

# Advanced Authentication as a Service (SaaS) Release Notes 2022

In addition to the existing on-premises and cloud-based deployments, Advanced Authentication is now available in the Software as a Service (SaaS) model. Micro Focus hosts and maintains the Advanced Authentication Servers with their databases. You can use it to secure access to your corporate resources, such as various portals, workstations, and VPN servers.

For more information about Advanced Authentication and its features, see [Introduction to Advanced Authentication](#).

The following are the key differences between SaaS and non-SaaS models:

Feature	Advanced Authentication	Advanced Authentication as a Service
Setup	Installation is required	Installation is not required
Billing	License-based	Subscription-based
Hardware	Must meet the recommended system requirements	Does not require extensive hardware

For the list of other documents related to Advanced Authentication, see the [Advanced Authentication NetIQ Documentation](#) page. For more information about the product and support, see the [Advanced Authentication Product \(https://www.microfocus.com/en-us/cyberres/identity-access-management/advanced-authentication\)](https://www.microfocus.com/en-us/cyberres/identity-access-management/advanced-authentication) website.

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The release number is in the **YYYY.M.RELEASE NUMBER** format.

## 2022.8.1 Update

Advanced Authentication as a Service 2022.8.1 includes the following updates:

- ◆ [Enhancements](#)
- ◆ [Software Fixes](#)

## Enhancements

This release includes the following enhancements:

- ◆ [Ability to Disable Fast Sync and Modify Fast Sync Interval for the Cloud Bridge External Repository](#)
- ◆ [Timeout Setting Support for Web Authentication Events](#)

### Ability to Disable Fast Sync and Modify Fast Sync Interval for the Cloud Bridge External Repository

This release introduces the following options in the Cloud Bridge External repository on the Administration Portal:

- ◆ **Fast sync enabled:** This option allows you to disable the automatic fast sync initialization of the repository that might impact the functioning of other dependent components.
- ◆ **Time between fast syncs:** Select the required synchronization interval between the fast syncs from the drop down. By default, the interval is set to 5 minutes.

For more information, see [Advanced Settings \(https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-64/tenant-administrator-guide/data/t4donma2ncp4.html#t4duu5sbtj4f\)](https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-64/tenant-administrator-guide/data/t4donma2ncp4.html#t4duu5sbtj4f) in the *Advanced Authentication - Administration (https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-64/tenant-administrator-guide/data/bookinfo.html)* guide.

### Timeout Setting Support for Web Authentication Events

This release allows tenant administrators to configure the following timeout settings for Web Authentication events:

- ◆ Session Timeout
- ◆ Authorization Code Timeout
- ◆ Access Token Timeout
- ◆ Refresh Token Timeout
- ◆ Public Refresh Token Timeout
- ◆ Session Token Revocation Timeout

For more information, see [Configuring Timeout \(https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-64/tenant-administrator-guide/data/web\\_auth.html#t4cjcyywwk7l2\)](https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-64/tenant-administrator-guide/data/web_auth.html#t4cjcyywwk7l2) in the *Advanced Authentication - Administration (https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-64/tenant-administrator-guide/data/bookinfo.html)* guide.

## Software Fixes

Component	Issue Description
Administration Portal	The OAuth2 event created using an API call is not displayed in the <code>authcfg.xml</code> for the tenant. Therefore, it is not possible to issue an access or refresh token.
Administration Portal	The fast synchronization process of the Cloud Bridge repository takes more than 5 minutes later display some errors in the logs.
Administration Portal	Unable to initiate the full synchronization process after changing <b>Advanced Settings</b> of the Cloud Bridge repository.
Cloud Bridge Repository	On large Cloud Bridge repositories, with 10K user records, the full synchronization process suspends automatically and the synchronization fails.
OAuth2/ OpenID Connect	When users select the <b>SAML SP</b> method to access the <b>OAuth2/ OpenID Connect</b> events, the field to specify the password is not displayed. However, users are granted access without the password.
Web Authentication	The Facial Recognition method does not work in the Web Authentication events.

## 2022.5.1 Update

Advanced Authentication as a Service 2022.5.1 includes the following updates:

### Enhancement

This release include the following enhancement:

#### API Support for OAuth Authentication

This release introduces OAuth2 Application policy to allow the OAuth2 protocol-based applications to access the Advanced Authentication API.

For more information, see [OAuth2 Application \(https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-63/tenant-administrator-guide/data/oauth-apps.html\)](https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-63/tenant-administrator-guide/data/oauth-apps.html) in the *Advanced Authentication - Administration (https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-63/tenant-administrator-guide/data/bookinfo.html)* guide.

Also, introduces API calls to retrieve the following information of OAuth2 authentication:

- ◆ Authenticated User details
- ◆ Chain details
- ◆ Tenant details

For more information, see [Advanced Authentication API \(https://wwwtest.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-63/apidoc/data/apidoc.html\)](https://wwwtest.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-63/apidoc/data/apidoc.html) guide.

## Software Fixes

Component	Issue Description
SAML Service Provider	<p>Pre-condition:</p> <p>Download the SAML metadata from the <code>https://&lt;servername&gt;/osp/a/TENANT1/auth/saml2/metadata</code> URL.</p> <p>Uploading <b>Identity Provider</b> with the above metadata in the <b>SAML Service Provider</b> method causes configuration error in the web authentication of corresponding tenants. Removing the Identity Provider is not restoring the default identity provider settings and the web authentication is not accessible.</p>
Web Authentication	<p>Deleting a Web Authentication event that contains incorrect configuration does not reconfigure or restart the Web Authentication module cache.</p>

## 2022.3.1 Update

Advanced Authentication as a Service 2022.3.1 includes the following updates:

- ◆ [“Enhancements” on page 4](#)
- ◆ [“Software Fixes” on page 5](#)

### Enhancements

This release includes the following enhancements:

- ◆ [An Option to Validate the OTP Methods Manually](#)
- ◆ [Timeout Options](#)
- ◆ [Renamed FIDO 2.0](#)
- ◆ [Ability to Retrieve the Risk Score](#)
- ◆ [Support for HANIS Face Method](#)

### An Option to Validate the OTP Methods Manually

This release introduces the following options in the respective OTP methods:

- ◆ **Verify email address:** This option is introduced in the Email OTP method and helps to send the verification code to a specified email address. This option allows the users to validate the email address during the manual enrollment.

For more information, see [Email OTP](#) in the *Advanced Authentication - Administration* guide.

- ♦ **Verify phone number:** This option is introduced in the SMS OTP and Voice OTP methods to send the verification code to a specified phone number. This option lets users verify whether the phone number is valid before the manual enrollment.

For more information, see [SMS OTP](#) and [Voice OTP](#) in the *Advanced Authentication - Administration* guide.

## Timeout Options

This release introduces the following options in the Login Options policy:

- ♦ **Logon timeout (seconds):** This option allows you to set the maximum duration of the logon session. The user must specify the login credentials within this duration to prevent the session termination.
- ♦ **Logon inactivity timeout (seconds):** This option allows you to set the maximum inactivity timeout of the logon session, and a user can remain idle within this duration.

For more information, see [Login Options](#) in the *Advanced Authentication - Administration* guide.

## Renamed FIDO 2.0

In this release, the FIDO 2.0 method is renamed to FIDO2.

## Ability to Retrieve the Risk Score

After integrating a product with Advanced Authentication, the administrators can use the following API call to retrieve the Risk Score of an authenticated user after successful authentication:

```
api/v1/logon/{logon_process_id}/do_logon
```

## Support for HANIS Face Method

Advanced Authentication provides the Home Affairs National Identification System (HANIS) method that facilitates citizens of South Africa to authenticate using their face that has been enrolled in the National Identification System. During authentication, the Advanced Authentication server forwards the user details to the third-party service provider that is integrated with National Identification System where the validation takes place. The user gets authenticated to the required resource or endpoint based on the validation result.

For more information, see [HANIS Face](#) in the *Advanced Authentication - Administration* guide.

## Software Fixes

Component	Issue Description
Administration Portal	After the full synchronization of the Cloud Bridge External repository, the following error message is displayed:  'NoneType' object has no attribute 'append'
Administration Portal	When eDirectory is configured as the external repository in Advanced Authentication, and the user entries include multiple CN values, then synchronization fails and displays an error message.

Component	Issue Description
Administration Portal	When an administrator tries to change the Cache expiration time in the Cache Options policy, the updated expiration time is not saved, and changes are not applied.
Administration Portal	When the Cloud Bridge Agent is down and the administrator tries to verify the configuration using the <b>Test Configuration</b> button, an invalid message <code>Gateway Timeout</code> is displayed without stating the cause.
Administration Portal	When the full synchronization on the Web server is in progress and if the fast synchronization is initiated on the Master server simultaneously, the full synchronization fails and results in an error.
Enrollment Portal	When a user tries to test the FIDO2 method in the Enrollment portal, the test fails, and the following message is displayed:  <code>expected 'status' to be 'string', got: error.</code>

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