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# A Guide to Authentication Services in IBM Security Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On

## Introduction

IBM® Security Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On introduces a new level of security, authentication, and automation experience to business enterprise users on their desktop applications. On a day-to-day basis, the number of resources or applications that a business user accesses varies and is inevitably increasing. Applications that a user employs during normal daily activities might require a range of elements to authenticate or verify the user's identity before granting access to corporate information. The classic authentication approach is the unique user name and password combination. Each desktop application might require its own unique set of user name and password credentials. The challenge that users are faced with is the need to remember each and every set of unique credentials for different applications. Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On offers users an experience that eliminates the need to remember and manage multiple sets of user names and passwords. Through the ease of AccessProfiles, this solution is able to capture and manage credential information for a range of supported application types. Not only does this increase user efficiency by making daily activities more convenient, but, very importantly, it efficiently decreases costs for business organizations to address password management issues, supports the need to manage business risks, and ensures that sufficient security and regulatory compliance are in place.

Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On offers efficient sign-on solutions and automation of workflow for existing applications as they are. No modifications are required to the existing targeted systems, platforms, or applications where the product is deployed. Consequently, the format of user name and password logon information can differ between applications. Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On uses the concept of *authentication services* to represent and map to the different formats used. In some cases, AccessProfiles require specific engineering to accommodate complex application credential structures and authentication logic.

This IBM Redpaper™ publication explains the fundamentals of authentication services; how they can be deployed and associated with desktop applications; and highlights best practices regarding how authentication services should be utilized to achieve successful automation workflow and single sign-on.

In this Redpaper we assume the reader has:

- ▶ Foundational knowledge of Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On.
- ▶ Knowledge and understanding of the product components that constitute Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On: AccessAgent and AccessStudio, AccessAdmin, AccessAssistant, IMS (Integration Management Server), IMS Bridge, IMS Connector, IMS Service Module, and Web Workplace.
- ▶ Fundamental understanding of AccessProfile construction.
- ▶ Knowledge about deploying and configuring basic and advanced AccessProfiles.
- ▶ Understanding of development concepts in AccessProfile, such as triggers, states, and actions.
- ▶ Understanding and recognition of AccessProfile signatures and XML Paths.

## Background

Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On authentication, workflow automation, and capturing can work differently for different applications. The way the application functions, behaves, or reacts during a logon or change password scenario can affect how an AccessProfile can be constructed to capture and achieve accurate automation workflow.

The developer needs to know about the three core entities in Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On profiling. These entities are the AccessProfiles, associated application, and authentication service. Figure 1 illustrates the relationships between these entities.

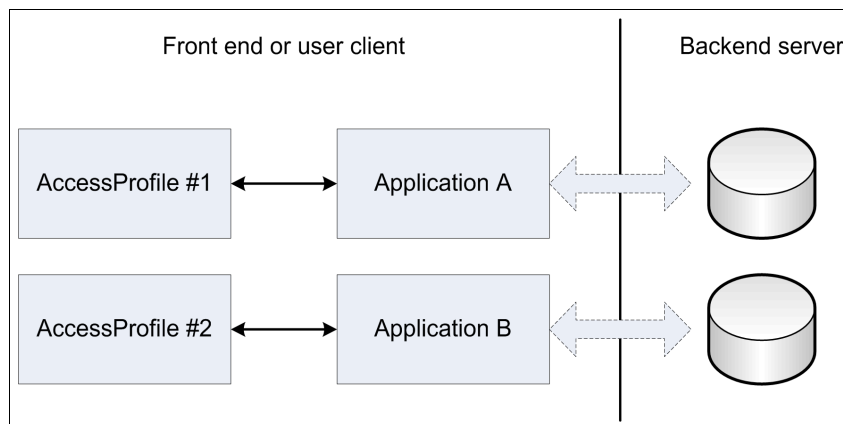


Figure 1 Relationships between an AccessProfile, authentication service, and application

An AccessProfile is constructed with a set of instructions that handles workflow automation for supported desktop applications in a Windows Operating System. It is constructed as a state engine, consisting of states, triggers, and actions. It can contain instructions for performing automatic operations for user logon, user logoff, user change or reset password, and other customized activities the application might present. The associated AccessProfile for an application might consist of any combination of these activities and more depending on business requirements and users' needs. An AccessProfile is associated with and uniquely mapped to one business application only. An application can be an executable file (.EXE) or a

web page, each of which is a unique process on the client machine. The AccessProfile gets loaded in runtime and begins its automation workflow when it detects that the relative executable file or web page is initiated on the client machine.

## Authentication services concepts

In this section we take a closer look at the authentication services in Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On.

### Authentication services

Business applications require validation of logon credential information to be achieved by a verification entity. Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On introduces a concept of *authentication services*, which can be defined as a reference to such entities for verifying user logon information. Authentication services provide a logical representation of the entity that an application is verifying against in an AccessProfile.

All constructed AccessProfiles must be associated with an authentication service. The associated authentication service represents the back-end server entity that the desktop business application authenticates to. As such, the authentication service must be defined with the same credential format or structure that is accepted by the business application. In other words, an authentication service is constructed in a way that it provides the required logon information when verifying a user against an application. It maps to an *account data template* (ADT) that defines the number of items and their form. For example, the auth\_xyz authentication service uses the adt\_ciuser\_cspwd ADT. Adt\_ciuser\_cspwd is the account data template ID for the auth\_xyz authentication service. This template is divided into three parts:

<b>adt</b>	Account data template
<b>ciuser</b>	Case-insensitive user name
<b>cspwd</b>	Case-sensitive password

This means that the authentication service is comprised of two account data items:

- ▶ A case-insensitive user name (ciuser)
- ▶ A case-sensitive password (cspwd) for the application

There are many different user credential structures or data formats that applications might require. Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On provides an extensive list of account data items and pre-defined template definitions that can be used to construct the appropriate authentication service referencing an application verification entity. These are listed in Table 1 and Table 2. Table 1 lists the account data items that an authentication service can use.

*Table 1 Account data items available within a template*

Description	Common use
Case-insensitive user	User name or logon name; this is the most common user name type.
Case-sensitive user	Case-sensitive logon names. For example, demouser is considered different from DemoUser.
Case-insensitive password	Certain applications, typically mainframes, accept case-insensitive passwords. For example, password is the same as PassWord.
Case-sensitive password	The most common password type.

Description	Common use
Case-insensitive second password	Used when an additional password is required, for example, Personal Identification Number.
Case-sensitive user second password	Used when an additional secret is required, for example, self-service secrets.
Case-insensitive second key	Can be used for host names, domain, groups, roles, and so on.
Case-sensitive second key	Case-sensitive second key such as hash checksums, public certificates, and so on.

Table 2 lists the account data templates that define the format of account data to be stored for user logon information to be captured by an AccessProfile for a specific application.

*Table 2 Account data templates for authentication services*

Account data template	Description
adt_csuser	Case-sensitive user name required only.
adt_ciuser	Case-insensitive user name required only.
adt_csuser_cspwd	Case-sensitive user name and case-sensitive password required.
adt_ciuser_cspwd	Case-insensitive user name and case-sensitive password required. This is the default assigned account data template when creating an authentication because it is the one most commonly used across desktop applications.
adt_ciuser_cipwd	Case-insensitive user name and case-insensitive password.
adt_cspwd	A case-sensitive password only.
adt_cipwd	A case-insensitive password only.
adt_csuser_cspwd_cspwd2	Case-sensitive user name with two passwords that are case-sensitive.
adt_ciuser_cspwd_cspwd2	Case-insensitive user name with two passwords that are case-sensitive. This template is commonly used for change password scenarios, for example.
adt_ciuser_cspwd_cipwd2	Case-insensitive user name with two passwords - one case-sensitive and one not.
adt_ciuser_cipwd_cipwd2	Case-insensitive user name with two passwords that are case-insensitive.
adt_csuser_cssecondarykey_cspwd	Case-sensitive user name with one case sensitive password entry and a case-sensitive secondary key. A common scenario where a secondary key is used is to capture the domain, for example.
adt_csuser_cisesecondarykey_cspwd	Case-sensitive user name with one case-sensitive password entry and a case-insensitive secondary key. A common scenario where a secondary key is used is to capture the domain, for example.
adt_ciuser_cisesecondarykey_cspwd	Case-insensitive user name with one case-sensitive password entry and a case-insensitive secondary key. A common scenario where a secondary key is used is to capture the domain, for example.

Account data template	Description
adt_ciuser_cisecondarykey_cipwd	Case-insensitive user name with one case-insensitive password entry and a case-insensitive secondary key. A common scenario where a secondary key is used is to capture the domain, for example.
adt_ciuser_cisecondarykey_cspwd_cspwd2	Case-insensitive user name with one case-insensitive secondary key, and two case-sensitive password entries.

In most cases, these predefined account data items and templates are more than sufficient to capture and support the user logon structures required for business applications. It is highly unlikely to find an inappropriate data item or a template to be unsuitable. For further information and background about account data templates and formats, see *IBM Security Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On, Version 8.2, AccessStudio Guide*, SC23-9956-03.

Interestingly, authentication services can be employed or re-used with more than one AccessProfile. Because an authentication service represents the verification entity for an application, there might be cases where different applications verify against the same back-end server. Effectively, the same user credentials are used for authentication to multiple applications or websites. These more complex deployment scenarios with authentication services are explained in further detail later in this paper.

## Building blocks of an AccessProfile

Each application has its own AccessProfile that is used to capture various workflows such as User Logon, User Logoff, Change or Reset Password, and much more. An AccessProfile is created and mapped to only one application because it represents the unique process for which the application gets invoked on the user's workstation. An AccessProfile will consist of states, triggers, and actions. Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On supplies a variety of triggers and actions that can be included in a profile and configured to capture the workflows of desktops. There are no supplied state types mapped to a profile.

There is no direct association between an application and an authentication service. An AccessProfile will map to a single application and a single authentication service. The data model in Figure 2 on page 6 illustrates this concept.

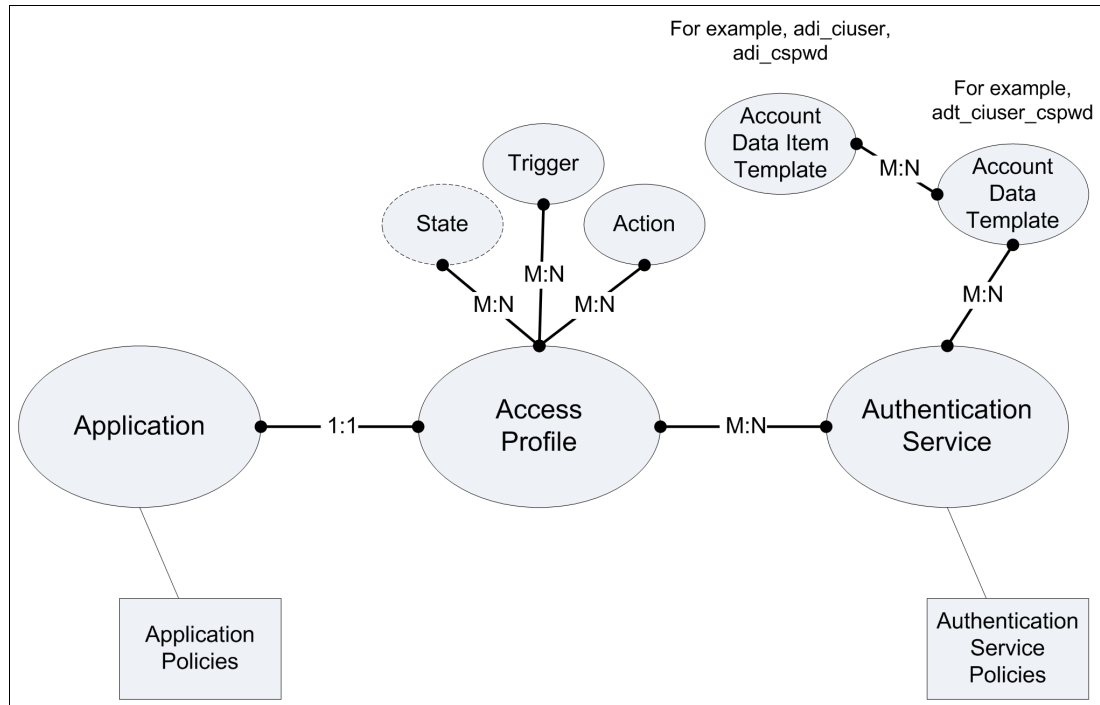


Figure 2 Data model of an AccessProfile

## Application ID

Each AccessProfile is associated with one application. In the world of Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On, “application” refers to a system that provides a user interface for reading or entering the authentication credential. There are many different types of applications that an organization employs in their IT infrastructure. The following types of applications are supported by Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On:

- ▶ 16-bits, 32-bits and 64-bits Windows executable
- ▶ Web pages loaded in any supported web browsers
- ▶ Screens and text displays in supported TTY terminal emulators
- ▶ Mainframe screens and texts in supported mainframe access applications
- ▶ Java applications and applets

Each application is assigned an Application ID, which an AccessProfile will refer to. A collection of attributes and policies help govern the access privileges to applications. Application policies, such as Default automatic sign-on, can be set in AccessStudio. This is found under **View** → **Applications**. If the AccessProfile has been uploaded to the Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On IMS Server, you can edit the application policies in the IMS Server AccessAdmin Administrative Interface. When a user logs on as an administrative user, these policies can be accessed by selecting **Systems** → **Application Policies**.

## States

An AccessProfile is represented as a state engine in AccessStudio. Each single sign-on task (for example, logon, logoff, or change password) is developed as a sequence of determinate states. Figure 3 is an example of a simple state engine that is used to capture the workflow of a user logon scenario.

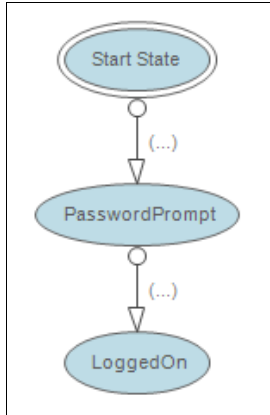


Figure 3 State machine diagram in AccessStudio

## Triggers

Triggers are events that cause transitions between states in the state engine. A state transition happens when a trigger is fired (that is, an event matched the trigger). AccessStudio provides many built-in triggers for an AccessProfile developer to use in an application profile. Figure 4 shows the two triggers, Window is activated and Button is clicked.

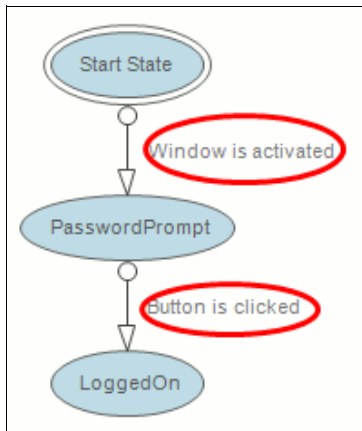


Figure 4 State machine diagram with two triggers in AccessStudio

## Actions

Actions can be added to any triggers. An action is performed in response to a trigger being fired. Some of the commonly used actions are “Inject credentials,” “Capture credentials” and “Save credentials.” AccessStudio provides many predefined actions to execute in an AccessProfile. In addition, a powerful Plugins API action (Run a VBScript or JScript) can augment the profile with any complex automation tasks needed.

Figure 5 shows two actions under each trigger.

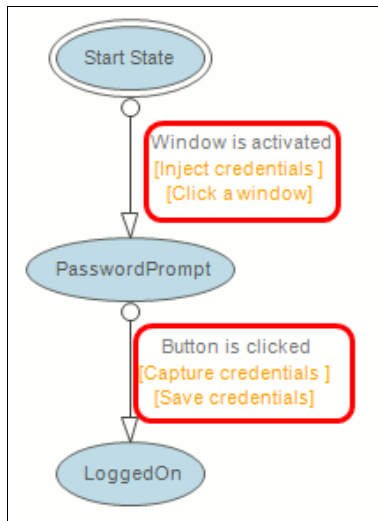


Figure 5 State machine diagram with actions and triggers in AccessStudio

Each action has additional properties to be configured, like signature, authentication service, and advanced options. Actions that deal with credentials usually have an Auth Info section that allows an AccessProfile developer to specify the authentication service to use.

## Signatures

A signature is unique identification information for any application, window, field, or attribute in the application. Signatures are constructed using the XPath syntax. In most cases, a signature can be easily obtained using the AccessStudio Signature Generator Tool. Example 1 shows a signature for the username field in Microsoft Remote Desktop Connection as generated by the Signature Generator Tool.

*Example 1 Signature for the username field*

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/child::wnd[@title="Remote Desktop Connection" and  
@class_name="#32770"]/child::wnd[@class_name="SysCredential" and  
@ctrl_id=1002]/child::wnd[@class_name="ComboBoxEx32" and  
@ctrl_id=1003]/child::wnd[@class_name="ComboBox" and  
@ctrl_id=1003]/child::wnd[@class_name="Edit" and @ctrl_id=1003]
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An AccessProfile developer can manually create or edit the signature to fine tune the accuracy or generalize it to cover more platforms for the same application.

## Authentication service

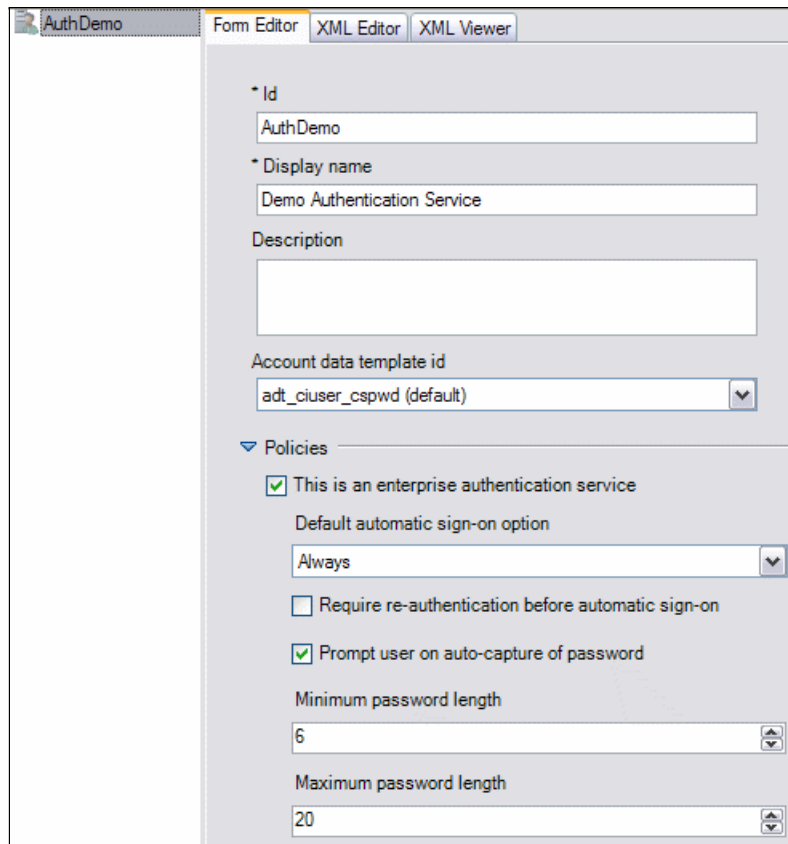
Authentication service refers to the back-end entity that verifies the validity of an account for an application. Each AccessProfile can be associated with a mixture of any number of direct and indirect authentication services, depending on what the AccessProfile developer sets within the actions in the profile. Direct authentication services are identified by a predefined ID. An authentication service is also associated with an account data template and a set of policies.



Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On provides three tools for creating, editing, and managing authentication services. The tools, which perform various tasks with respect to a particular authentication service, are described in the following sections.

## AccessStudio

This tool is primarily used by the AccessProfile developer. It provides a user-friendly interface to simplify the creation of AccessProfiles. Figure 6 shows the AccessStudio Form Editor, which is used to edit enterprise authentication services. This form is accessed by selecting **File → View → Authentication Services**.



The screenshot shows the 'AuthDemo' window with three tabs: 'Form Editor', 'XML Editor', and 'XML Viewer'. The 'Form Editor' tab is active and displays a configuration form for an authentication service. The form includes the following fields and options:

- \* Id:** Text box containing 'AuthDemo'.
- \* Display name:** Text box containing 'Demo Authentication Service'.
- Description:** Empty text area.
- Account data template id:** Dropdown menu showing 'adt\_ciuser\_cspwd (default)'.
- ▼ Policies:**
  - This is an enterprise authentication service
    - Default automatic sign-on option:** Dropdown menu showing 'Always'.
    - Require re-authentication before automatic sign-on
    - Prompt user on auto-capture of password
    - Minimum password length:** Spin box showing '6'.
    - Maximum password length:** Spin box showing '20'.

Figure 6 Authentication Service Form Editor

## AccessAdmin

This tool is primarily used by an Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On administrator, who uses it to edit enterprise authentication service policies and convert personal direct authentication services to enterprise scope.

Figure 7 shows an example of editing an enterprise authentication service using AccessAdmin.

**Authentication service policies**

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▶ Password Policies

▼ Authentication Policies

Default automatic sign-on password entry option for the authentication service  
Always

Enable automatic sign-on?  
Yes

Authentication modes to be supported

- Password
- SCR
- CAPI
- OTP (TAM E-SSO)
- MAC
- CCOW
- OTP (time-based)
- OTP (OATH)

Prompt user on auto-capture of password?  
Yes

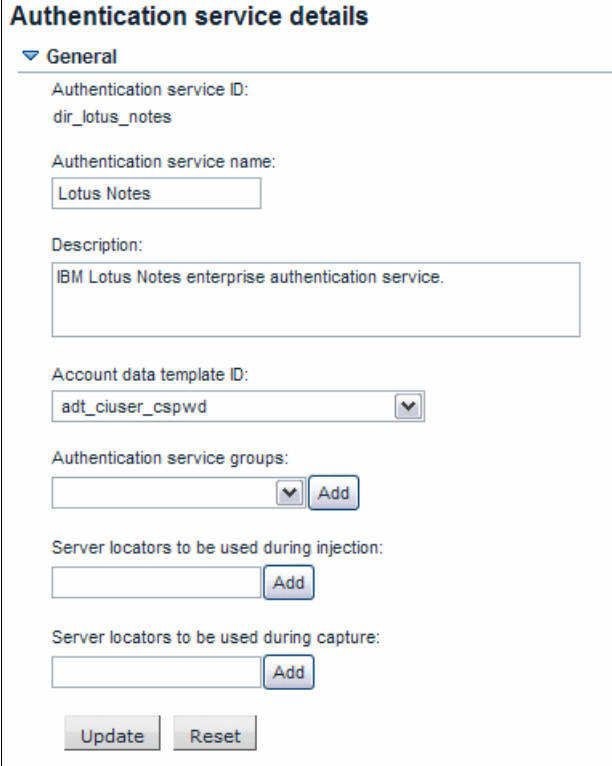
Maximum number of accounts allowed for the authentication service  
Unlimited

Update Reset

Figure 7 Editing enterprise authentication service policies in AccessAdmin

## IMS Configuration Utility

The IMS Configuration Utility is also primarily used by an IMS administrator. IMS comes with a configuration utility that enables the administrator to create and edit existing authentication service. To access the authentication service editor in IMS, load the IMS Configuration Utility and click the **Authentication Services** link (Figure 8).



The screenshot shows the 'Authentication service details' form. It has a 'General' section with the following fields and controls:

- Authentication service ID:** dir\_lotus\_notes
- Authentication service name:** Lotus Notes
- Description:** IBM Lotus Notes enterprise authentication service.
- Account data template ID:** adt\_ciuser\_cspwd
- Authentication service groups:** A dropdown menu with an 'Add' button.
- Server locators to be used during injection:** A text input field with an 'Add' button.
- Server locators to be used during capture:** A text input field with an 'Add' button.

At the bottom of the form are 'Update' and 'Reset' buttons.

Figure 8 Editing authentication service in the IMS Configuration Utility

## Enterprise and personal authentication service

An authentication service can be specified as an *enterprise* or *personal* scope authentication service. By default, when creating an authentication service, it is defined as Personal. Whether to specify an authentication service as enterprise or personal depends on and is controlled by the business. As the name implies, enterprise authentication services should be used and associated with enterprise applications to the business and controlled by an administrator. On the other hand, personal authentication services are associated with personal applications and the user can specify whether they want Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On AccessAgent to store and insert their user name credentials information for them.

To determine whether an authentication service is enterprise or personal in scope in the user's Wallet, launch the Wallet manager in AccessAgent. Figure 9 shows how the authentication services look in a user's secure Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On AccessAgent Wallet. The Type column shows either enterprise or personal for each authentication service in the Wallet.

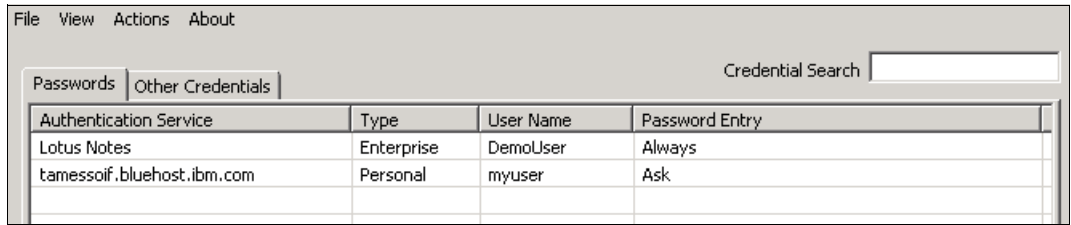


Figure 9 AccessAgent Wallet Manager view

An IMS administrator can log on to AccessAdmin (Figure 10) and browse to the authentication service policies link to see the list of enterprise authentication services available. By clicking the link, the administrator can edit the policies for the particular authentication service.

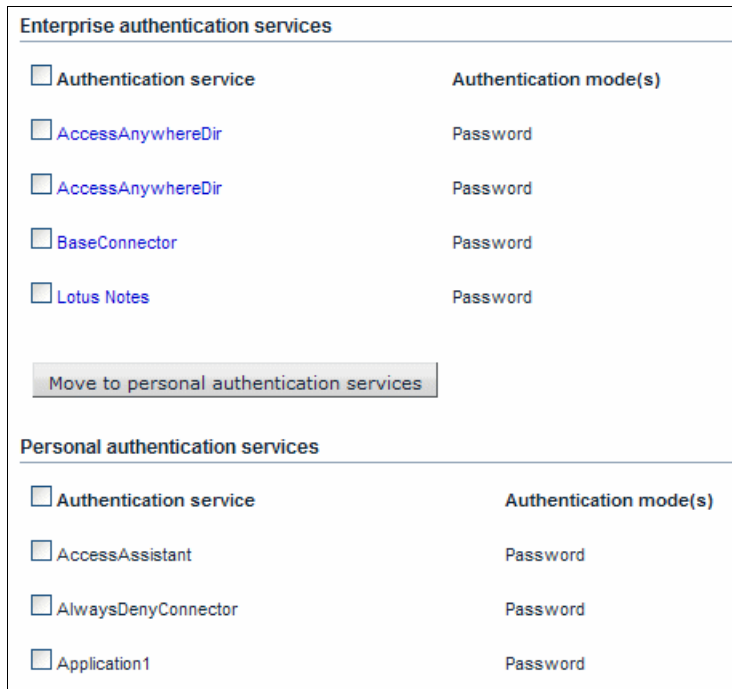


Figure 10 Enterprise Authentication Services listing in AccessAdmin

## Enterprise scope authentication service

An enterprise scope authentication service allows fine-grained management of the authentication service policies (such as password policies and Wallet policies) using AccessAdmin on the IMS or in AccessStudio.

To make an existing authentication service enterprise in scope, select the **This is an enterprise authentication service** check box when editing it in AccessStudio (Figure 11).

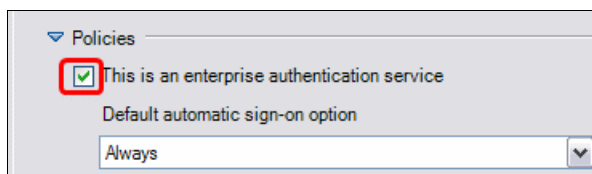


Figure 11 Creating an enterprise authentication service in AccessStudio

After an authentication service is set as enterprise type, the password and authentication policies are enabled for editing. An administrative user can predefine the policies through AccessStudio in the Form Editor or set them on the IMS Server using AccessAdmin. Among the policies that can be set are the following:

- ▶ Minimum or maximum password length
- ▶ Number of alphanumeric characters
- ▶ Minimum or maximum number of special characters
- ▶ Allow or enforce use of both upper and lower case characters

It is also possible to customize dialog labels (in cases where the AccessProfile shows a dialog to the user). If this authentication service is created for indirect type, Server Locators for the AccessProfile can also be defined here.

## Personal scope authentication service

A personal scope authentication service can be created in AccessStudio (that is, *direct authentication service*) or dynamically during AccessProfile runtime (that is, *indirect authentication service*). Authentication services created in the personal scope are private to the user's Wallet and do not inherit any authentication service policies from the Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On IMS Server. However, an administrator can enable or disable the ability for a user to use AccessAgent for single sign-on into personal scope applications by setting a policy in the IMS Server. For more information about this policy, see the *IBM Security Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On, Version 8.2, Policies Definition Guide*, SC23-9694-01.

When creating an authentication service in AccessStudio, it is by default personal scope. In addition, all indirect authentication services that are created during run time (meaning, there were no existing server locators found) are also stored as personal authentication service in the user's Wallet.

## Converting a authentication service from personal to enterprise

Since a personal scope authentication service exists only in the user's Wallet, an Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On IMS administrator would not be able to set specific password and authentication policies via AccessAdmin unless that service is converted to enterprise scope first.

A personal scope authentication service can be converted to enterprise scope using either AccessStudio or AccessAdmin.

### Procedure using AccessStudio

To convert an authentication service from personal to enterprise using AccessStudio:

1. Launch AccessStudio.
2. Load the AccessProfile that contains the authentication service in AccessStudio. If the authentication service exists in IMS, you can download it into AccessStudio by clicking **File** → **Import Data From IMS**.
3. Click **View** → **Authentication Services** (Figure 12) and select the authentication service you want to convert from the list of services.

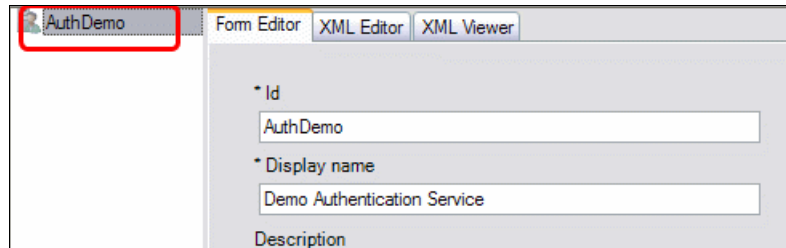


Figure 12 Selecting an authentication service from the list of services

- Expand the **Policies** section and select the **This is an enterprise authentication service** check box (Figure 13).

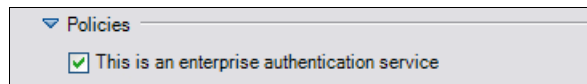


Figure 13 Expanded Policies with enterprise authentication service selected

- When you are ready to upload the changes to the IMS, right-click the selected authentication service in the list of services and select **Upload to IMS Server**.
- You will be prompted to confirm your action and then you will be notified whether the upload was successful or failed.

### Procedure using AccessAdmin

To convert an authentication service from personal to enterprise using AccessAdmin:

- Log in to AccessAdmin as an administrator using your web browser.
- Select the **Authentication Service Policies** link from the navigation bar.  
All existing known personal scope authentication services are shown under the *Personal authentication services* section.
- Locate the authentication service you want to convert and select the check box next to it. You can repeat this step multiple times to select multiple authentication services to convert.
- Click the **Move to enterprise authentication services** button to convert them to enterprise scope authentication service.

## Direct and indirect authentication services

Authentication services can be associated with AccessProfiles in two ways: directly and indirectly.

*Direct authentication* refers to a direct reference of an existing authentication service. It is used in the case where the exact authentication service can be determined and created when writing the AccessProfile. For example, for an organization mail account, you can use the direct-auto options as the authentication service because it is static and does not change.

*Indirect authentication* is employed when you do not know which authentication service to select at the time of creating the AccessProfile or if, for example, the user might authenticate to different “servers” for the same application. By default, indirect authentication services are captured as a personal authentication service for a user. An indirect authentication service is captured at run time when the application is launched. Indirect authentication services offers

the mechanism to detect and extract the server locator to distinguish which server the user is authenticating to, and retrieve or store the credentials for that service in the user's Wallet.

Figure 14 shows a Java application example in which server1.demo.ibm is the indirect authentication service for its AccessProfile.

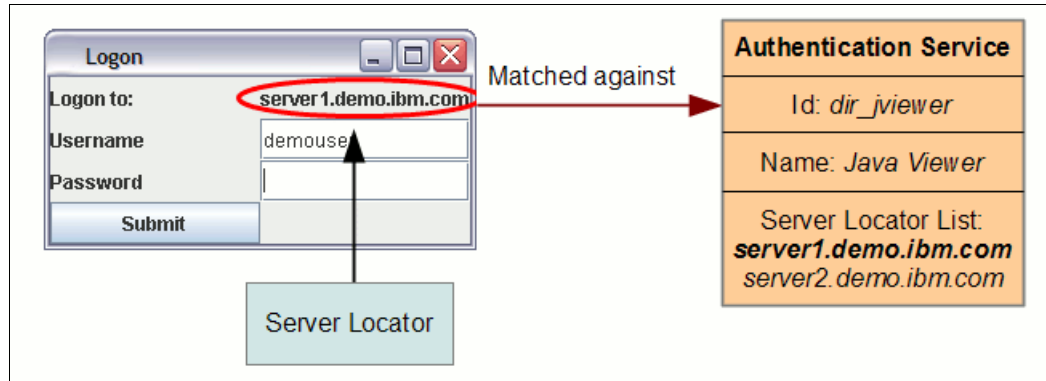


Figure 14 Extracting server locator from an application

A well-known example that most would be familiar with is the Windows Logon application (Figure 15). The user can select any domain in the drop-down box at the time, meaning that the domain name is not (or cannot be) hardcoded. The domain name is the authentication service for the Windows Logon.

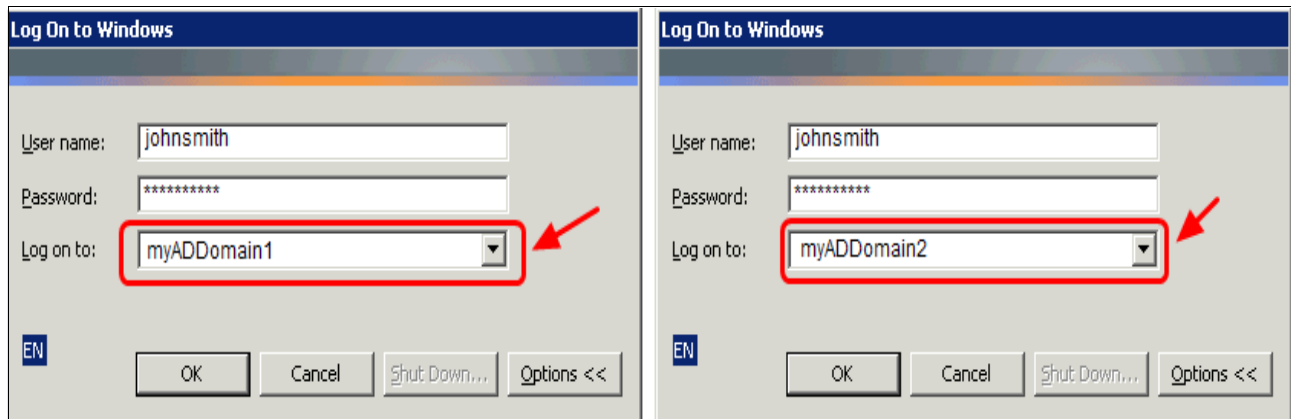


Figure 15 Indirect authentication service for Windows Logon

These are examples for applying an indirect authentication service. Alternatively, when a user is authenticating to their Google email account, Google becomes the authentication service. There are no different Google domains to be considered, and the same set of credentials is used to authenticate the user. Therefore, a direct authentication service is most appropriate in this scenario.

## When to use indirect authentication services

It can be difficult and confusing, at times, to determine which type of authentication service for an application is most appropriate. It all comes down to how well the administrator understands the applications.

To determine whether indirect or direct authentication service is best in a particular situation, the typical question to ask is: Does the application resolve to the same back end (constant) or can it change on the application interface (variable)?

Consider the following scenarios:

- ▶ The simple way. You already know while creating the AccessProfile what authentication service is going to be used; it is constant, and does not change under any circumstances, so you just hard-code its ID. That is what is called a *direct-auth-info*. Basically, the information is embedded in the profile itself.
- ▶ The complicated way. At times one does not know what the authentication service is going to be while writing the profile because the application (or user) can decide to use different ones. In this case, because it is not possible to know or determine the authentication service directly, the indirect methods should be used to obtain it; thus the name *indirect-auth-info*.

Consider the example shown in Figure 16.

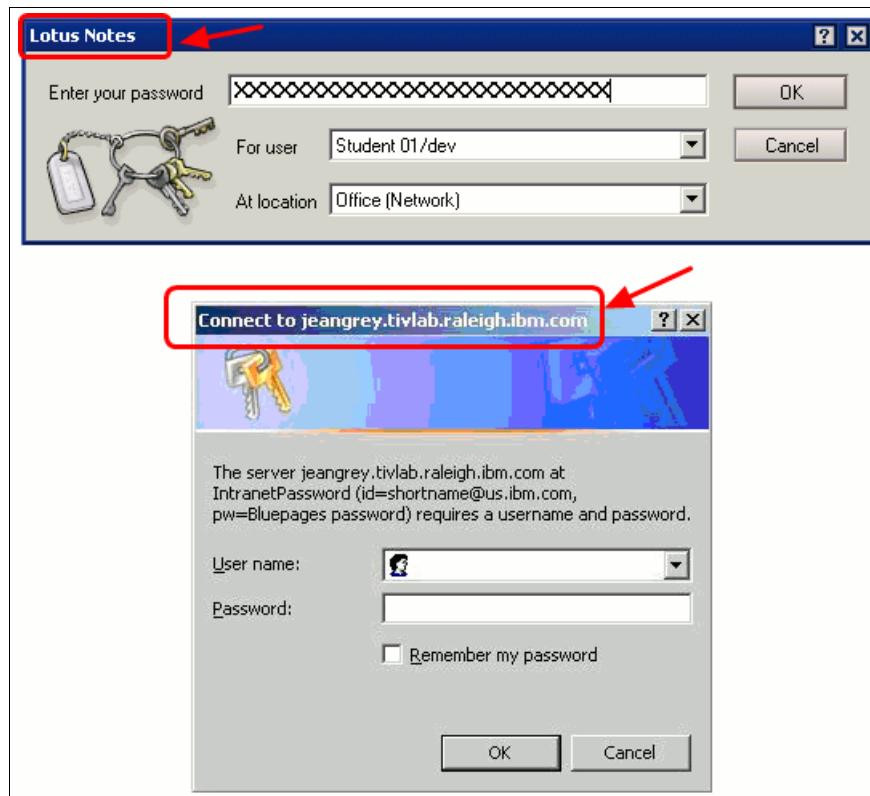


Figure 16 Examples of applications that use direct and indirect authentication service

The authentication service to be used for the IBM Lotus® Notes® application should be the direct authentication service because there is no variable entity or property (such as a domain or reference of the back-end email server) that can be or needs to be defined in the application logon interface. Alternatively, for the Windows Explorer application, a user can use the same application to log in to multiple different servers and websites, which is reflected in the title of the application, as shown in Figure 16. The title only changes during runtime when the user should choose to authenticate to that back end, and it might change if the user should choose to authenticate to a different back end. Therefore, with applications that deploy this nature of dynamic back-end verification entities, indirect authentication service is the better choice.

As far as the Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On Wallet goes, it would identify that each set of credentials stored for different servers when authenticating via Windows Explorer are separate Wallet entries. Here are some examples of when to use an indirect authentication service in the AccessProfile:



- ▶ An application, such as Microsoft Internet Explorer, can connect to various websites and these websites cannot be determined ahead of time.
- ▶ There is a possibility of a few authentication services or back-end server endpoints to choose from even if they are known ahead of time. For example, a domain name is the authentication service in a Windows logon dialog. The user can select any domain in the drop-down box during logon and the credential for each domain is different.
- ▶ For one or more applications, you can connect using different servers, but using the same set of credentials. For example, shared folders in a corporate intranet may sit on different servers. However, the credential of the user most likely remains the same (that is, the domain credentials).

Generally, if an application only has one set of credentials per user, then it can use a direct authentication service. For example, an instant messenger like IBM Lotus Sametime® usually connects to a corporate server and requires only one credential per user. Thus, it would make sense to create an AccessProfile with a direct authentication service.

## Indirect authentication services types

When using the AccessStudio AccessProfile Wizard Generator, users are able to create or select the appropriate authentication service for their application; however, this is limited to direct authentication services only. If an indirect service is needed, choosing and configuring the appropriate indirect authentication service for an application can only be done during the creation of an advanced AccessProfile. Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On provides a number of indirect authentication service types that can be used to capture the appropriate authentication service for common desktop applications. Figure 17 shows a list of indirect authentication services types that AccessStudio allows configurations for.

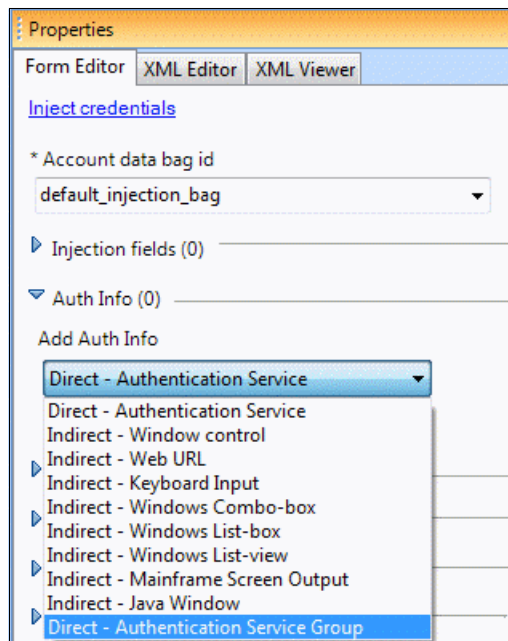


Figure 17 Option for selecting various authentication service types in AccessStudio

If the AccessProfile uses an indirect authentication service, you should choose how to obtain the server locator information and apply the appropriate indirect authentication service type. The following sections describe user interface elements supported in AccessProfile for extracting server locator information.

## Indirect - Window control

Indirect - Window control is usually used when the server locator can be determined in a window control such as a label, text field, or title of the dialog box. You must provide the signature to the control and possibly use Regular Expression to extract the exact server information.

In the example shown in Figure 18, the signature obtains the title in the dialog box:

```
/child::wnd[@title~"Connect to(.*)"]/child::wnd[@class_name="Button" and @ctrl_id=1]/parent::wnd[@class_name="#32770"]
```

However, the result is that the text "Connect to tamessoif.bluehost.ibm.com" is returned. To extract the exact server location (tamessoif.bluehost.ibm.com), use the regular expression:

```
Connect to (.*)
```



Figure 18 A logon dialog box with server locator information

Figure 19 on page 19 shows the Form Editor for the AccessProfile, under the section in authentication service.

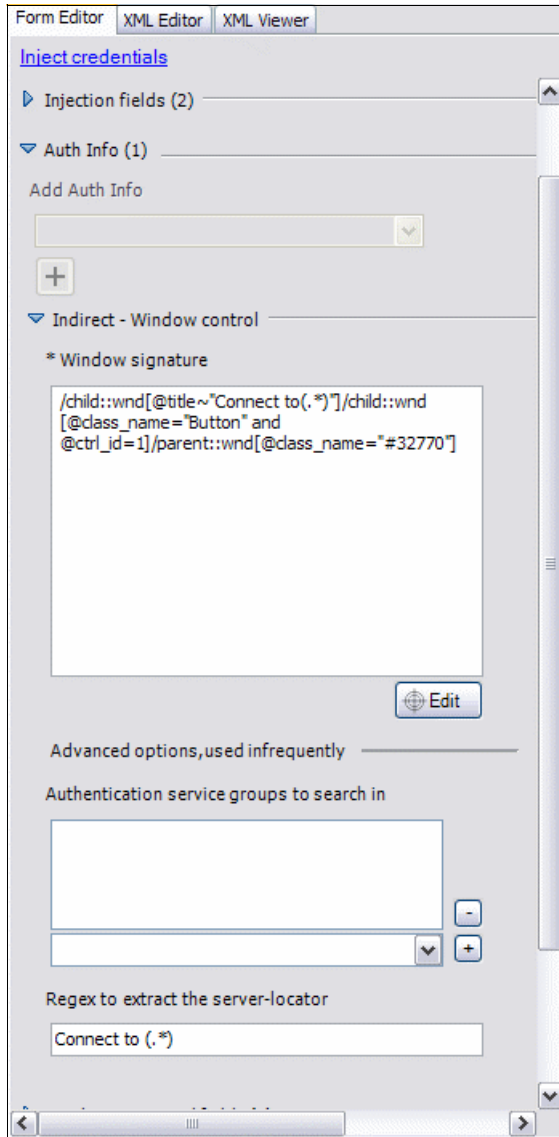


Figure 19 Form Editor of an indirect authentication service extracting the server locator from dialog title

## Indirect - Web URL

Select the Indirect - Web URL option when the AccessProfile uses a web signature to instantiate (that is, in Internet browsers). It returns the server URL of the current web page loaded (Figure 20).

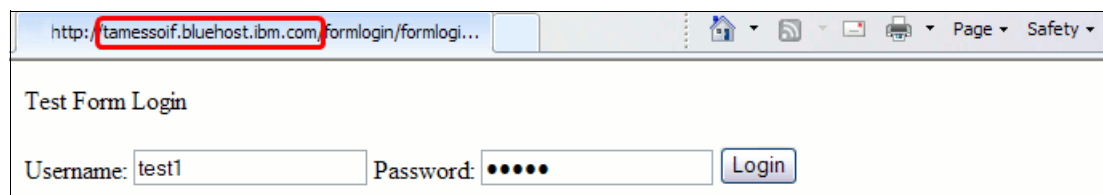


Figure 20 A web page requiring login credentials to proceed

This example has the following URL:

<http://tamessoif.bluehost.ibm.com/formlogin/formlogin.html>

The following server URL is returned if using the Indirect - Web URL option:

tamessoif.bluehost.ibm.com

### Indirect - Keyboard Input

If the user has to type in the server locator and no signature that contains the server URL can be identified, then select the Indirect - Keyboard Input option.

### Indirect - Windows Combo-box

Select the Indirect - Windows Combo-box option if the server locator is found in a combination box control. If the signature references to the combination box control, the text of the item selected is returned. In Figure 21, the text server1.demo.ibm.com is returned.

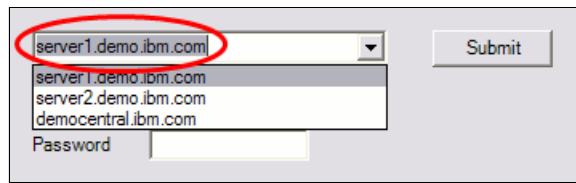


Figure 21 Example of a combination box control

In some cases, using Indirect - Window Control can return the server locator instead.

### Indirect - Windows List Box

Select the Indirect - Windows List Box option if the server locator is found in a list box control. If the signature points to a valid list box, all the items in the list box are enumerated to find a matching server locator in the user's authentication services.

In the example in Figure 22, the text server2.demo.ibm.com is returned.

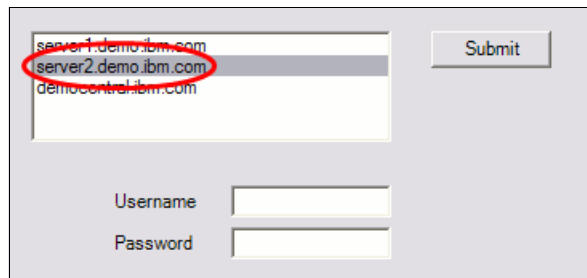


Figure 22 Example of a list box control

In some cases, using Indirect - Window Control can return the server locator instead.

### Indirect - Windows List View

Select the Indirect - Windows List View option if the server locator is found in a list view control (Figure 23 on page 21). Listview controls are more complicated than list box and can have multiple columns. You can select a different column as the server locators. If the signature points to a valid list box, then all the items in the specified columns of the list box are enumerated to find a matching server locator in the user's authentication services.

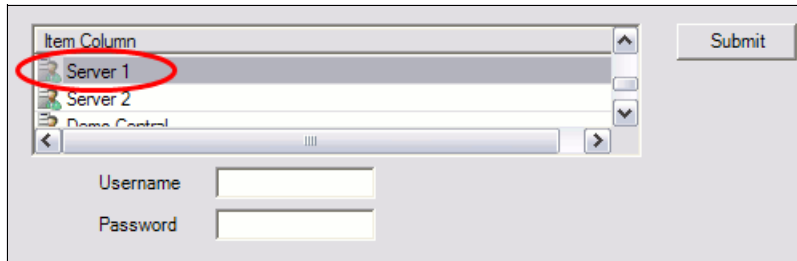


Figure 23 Example of a list view control

In some cases, using Indirect - Window Control can return the server locator instead.

### Indirect - Mainframe Screen Output

Select the Indirect - Mainframe Screen Output option if the AccessProfile is a mainframe type profile and the server locator is found as text displayed in the mainframe application.

Figure 24 shows an example of output in a mainframe.

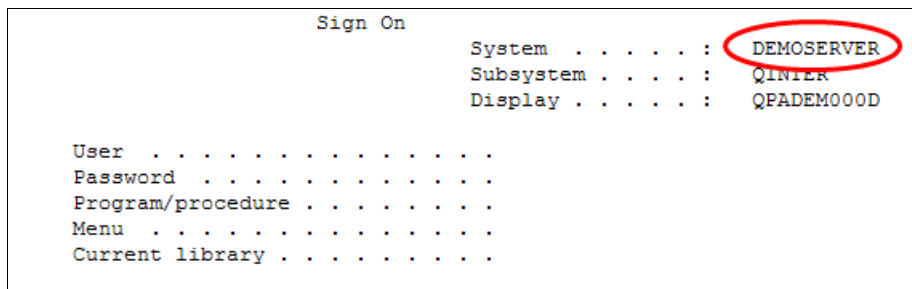


Figure 24 Example of a mainframe login panel

In this example, the following regular expression matches the server name DEMOSERVER:

`.*System . . . . . : (.*)`

### Indirect - Java Window

The Indirect - Java Window option is used for applications executed in the Java Virtual Machine. The server locator can be in a Java Window control of any UI element with a title (Figure 25).



Figure 25 Example of Java application

## Authentication service group and links

Authentication service groups act as containers of authentication services. If a group is specified in the *Capture credentials* action, the authentication service is added to the group during *Save credentials* action.

During injection, it is possible to specify just the authentication service group to use instead of individual authentication services. In this case, all the authentication services previously added to the group would be shown to the user.

## When to use authentication service group

In most cases, the association of an AccessProfile with its own independent service is sufficient. Nonetheless, there are cases where it is not possible for the user interface of an application to deduce the authentication service either during development or at run time. This usually happens when the application refers to multiple authentication services and there is no indication during injection regarding what these authentication services are. In situations like this it is best to use an approach that groups or associates multiple authentication services together, which can be achieved using an *authentication service group*.

A prime example of a situation requiring an authentication service group is when using Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On to log on to one of multiple server domains for an application. Figure 26 illustrates an example where a VMware Server console application interface allows its users to authenticate to different servers to access each department's VMware systems. This example presents a fictional organization called Demo Corp. Within the enterprise, Demo Corp employs the VMware Server console application, which provides an interface to the VMware system for two departments: DeptA and DeptB. Each department acts as the domain for the application and is a separate authentication service for validating the user credentials against the VMware system for the department. As a business policy, users can access the VMware systems within either department.

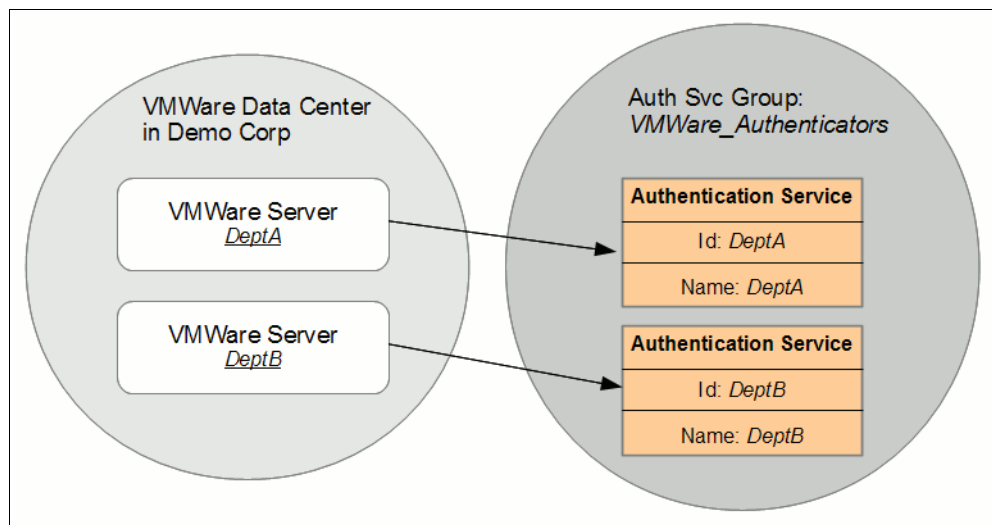


Figure 26 Representation of authentication service group

When attempting to log on, a user is required to manually edit the VMware server field because the application does not programmatically store them in the interface. Of course, the user will know which department server or domain they want to authentication to. However, from the Access Manager for Single Sign-On perspective, the user can log on to any domain. There are no methods to determine programmatically at injection time which authentication service to use. It is up to the user to decide instead. Because the user can chose any server to authenticate against, we must ask the user which authentication service and corresponding user credentials to use; thus, authentication service groups are better to support such scenarios. To configure this, one authentication service group called "Domain\_Authenticator" is created for this example, with individual links created between the

group and two authentication services instances referring to DeptA and DeptB respectively. In the AccessProfile, simply associate it with a “Domain Authentication Group” and select the appropriate name of the group. If a new authentication service for a new domain is captured indirectly, it must be grouped along with the other existing domain authentication services.

## Server locators

A server locator is useful to associate a server URL, domain, or other identifying information with one particular authentication service. An authentication service can contain any number of server locators.

### When to use server locators

If a user is able to authenticate to the same verification entity from multiple entry points (for example, `webmail.ibm.com` and `app.demo.com`), depending on the business requirements and IT infrastructure policies, a server locator might be an appropriate and useful option to help manage and associate the many entry points with a single authentication service. Some organizations might have multiple web applications accessible for a single user. The user logs on to these applications using the same user name and password.

Figure 27 shows a scenario where a user logs on to two web applications: `webmail.ibm.com` and `app.demo.com` using the same credentials `jdoe` and `pwd1`. When an authentication service is set up with the specific server locators that match the two web applications, then AccessAgent can determine that the web applications are referring to the same set of credentials and only stores a single entry in the Wallet. Thus, any injection or capture activity will make use of the same credentials (in this case, `jdoe` or `pwd1`).

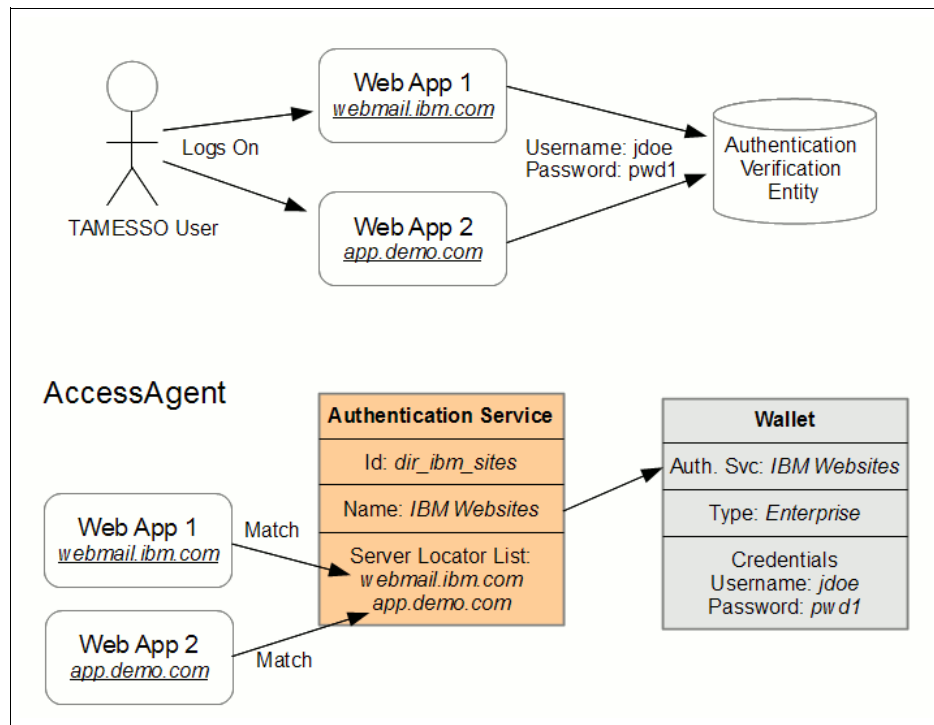


Figure 27 A logon scenario requiring server locators

To configure different websites for the same server locator in an AccessProfile you need to use the Form Editor.

The server locators are used to identify and extract from the user interface to match an authentication service for an indirect-auth-info. Figure 28 shows where to define the various websites for a single authentication service under the Server Locators to be used during injection and capture attribute. This is similar to the server locator used for the indirect authentication service types that Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On supports for Indirect-Web URL and Indirect-Windows Control, except for the service types options. These are used at the per-state-engine action level and can only define one string to match the appropriate authentication service. With the server locators option at the individual authentication service level shown in Figure 28, it is possible to define a set of strings that can pick up from the user interface to match the authentication service.

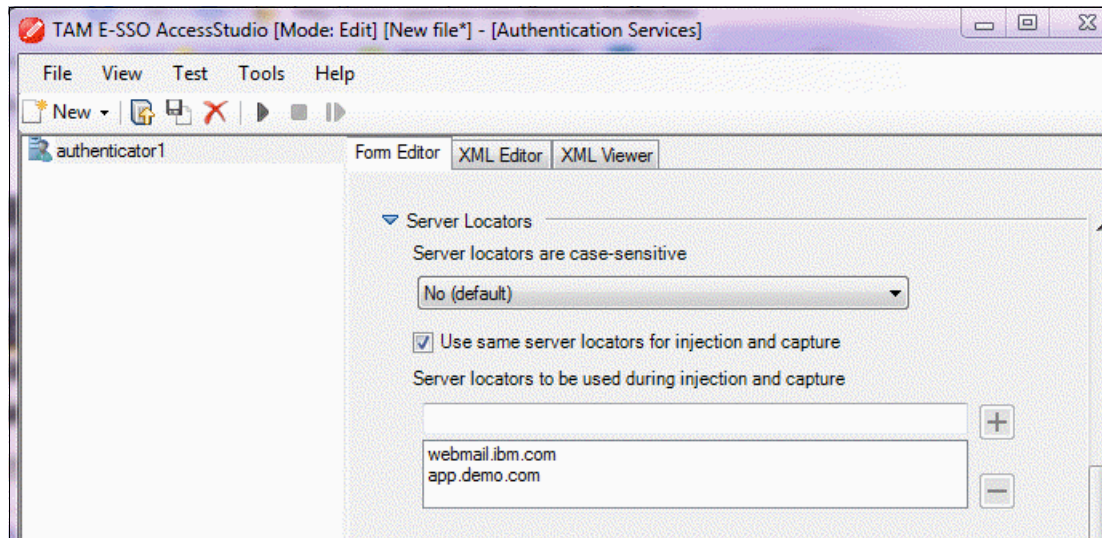


Figure 28 Configuring server locators in AccessStudio

## Best practices and use-case scenarios

Authentication services can also be associated with more than one AccessProfile. One authentication service can be reused or represent the same verification entity for different applications. If the same user account is used by multiple applications or websites, the same authentication service can be used.

Consider an example where employee Michelle is a receptionist for fictional Company A. During her day-to-day job role, she would access the company email software, expense tool, and intranet website. Each of these is a separate application that is represented by a different AccessProfile; however, the same user logon credentials (her company email account and password) are used to access all three accounts. In this case, only one authentication service is needed to represent all applications, and is deployed to all separate AccessProfiles. After successfully logging into her email account, this is captured by Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On. When Michelle then accesses the expense tool and the intranet, she does not need to manually enter the logon credentials again because Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On has captured them and provides her access credentials to the expense tool and intranet. Although there are different AccessProfiles for each application, if Michelle were to change the password for one of her applications, this would also be reflected for all the other company applications because they all are associated with the same authentication service.



The concept of an authentication service is to provide a logical representation of user logon information that an application accepts in order to grant the applicable access rights. An authentication service should not be misunderstood as the application that a user is authenticating to, but rather, a service that a business application can use to authenticate its users.

Consider an example for user Michelle. She uses three separate business applications. These applications have been set up in such a way that the same back-end server is used to authenticate the user. In this case, the same authentication service applies to all three applications.

For beginners, start by asking simple questions at setup time. Configure the profile for capturing and managing credential information for the respective application, tackle those, and then move on to more difficult tasks.

When building an AccessProfile, consider the following questions:

- ▶ What type of application is it, for example: Windows, Java, web, mainframe, or some other type?
- ▶ In terms of workflow, how does the user interact with the application?
  - What are the scenarios that are involved with the application, for example: logon, change password, and reset password?
  - What are the workflows the users go through?
  - Who are the parties, stakeholders, or audience for this application?
  - How is the application invoked or kicked off?
- ▶ What are the identified and agreed upon user requirements? What are the user credential's attributes? Consider the following examples:
  - User name only; user name and password; user name, password, and domain?
  - User logon, first time user logon, or subsequent user logon?
  - User change password?
  - User change username?
- ▶ What are identified and documented logon or change password requirements? Consider the following examples:
  - Enter as Auto-logon? Auto-submit? Ask user?
  - Do nothing? Do not save credentials?
- ▶ What are the expected behaviors when the application times out?
- ▶ What are borderline or error-handling cases?
- ▶ How does the application respond in different scenarios?
- ▶ What is the back-end entity that the user account gets authenticated to?
- ▶ Are there applications that used the same user logon credentials? Does the application handle more than one type of back-end entity that the user can authentication to?
- ▶ Does the single sign-on workflow need to be managed from the IMS Server? Are there password strength policies that must be met?

If yes, consider setting up an enterprise-scope authentication service.
- ▶ Is it possible to resolve to a single end-point verification entity injection time? Can it be programmatically determined which back-end server the application is verifying against for a user logon?

If yes, consider using authentication service group to link the different authentication services together.

- ▶ Are there multiple entry points to the same service? Is there a central verification entity for multiple related applications?

If yes, consider using server locators in the authentication service.

These are only some of the basic questions to ask when an AccessProfile is required for an application. This list is provided to assist those who are constructing or developing AccessProfiles to identify the appropriate mechanisms and Authentications Services to achieve successful automation workflow through Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On.

Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On offers simple mechanisms to define a set of authentication services to reference the relative verification entities within an organization. Identifying these entities is most likely done in the design or planning stage of the AccessProfile. You will find that many different applications can be associated with their individual verification entity, while others validate against the same verification entity. The following sections describe a number of scenarios to illustrate some of the common issues and complex situations where authentication services may be confusing and how to best address these issues.

## Scenario 1: Different accounts authenticating to the same back-end server

In some cases, a user may have more than one account for an application due to their role responsibilities. An example of such a role is the *system administrator*, where they have access to a mainframe terminal, and they have two accounts, one as the super administrator user, such as *root*, and one as a normal user such as *johndoe*. Separate accounts would have their own privileges and role restriction policies in place. From the Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On perspective, you can make these into separate Wallet entries. What one needs to be careful of is how to manage the AccessProfiles so it does not get confused with the two different credential sets. Ensuring that the right accounts are identified and the correct number of accounts are saved in the user's AccessAgent secure Wallet depends on the password entry policy that is used. This password entry policy is relative during the time of injection for user credentials. It is at that point when AccessAgent will search and fetch in the user's Wallet the associated user credentials for an authentication service that the AccessProfile refers to (note, it is not the application directly). Use the "Ask" option to allow AccessAgent to verify with the user which set of credentials to inject into the application to achieve successful logon. The "Ask" option will present the different sets of credentials and allow the user to choose which set to use.

The levels for which the password entry can be configured are:

- ▶ Per authentication service scope

This is the highest scope level. It is configured in the AccessAdmin interface, under **System** → **Authentication service policies** → **name of authentication service** → **Authentication Policies**.

- ▶ Per AccessProfile scope

This scope, when configured, will override any policies defined at the authentication service scope. Because this is a Password Entry policy, effectively, the only place to configure it is under the *Inject Credential* action, under **Advanced option** → **Overridden injection policy**.

- ▶ Per user scope

This is at the user's AccessAgent scope, where the user knows if they have multiple logons for the same application and chooses the appropriate password entry policy to execute and inject their password for an application. In most cases, the organization will

have a common understanding of how many accounts a user will have for an application and apply a default policy across the enterprise, but leave it as an option for the user to specify how they would like the AccessAgent Wallet to manage and react when they have different accounts for the same application.

## **Scenario 2: Different applications but the same account authenticating to the same back-end server**

The ultimate question is what back-end server does the application verify its user logon credentials against? Authentication services can be employed and mapped in verification relationships such that it allows one to create authentication services that can be used for only one AccessProfile or shared across multiple AccessProfiles. Consider the scenario where users have a Windows Active Directory account. Once successfully logged in to that account they can access a number of other server or database resources that are part of that AD realm. In this case a single authentication service is used towards Active Directory. Additional individual websites and applications might present different logon screens, which require different authentication services altogether.

Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On allows you to associate an AccessProfile with authentication services that belong to the same or different authentication realms.

For the simple case, where there is only one authentication service, any changes or updates made to the credentials in the application only affect the one set of credentials saved in the Wallet. More complex cases, as identified earlier in this paper, involve more than one AccessProfile associated with the same authentication entity. Changes made to the logon information for one AccessProfile will result to logon information changes across all other AccessProfiles associated to the authentication service. It is crucial to ensure that AccessProfiles are referencing the correct authentication service. If applications with different credentials or references to a different back-end verification entity are grouped with the same authentication service, the result is credential mismatch in the Wallet, which can cause major confusion and disruption to the user.

## **Scenario 3: Related accounts authenticating to their respective back-end servers**

Continuing with the Windows Active Directory example described previously, assume that there are multiple domains for the user to log onto. The user must select a domain and provide the correct credentials for that domain. In this case, Indirect Authentication services are the answer because it is not possible to determine which entity or domain the logon application is verifying against.

Thus, it will be desirable to capture each domain credential as a separate entry in the AccessAgent Wallet, but at the same time allow the user to choose one of those credentials to inject when logging on to Windows. By assigning those Authentication Services to an Authentication Services group, the AccessAgent can capture and inject credentials based on the group. To do this, you would employ a direct-authentication-group option as the auth-info in the inject actions of your AccessProfile. During capture, you can use indirect-auth-info and use the same authentication service group name as was used for the direct-authentication-group. When a user logs on, the AccessProfile would obtain the value of the verification entity picked from the domain name drop-down control and match it against all the authentication services in the group.

## Scenario 4: Multiple entry points with the same account authenticating to the same back-end server

When you associate an authentication service with an AccessProfile you need to understand whether users have credentials in their Wallet that must not be changed at an application level. In other words, if a credential gets updated at the application level, will it affect only that one application or will it affect other applications as well? This is important to distinguish because it affects how AccessProfiles should be associated with an authentication service, and how the authentication service should be constructed. If the credentials that are updated via one application affect others as well, you can group them as a direct authentication service, but list the different servers using server locators.

To best describe this concept, we consider again the example in the previous section about multiple web applications accessible for a single user. Server locators are appropriate for this approach because although the user is authenticating to different websites, they are typically using the same set of user credentials and verifying against the same back-end server.

To use indirect-auth-info, AccessStudio offers the mechanism to configure an authentication to be used as an indirect reference. Apart from the unique ID and display name specific for the authentication service, it is possible to provide information in the server location to help identify the entity that verifies the user's logon information. In our scenario, we have a number of different web pages that the user can authenticate to with their credentials. These web pages have separate domains and each distinct domain should be specified in the server locator of the authentication service. With the information specified for the server locator, when an AccessProfile is fired up, an indirect reference is extracted from some control/element/attribute of a windows application or web page, and gets matched up with the information specified for a server locator. The authentication services in the system checks whether the extracted indirect-auth-info from the application or web page matches the string in "Server locators to be used during injection and capture" under each authentication service. If a match is found, that authentication service is used to save those credentials in the user's secure Wallet. This will result in only one entry in the Wallet, and that is what is of interest here. Effectively, if no match is found, AccessAgent automatically uses the domain of the web pages that did not match to any defined server locators as its own authentication service, giving it its own individual entry in the Wallet. This is something that needs to be avoided because it will result to inconsistent entries in the Wallet even though logically it is the same set of user credentials.

In a real world example, it might be the case that not only web application share the same set of credentials, but also other application types such as Windows and Java. For applications such as these, in order to associate them with the same authentication service as the websites, you could use a direct authentication service reference. Web pages or on-line tools must be classified as one application (Internet Explorer) and referenced to an indirect auth-info because at any given time a user can type in the URL for any web page. For the applications using direct-auth-info, this requires references to the same authentication service in the AccessProfile.

## Code snippets for common tasks

At times, the value of the authentication service must be manipulated to be captured or injected. In AccessProfile, you can choose to execute VBScript or JScript so that you can edit the details of an authentication service.

The examples in this section assume knowledge of the AccessProfile Plugins API. For further information about Plugins API, see *IBM Security Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On Version 8.2, AccessStudio Guide, SC23-9956-03*.

## Manipulating an authentication service ID

Consider an application that shows the full domain name of the back-end server during logon. However, an AccessProfile has already previously created an enterprise-scope authentication service with just the subdomain of the server. Figure 29 illustrates this scenario.

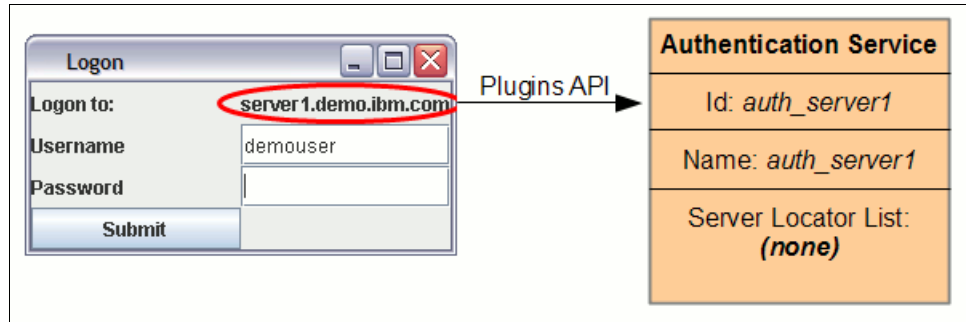


Figure 29 Logon dialog with domain name mapping to a predefined authentication service

To refer to the same authentication service without modifying the server locator, you can use the VB Script shown in Example 2. It modifies and sets a custom authentication service ID into a capture bag that can be referred to by a subsequent *Inject Credentials* action in the AccessProfile.

### Example 2 Manipulating an authentication service ID in VBScript

```
set oPC = runtime.GetPropertiesContainer()
'Specify the Account Data Template string
strAdtId = "adt_ciuser_cisecondkey_cspwd_cspwd2"

'Specify the Account Data Bag's name
strBagToUse = "demo_capture_bag"

'Specify the Server Locator.
'Here it is hardcoded, but it may be obtained via other means.
'For example, using a Transfers Data action to store into a property
strURL = "server1.demo.ibm.com"

'Set the Account Data Template into the bag
bRetVal = oPC.SetAccDataBagADT(strBagToUse, strAdtId)

'Remove demo.ibm.com from the URL and add the string "auth" in front
'This will result in the Authentication Service ID as "auth_server1"
strAuthId = Replace(strURL, ".demo.ibm.com", "")
strAuthId = "auth_" & strAuthId

'Set the Authentication Service ID into the bag
bRetVal = oPC.SetAccDataBagAuthId(strBagToUse, strAuthId)
```

## Extracting a server locator using Microsoft Active Accessibility technology

When logging on to secured websites in Internet Explorer, you may get an authentication dialog similar to Figure 30.



Figure 30 Internet Explorer authentication dialog box

In this case, the text of the server can only be obtained by using Microsoft Active Accessibility technology to obtain the server locator URL (*tamessoif.bluehost.ibm.com*). You can use the VB script shown in Example 3 to get the server locator URL and then perform a lookup for the corresponding authentication service in the Wallet.

*Example 3 Obtaining the Server Locator URL from Internet Explorer Authentication Dialog using VBScript*

```
'Set the signature of the parent panel. The following string should be
'copied as a single line.
sig="/child::wnd[@class_name="#32770"]/child::wnd[@class_name="DirectUIHWND"]/
child::wnd[@class_name="CtrlNotifySink" and @rel_ypos=6 and
@rel_xpos=5]/parent::wnd"

'Get the parent panel's Window handle identifier
set oWindowController=runtime.GetWindowController()
hwnd=oWindowController.GetHWNDFromXPath(sig)

'Get the Microsoft Active Accessibility object from the Window handle
set iAccessibleObj=oWindowController.GetIAccessibleFromWindow(hwnd)

'Declare the Accessibility Navigation Constants
NAVDIR_DOWN = 2
NAVDIR_FIRSTCHILD = 7
NAVDIR_LASTCHILD = 8
NAVDIR_LEFT = 3
NAVDIR_NEXT = 5
NAVDIR_PREVIOUS = 6
NAVDIR_RIGHT = 4
NAVDIR_UP = 1

'Navigate to the first child
set oWindowController=iAccessibleObj.accNavigate (NAVDIR_FIRSTCHILD, CLng(0))

'Get the string from the window panel
```

```
strPanel = oWindowController.accName(CLng(0))

'Set a regular expression pattern to match the URL in the panel string
re.pattern="The server (.*) at .*"
set matches = re.Execute(strPanel)

'Get the matched string from the regular expression search. This should
'contain the server URL, which would be used as a Server Locator.
strSrvLctr = matches(0).SubMatches(0)

'Resolve the matched string to the list of Auth. Services in the Wallet
'A new Authentication Service is created if none is found.
set udp=runtime.GetUserDataProvider()

strAuthSvcId = udp.ResolveAuthIndirect(0, strSrvLctr, "adt_ciuser_cspwd")
'Set the Authentication Service into a data bag (ie8_capture_bag) for use
'in capturing credentials.
set pm = runtime.GetPropertiesContainer()
bRetVal = pm.SetAccDataBagAuthId("ie8_capture_bag",strAuthSvcId)
```

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## Conclusion

In this paper we have attempted to explain in depth the concept of IBM Security Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On authentication services. Through the use of examples and use case scenarios, we have highlighted the fundamentals regarding when and how to best utilize authentication services when deployed during AccessProfiling to achieve successful workflow automation and efficient single sign-on.

Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On uses authentication services to represent the back-end verification entity of business applications that verify user logon information. It is very easy to get confused and mistake the authentication service as a reference to the enterprise application itself, as in the user interface that the business enterprise user is authenticating to. It is in fact the logical representation of the back-end server entity which the application is verifying against.

Depending on the business application, the authentication service that is to be associated can be a direct or indirect authentication service type. Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On offers a variety of authentication service types that can be applied in AccessProfiling for desktop applications used in the organization. When associating authentication services to AccessProfile, it might not necessarily be a direct one-to-one mapping. In more complex use case scenarios, one authentication service might also apply to more than one AccessProfile, or represent the same verification entity for different applications. We have discussed a series of best practices and described a number of examples and use case scenarios in this paper to highlight some of the common issues and complex situations where Authentication services might be confusing, and how to best address these with authentication service configurations and policies. We have also discussed the option of using scripting with the Plugin API to manipulate authentication services and how it can be captured in the user's secure Wallet.

Through this article, the reader should gain better understanding about the concept of authentication services. With this knowledge, the reader can make better decisions in deploying IBM Security Access Manager for Single Sign-On for the associated business applications to achieve successful automation workflow and single sign-on.

## References

This section provides references to public forums, communities, and technical papers, including IBM Redpapers™ and IBM Redbooks® publications, about topics related to Security Access Manager for Enterprise Single-Sign On and written by IBM technical members.

The following materials are intended to complement the IBM product documentation for Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On, thus they should be read in conjunction with the product documentation.

## Product Central wiki and communities

This section includes references to online resources and user communities that work on authentication topics and with the products discussed in this paper:

- ▶ *Tivoli® Access Manager for Enterprise Single-Sign On developerWorks® Wiki* – Education materials, example AccessProfiles, and other documents to enable and support IBM sales, Business Partners, practitioners and customers developing AccessProfiles, deploying the product, and learning about the many capabilities of this solution.  
<https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/mydeveloperworks/wikis/home?lang=en#/wiki/Tivoli%20Access%20Manager%20for%20Enterprise%20Single%20Sign%20n/page/Home>
- ▶ *Tivoli Access Manager for Enterprise Single-Sign On Documentation Central* – Includes links to product documentation, communities, tutorials, and demos, as well as a point of contact for support for the product.  
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- ▶ *Tivoli Access Manager for Enterprise Single-Sign On Technical Discussion Forum* – An open product forum where any interested parties can register, interact, and initiate discussions regarding Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On. This forum hosts discussions regarding customizing or developing AccessProfiles, Product Proof of Concept strategies, Product Deployment and configuration implementation guidance or suggestions, and much more. It is actively moderated by the product support team to provide their best guidance and support to any discussions posted.  
<http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/forums/forum.jspa?forumID=1592>

## Technical papers

This section presents a collection of technical papers and educational materials written by various IBM Subject Matter Experts in this field.

### ***AccessProfiling education material and cookbooks***

- ▶ *AccessProfiles - Beyond the wizard* - A three-part enablement course that runs you through the basics and into the most advanced concepts of AccessProfiling.

<https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/mydeveloperworks/wikis/home/wiki/Tivoli%20Access%20Manager%20for%20Enterprise%20Single%20Sign%20n/page/AccessProfiles%20-%20Beyond%20the%20wizard>



- ▶ *AccessProfiling for HLLAPI Applications* - This article highlights the way to create an AccessProfile for HLLAPI (High Level Language Application Programming Interface) Windows Terminal applications.

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- ▶ *AccessProfiling for Web Applications* - Basic foundational concepts and tricks when creating an AccessProfile for Web applications.

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- ▶ *A Guide to Writing Advanced Access Profiles for IBM Tivoli Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On*, REDP-4767 – A Redpaper publication about how to integrate web-based applications into Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On using its AccessProfile technology.

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/redp4767.html?Open>

- ▶ *Profile Creation Cookbook* - Aimed to those who are creating profiles within the product and to share lessons learned from deployment adventures with a wider audience.

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- ▶ *Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On Advanced Profile Scripts* - Covers the concept of using scripting to customize triggers and action for advanced profiling. It also provides practical examples that demonstrate how to utilize scripting in profiling.

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- ▶ *Using Tivoli Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-on for multi-lingual language desktop applications* - This paper discusses how AccessProfiles can be used to capture automation workflow for desktop applications in languages other than English.

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### **Deployment and configuration guides**

- ▶ *Centrally Managing and Auditing Privileged User Identities by Using the IBM Integration Services for Privileged Identity Management* - Understand privileged identities, why they can be a problem for an organization, and learn how the Tivoli Identity and Access Management product can address and improve security, compliance, and costs, and meeting regulations in IT infrastructure for managing and auditing privileged users.

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/redp4660.html?Open>

- ▶ *Setup and Configuration for IBM Tivoli Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On 8.1 for Single-Server and Cluster Environments*, REDP-4700 – This Redpaper publication provides step-by-step instructions for installing Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On 8.1 onto a single-server and a clustered environment.

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/redp4700.html?Open>

- ▶ *Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On Authentication Factor Cookbook* - This book shows how Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On can be configured to use

additional or alternative methods of authentication when users log on, in order to provide a greater degree of security (that is, stronger authentication).

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- *Utilizing Group Sharing Account User Management using the IBM Tivoli Identity Manager Adapter for Tivoli Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On* – Discussion about the release of the “group sharing account management feature” added to the IBM Tivoli Identity Manager Adapter for Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On.

<http://www.redbooks.ibm.com/abstracts/redp4707.html?open>

### **AccessProfile Plugin API specification**

The publication *Access Manager for Enterprise Single Sign-On Observer Plug-in API specifications* describes the AccessStudio Plug-in API offering and how it can be used to extend the functionality of the Security Access Manager for Single Sign-On Observer component.

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