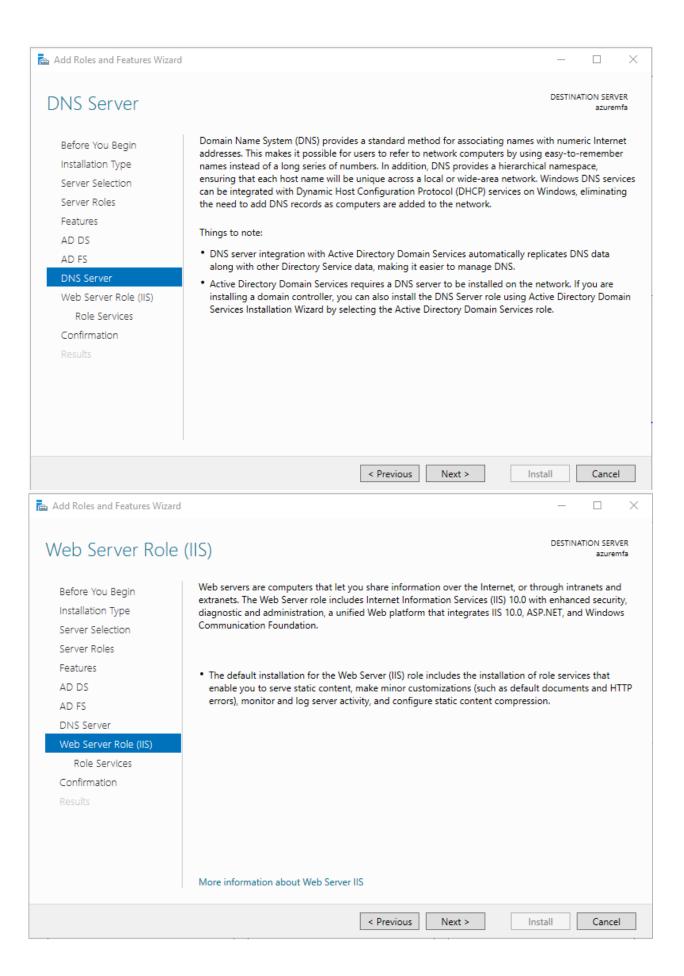


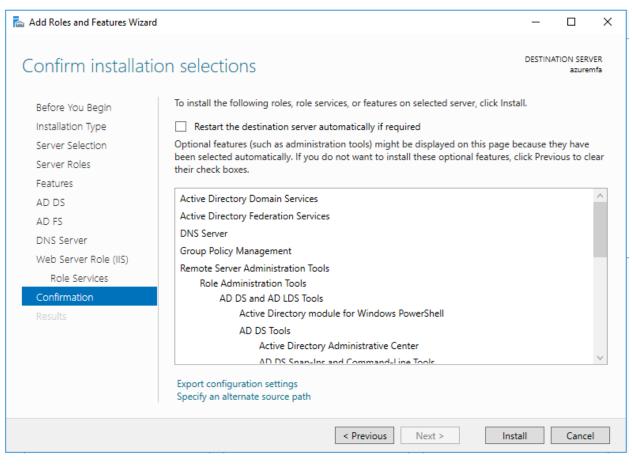
#### 4. Adding Roles in the server

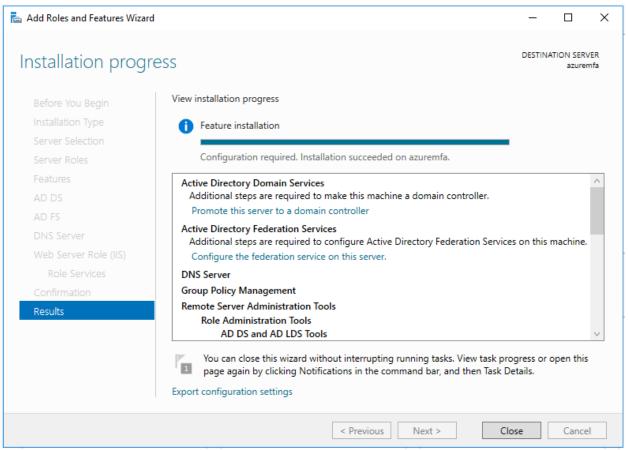


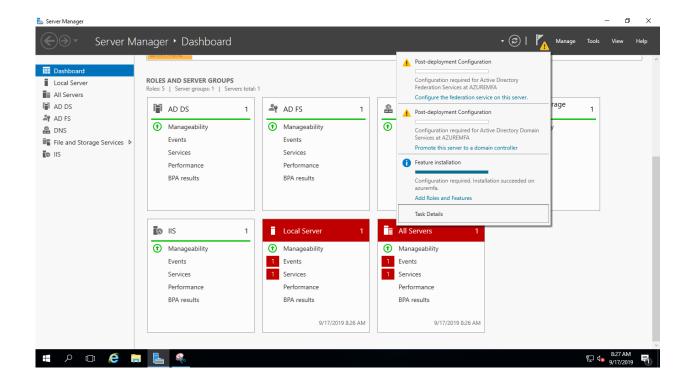




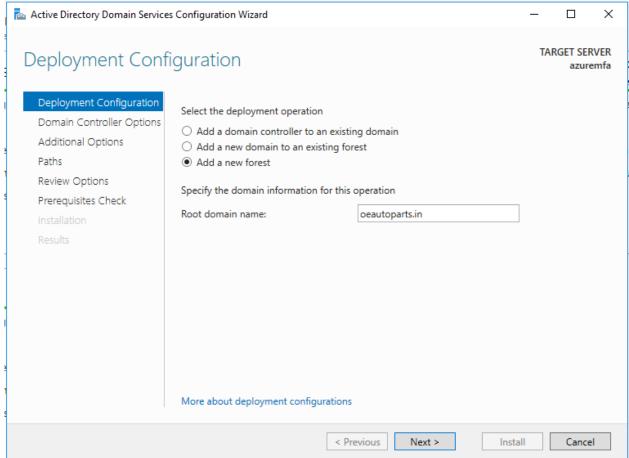


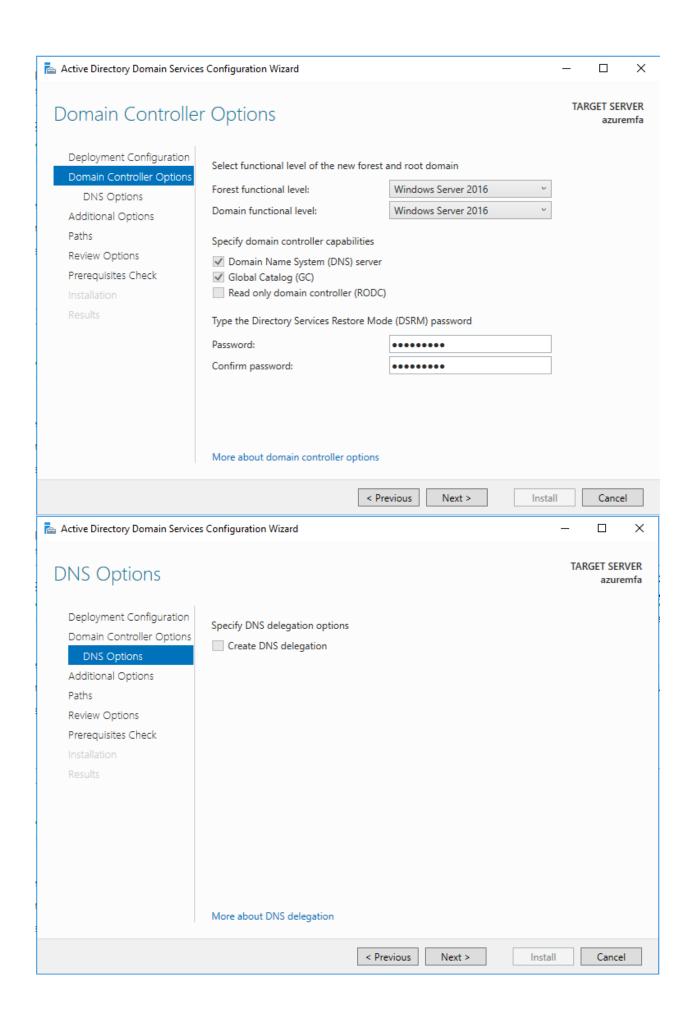






5. LDAP Configuration





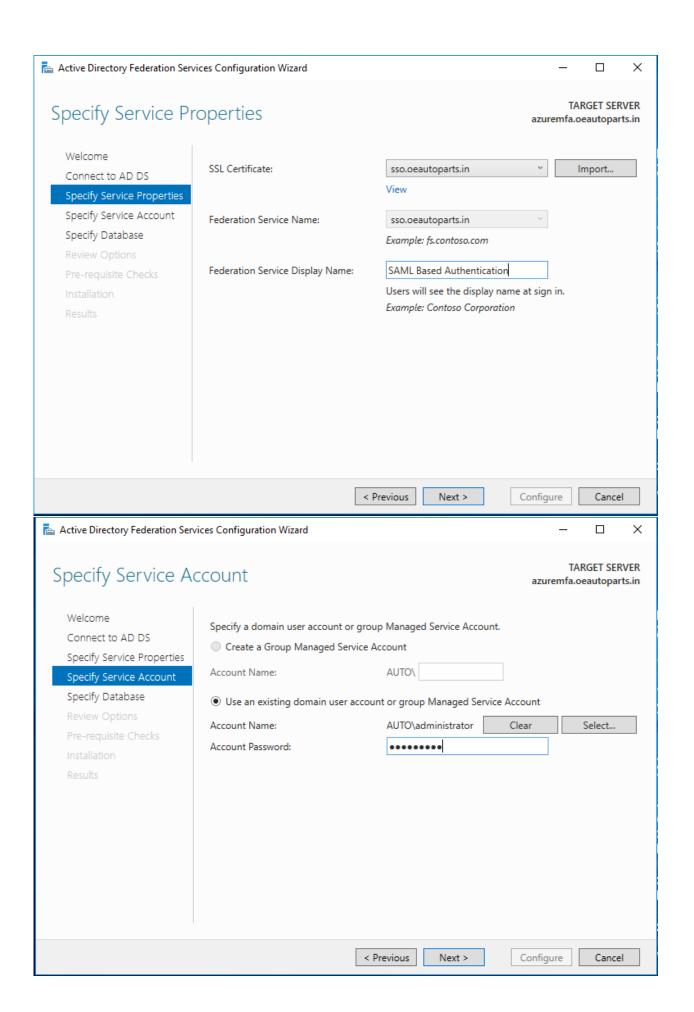
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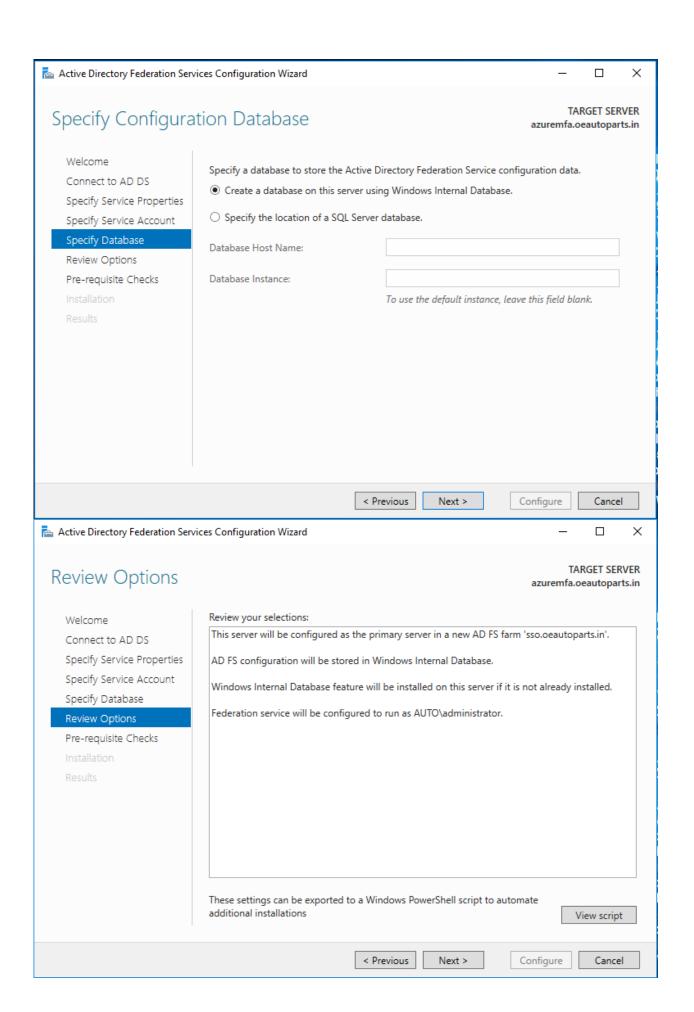
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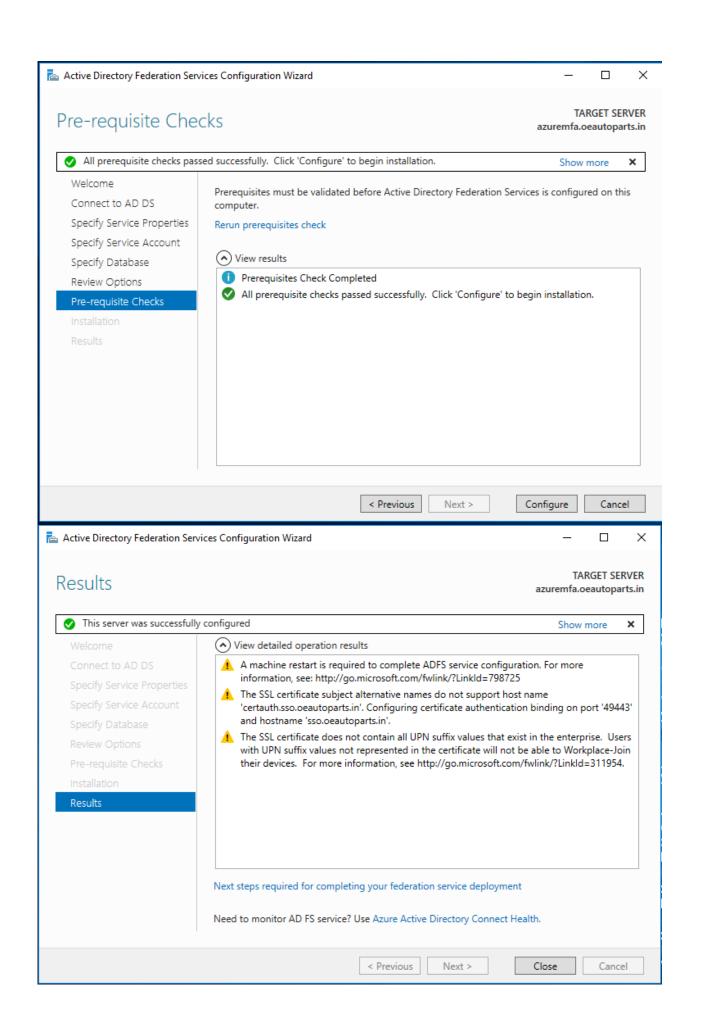
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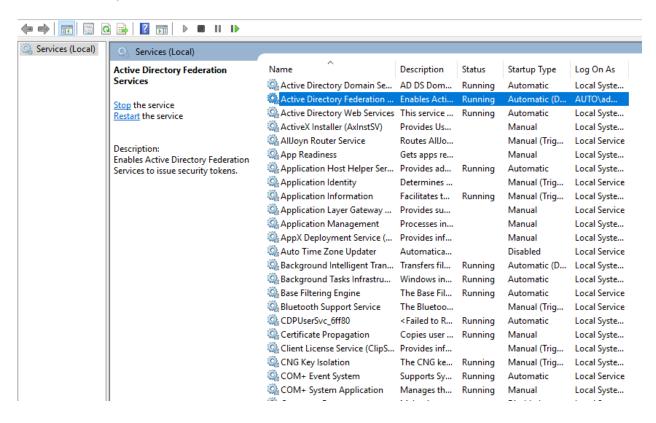
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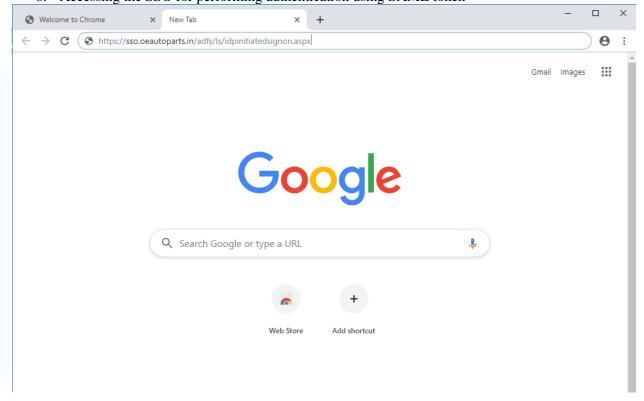


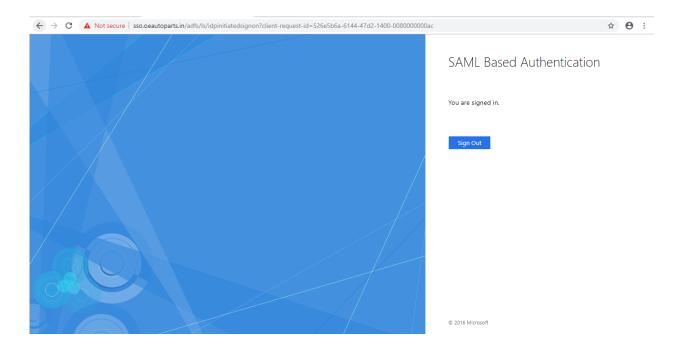


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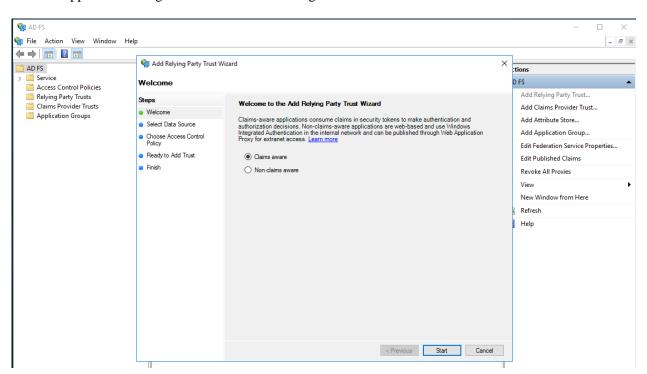


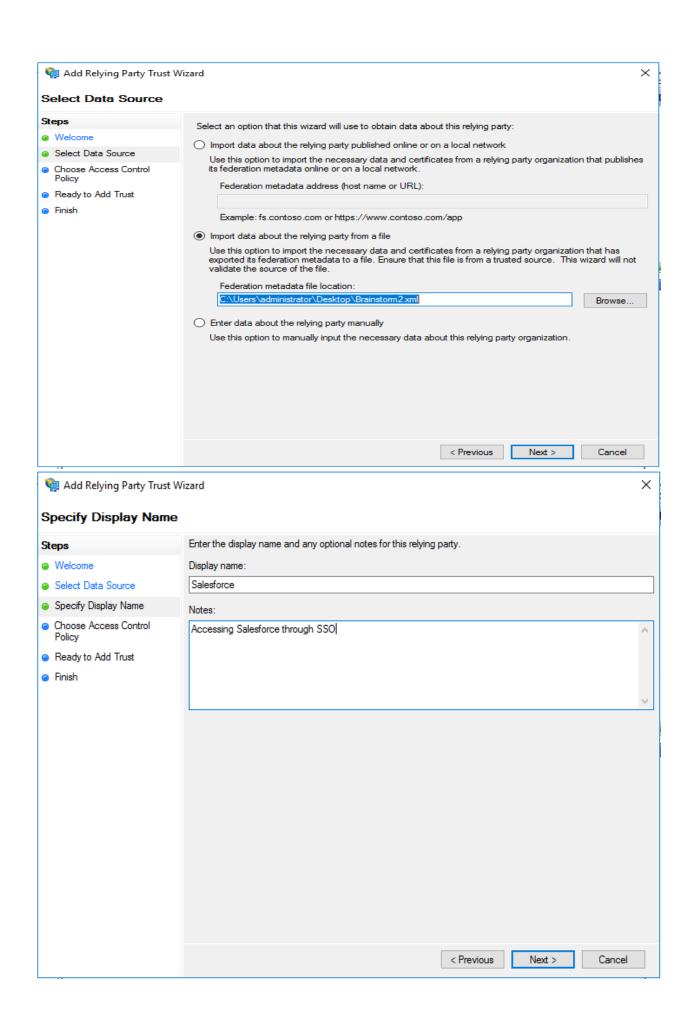
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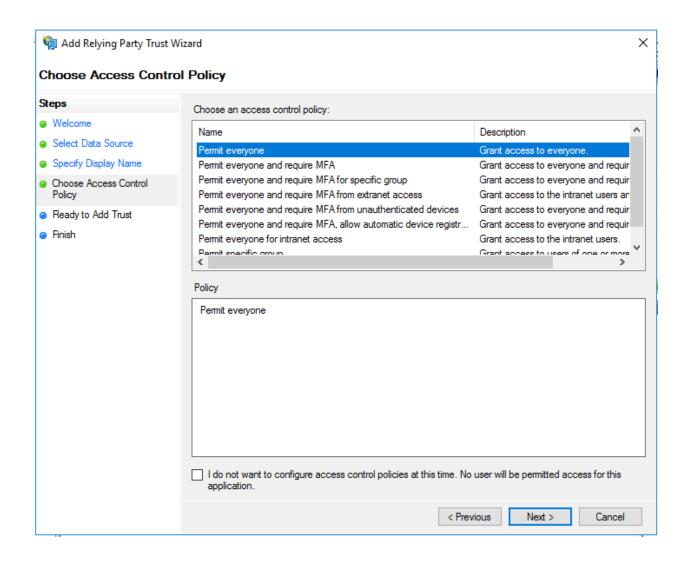


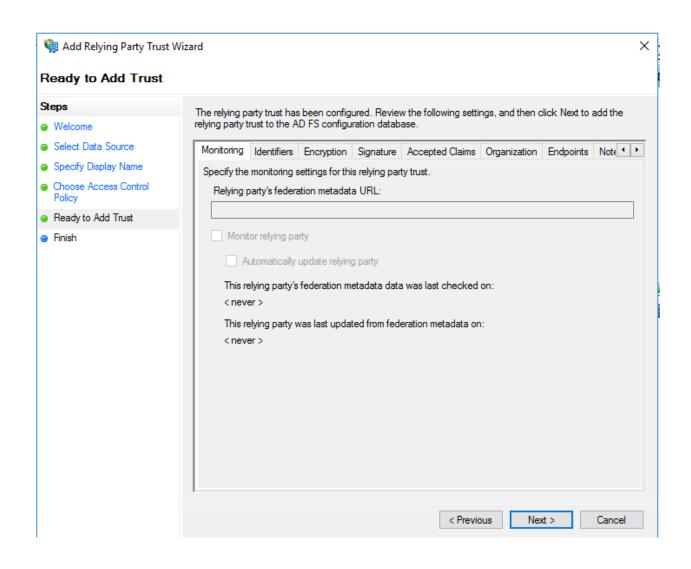


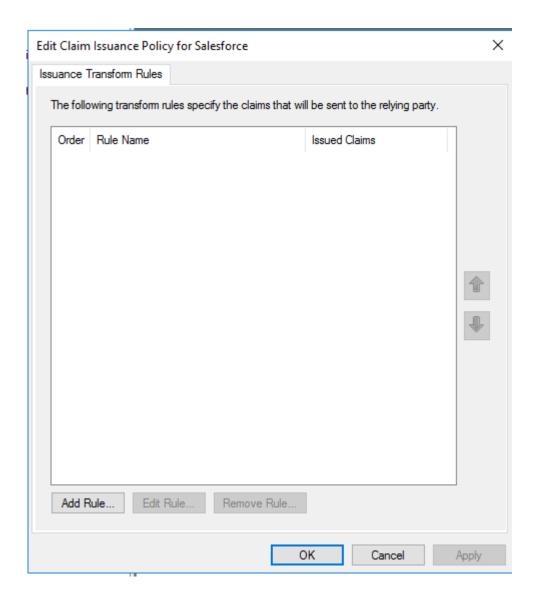
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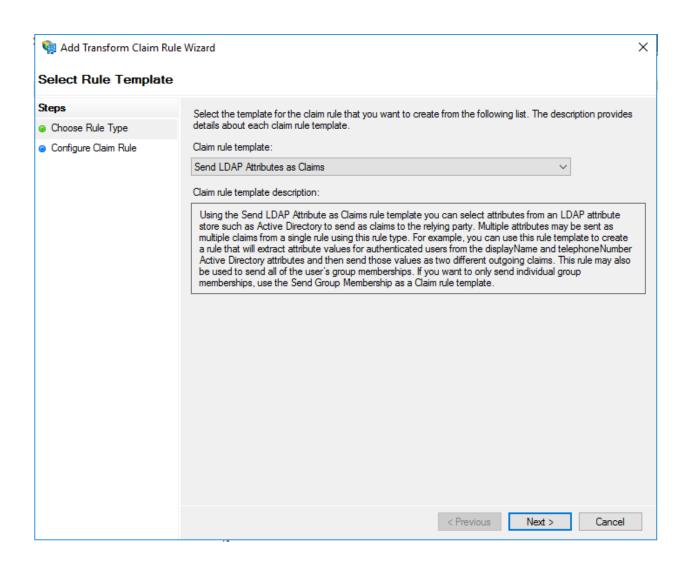


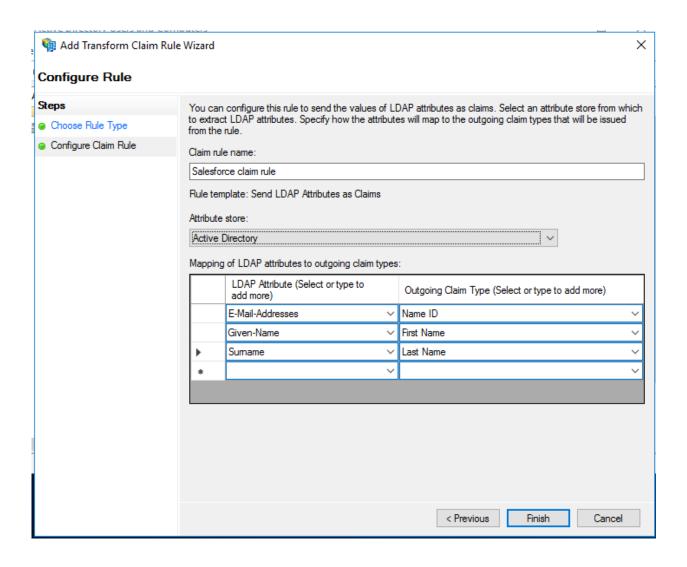


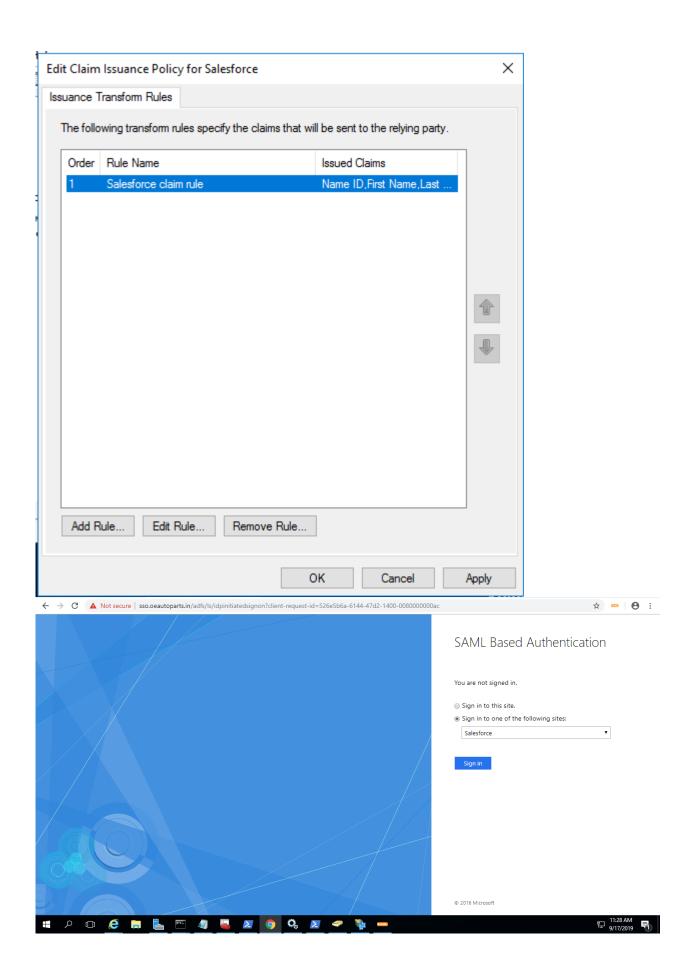




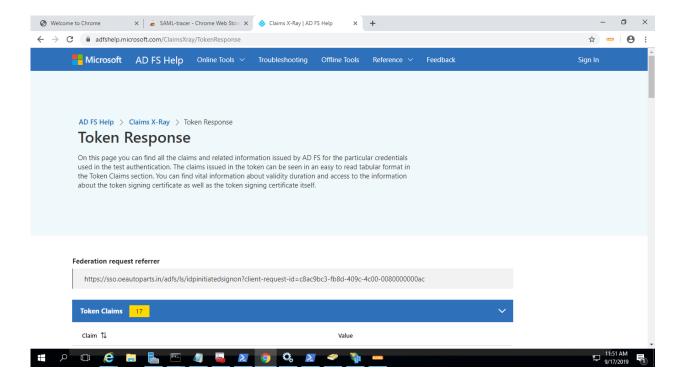








## 10. Accessing Claim X-Ray application integrated with SSO page



#### CONCLUSION

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Service communication certificate is a certificate which is approved by trusted third party. This is used to bind the certificate with resource login page. This certificate is required to make it secure over the internet so that trust can be established between both parties.

Token Sing in Certificate is the hash of the SAML token by sender's private key (IDP).

The certificate which is encrypted by the receiver's public key to achieve confidentiality.

After all Installation and Configuration, Certificate imported or exported, We will sign in via URL and user will be authenticated in that application. One time when user login then session created and for the next time user will automatically signed in.

Hence user successfully logged in in Real Time via LDAP Authentication.

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