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Scenario 3: StoreFront SAML integration without ADC

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Since the introduction of identity providers in the Application Workspace, it has become possible to use SAML federation with the Citrix StoreFront.

In this scenario:

- Citrix Federated Authentication Services (FAS) is deployed and configured.
- Citrix Application Delivery Controller (ADC) is not used or it only functions as a pass-through (reverse proxy) without any intelligence (no ICA acceleration for example). In case Citrix ADC is used, and is handling authentication, see Scenario 4 StoreFront via ADC SAML integration

Prerequisites

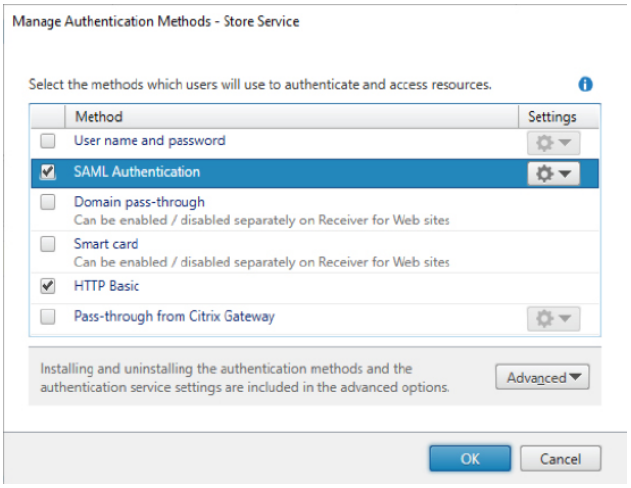
- Application Workspace 3.2 or later
- Citrix XenApp/XenDesktop 7.9 or later
- Citrix StoreFront connector must be configured
- Citrix Federated Authentication Service must be deployed and configured
- The SAML identity provider must be configured on the Application Workspace Server
- The public certificate of the Application Workspace SAML identity provider must be exported as base 64

> Access Manager license
> The SAML identity provider is available only with a valid Access Manager license. We recommend you contact Recast Sales if the option is not available in your Application Workspace System.

Configure the Citrix StoreFront for SAML

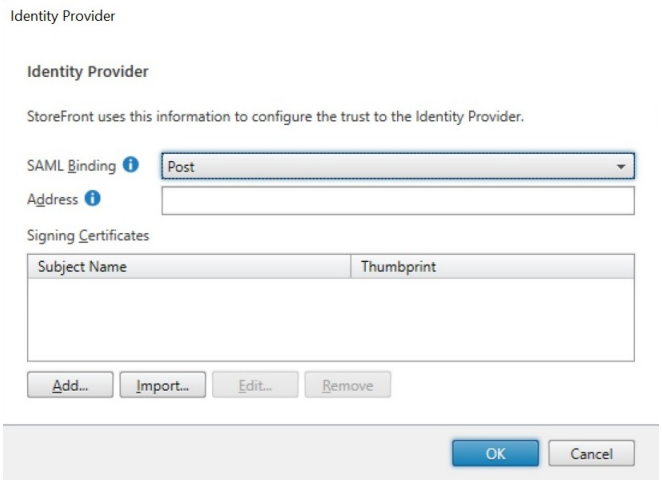
> Citrix StoreFront does not support importing SAML identity provider metadata, therefore the configuration needs to be done manually in it.

1. In the Citrix StoreFront store, navigate to **Manage Authentication Methods**.
2. Enable the *SAML Authentication* method. If it is not listed, click **Advanced** at the bottom of the dialog, select **Install or uninstall authentication methods**" and then select *SAML Authentication*
3. Click on the gear icon of the *SAML Authentication* method and select *Identity Provider*.



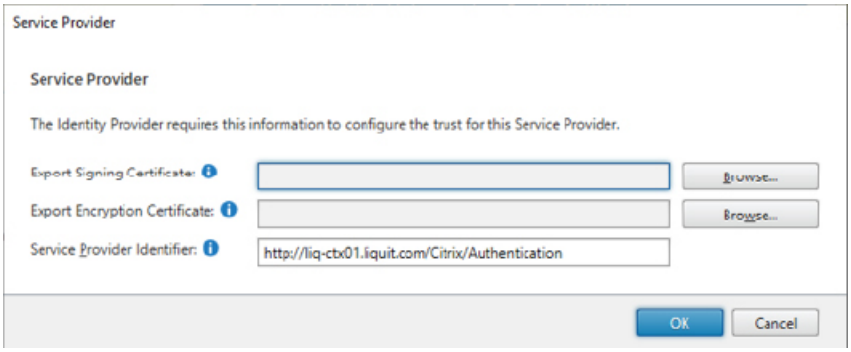
In this screenshot, the Application Workspace StoreFront connector is using the HTTP Basic authentication.

4. Configure the following parameters
    - **SAML Binding**: Post
    - **Address**: Use the entity ID of the Application Workspace SAML identity provider followed by "sso" (for example: https://workspace.recastsoftware.com/idp/xxxxxxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-xxxxxxxxxxxx/saml2/sso)
    - Click "Import…" at the bottom of the dialog and select the Application Workspace SAML identity provider public certificate.



5. Click **OK** to save changes.
6. After closing the dialog, click again on the gear icon of the *SAML Authentication* method and this time select *Service Provider*.
7. Note down the "Service Provider Identifier" as you need this in the next step to register the StoreFront SAML Service Provider in the Application Workspace.

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Register the StoreFront SAML Service Provider in the Application Workspace

1. In the Application Workspace, navigate to **Manage** > **Authentication** > **Identity Providers** and open the desired SAML identity provider.

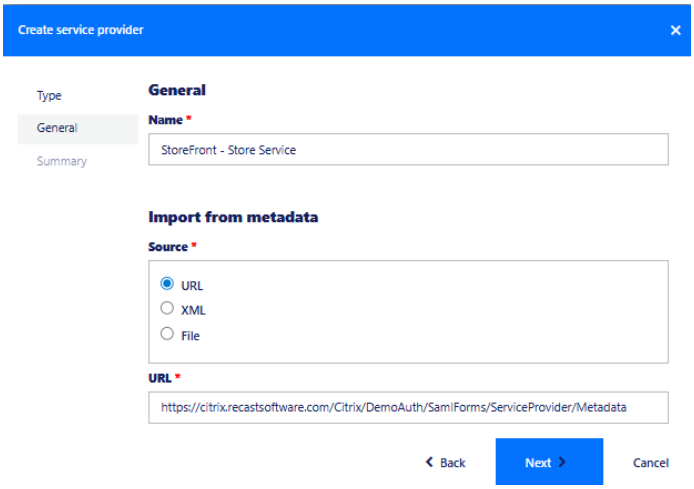
2. Navigate to the **Service Providers** screen and click **Create service provider**.

3. In **Type**, select *Import Service provider from Metadata*.

4. In **General**, provide a name to identify the new service provider later, for example "StoreFront – Store Service". Specify the metadata URL using the URL that was noted down from the StoreFront Service Provider dialog:
    - Change the URL schema to "https" if the StoreFront server is configured for SSL.
    - Verify that the domain name is reachable from the Application Workspace (it could be that the domain name needs to be changed from server name to public DNS name).
    - Append "/SamlForms/ServiceProvider/Metadata" to the end of the URL.

After that, the URL should for example look like this:

> https://citrix.recastsoftware.com/Citrix/Authentication/SamlForms/ServiceProvider/Metadata



`/Citrix/Authentication` is only used for the default store, new stores will have a URL path like `/Citrix/[Store name]Auth`, for example `https://citrix.recastsoftware.com/Citrix/DemoAuth/SamlForms/ServiceProvider/Metadata`.

5. In **Summary**, leave the checkbox **Modify Service Provider after creation** selected. The service provider entry will be created and populated with the information that could be found in the metadata.

6. Configure the name identifier on the server provider as follows:
   •**Name Identifier**: Persistent
   •**User attribute**: User principal name

Alternatively, you can provide the metadata xml by specifying in the creation wizard the source "XML".