

# Windows desktop SSO configuration

Use Windows desktop single sign-on (SSO) to allow immediate and secure access to resources via Kerberos-based authentication.

To enable this feature on any SecureAuth IdP realm, the SecureAuth IdP appliance must be joined to the company domain. Window desktops must be on the same company domain, with the ability to process and use Kerberos tickets.

You can configure realms to use Windows desktop SSO in any of the following ways:

## Windows SSO

When the Begin Site is configured to use *Windows SSO* login workflow, you have the option to include multi-factor authentication (MFA) and adaptive authentication. This method is more secure because it includes the Device Recognition layer.

## Windows SSO (skip workflow)

When the Begin Site is configured to use *Windows SSO (skip workflow)*, it bypasses the login workflow, skips MFA, and routes the user directly to the Post Authentication page once it validates the Kerberos ticket. This method bypasses the Device Recognition layer, however, it increases system performance.

## Prerequisites

- SecureAuth IdP version 9.3
- SecureAuth IdP realm or integrated application with the following configured:
  - [Overview tab](#)
  - [Data tab / Directory integration](#)
  - [Workflow tab](#)
  - [Multi-Factor Methods configuration](#)
  - [Post Authentication configuration](#)
  - [Logs tab](#)
- Microsoft Active Directory in use and integrated with SecureAuth IdP

On the New Experience user interface in version 9.3, you can configure an [Active Directory integration](#) or [SQL Server integration](#) to be applied to applications made from [App onboarding](#) library templates. Configure the remaining components – for example, Workflow, Multi-Factor Methods, and Adaptive Authentication tabs – on the Classic Experience user interface.

- Set up [custom identity SPN to leverage Integrated Windows Authentication \(IWA\)](#)

## Enable universal Windows desktop SSO in the environment

The most effective way to enable universal Windows desktop SSO is to push out a local intranet URL via Group Policy Object (GPO); however, end users can also configure their own devices and browsers to enable this feature.

## To enable Windows desktop SSO

1. Add the SecureAuth IdP server Fully Qualified Domain Name (FQDN) to the **Local intranet** list of websites in Chrome, Internet Explorer, and Firefox browsers.

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### Chrome

#### Chrome

- a. In the Google Chrome browser, click the **menu** icon (3 vertical dots) on right of the address toolbar.
  - b. Click **Settings**.
  - c. Scroll to the bottom of the page and expand the **Advanced** section.
  - d. In the System section, click **Open proxy settings**.  
The Internet Properties dialog opens.
  - e. Select the **Security** tab.
  - f. Click **Local intranet**.
  - g. Click **Sites**.
  - h. Click **Advanced**.  
The Local intranet dialog opens.
  - i. Enter the FQDN of the SecureAuth IdP server (for example, <https://secureauth.company.com/>).
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- j. Click **Add**.
- k. Click **Close** and **OK** to the remaining dialogs.

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## Internet Explorer

### Internet Explorer

- a. In the Internet Explorer browser, click the **gear** icon on right side of the address toolbar.
- b. Click **Internet options**.  
The Internet Options dialog opens.
- c. Select the **Security** tab.
- d. Click **Local intranet**.
- e. Click **Sites**.
- f. Click **Advanced**.  
The Local intranet dialog opens.
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## Firefox

### Firefox

- a. On the Firefox address bar, type **about:config** and press **Enter**.
- b. Accept the warranty risk message and continue.
- c. On the configuration page, search for **network.automatic**.
- d. Double-click **network.automatic-ntlm-auth.trusted-uris**.  
The Enter string value dialog opens.
- e. Enter the SecureAuth IdP domain name in the dialog (example: [https://company\\_SecureAuth\\_FQDN.com](https://company_SecureAuth_FQDN.com)).

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- f. Click **OK** and close Firefox.
2. Grant the "Authenticated Users" group access to the signing certificate being used in the realm.  
For instructions, see [Grant Permission to Use Signing Certificate Private Key](#).
  3. Install the [Machine Key Tool](#) per the instructions in the document.
    - a. Run the **Machine Key Tool** to assign "Authenticated Users" permissions to the RSA .NET Framework Configuration Key.
    - b. Select option **A** on the **Privileges** tab in the document.

## SecureAuth IdP Web Admin - Classic Experience configuration

1. Go to the **Workflow** tab.
2. In the **Workflow** section, set the following:

<b>Default Workflow</b>	Set to <b>Username only</b> .
<b>Public/Private Mode</b>	Set to <b>Public Mode Only</b> .

Workflow

**Login Screen Options**

Default Workflow: Username only

Private / Public Mode

Public/Private Mode: Public Mode Only

Default Public/Private: Default Public

Remember User Selection: False

User ID Textbox

Skip UserID View: False

Show UserID Textbox: False

Inline Password Change

Inline Password Change: Disabled [Password Settings](#)

3. In the **Custom Identity Consumer** section, set the following:

<b>Receive Token</b>	Set to <b>Token</b> .
<b>Require Begin Site</b>	Set to <b>True</b> .
<b>Begin Site</b>	Use any of the following options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To include MFA and adaptive authentication in login workflow, set to <b>Windows SSO</b>. This method adds the Device Recognition layer, and is more secure.</li> <li>To skip the login workflow and go directly to the Post Authentication page, set to <b>Windows SSO (skip workflow)</b>. This method does not include MFA, adaptive authentication, and increases performance.</li> </ul>
<b>Begin Site URL</b>	Depending on the Begin Site selection, this field is auto-populated with <b>WindowsSSO.aspx</b> or <b>WindowsSSO2.aspx</b> .
<b>User Impersonation</b>	Set to <b>True</b> .
<b>Windows Authentication</b>	Set to <b>True</b> .
<b>Use Kernel Mode</b>	To use custom Service Principal Names for Integrated Windows Authentication (Kerberos), set to <b>True</b> .

**AppPool  
Credentials**

To use custom Service Principal Names for Integrated Windows Authentication (Kerberos), set to **True**.

**Identity/Authentication Consumers**

▼ **Custom Identity Consumer**

Receive Token:	<input type="text" value="Token"/>	▼
Require Begin Site:	<input type="text" value="True"/>	▼
Begin Site:	<input type="text" value="Windows SSO"/>	▼
Begin Site URL:	<input type="text" value="WindowsSSO.aspx"/>	
User Impersonation:	<input type="text" value="True"/>	▼
Windows Authentication:	<input type="text" value="True"/>	▼
Use Kernel Mode:	<input type="text" value="False"/>	▼
Use AppPool Credentials:	<input type="text" value="False"/>	▼ For Custom SPN
Token Data Type (Receive):	<input type="text" value="Name"/>	▼
Token Data Type (Send):	<input type="text" value="User ID"/>	▼ Token Settings
UserID Check:	<input type="text" value="True"/>	▼
Allow Transparent SSO:	<input type="text" value="False"/>	▼
Delimiter (XOR):	<input type="text"/>	
Get Shared Secret (1-223):	<input type="text" value="111"/>	
Set Shared Secret (1-223):	<input type="text" value="111"/>	

4. Click **Save**.