

Multi-Factor Authentication Using Advanced Authentication

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Access Manager is a comprehensive access management solution that provides secure access to enterprise and web applications. Using traditional one-factor authentication, such as providing username and password, to access a resource can have many vulnerabilities. Access Manager supports multi-factor authentication to provide secure access from any device with minimal administration. You can integrate NetIQ Advanced Authentication with Access Manager to use multi-factor authentication. Advanced Authentication delivers various authentication mechanisms that enable identity assurance and proofing apart from traditional username and password based authentication. You can authenticate on diverse platforms by using various authenticators such as Fingerprint, OTP, and Smartphone.

For more information about Access Manager, see [NetIQ Access Manager Product Overview \(https://www.netiq.com/documentation/access-manager-45/admin/data/b137pgk2.html\)](https://www.netiq.com/documentation/access-manager-45/admin/data/b137pgk2.html).

For more information about Advanced Authentication, see [NetIQ Advanced Authentication Overview \(https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-62/server-administrator-guide/data/netiq_advanced_authentication_framework_overview.html\)](https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-62/server-administrator-guide/data/netiq_advanced_authentication_framework_overview.html).

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1 Prerequisites

- Access Manager is installed and configured. See [NetIQ Access Manager Appliance 4.5 Installation and Upgrade Guide](#).

- Advanced Authentication server 5.6 or later is installed and configured.

For information about how to install Advanced Authentication, see [Advanced Authentication Server Installation and Upgrade Guide \(https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-62/install-upgrade-guide/data/bookinfo.html\)](https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-62/install-upgrade-guide/data/bookinfo.html).

For information about how to configure Advanced Authentication, see [Advanced Authentication Administration Guide \(https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-62/server-administrator-guide/data/b1nci1jf.html\)](https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-62/server-administrator-guide/data/b1nci1jf.html).

- An Access Manager administrator account.
- An Advanced Authentication administrator account.

2 Implementation Approaches

You can integrate Advanced Authentication with Access Manager by using any one of the following approaches:

- ♦ **Plug-in-based approach:** The Advanced Authentication functionality is embedded in Access Manager.
- ♦ **OAuth-based approach:** This is available in Access Manager 4.4 and later versions. This approach uses the OAuth claims-based authentication mechanism for secure and trusted communication. Any new methods introduced in the Advanced Authentication server become dynamically available in Access Manager without making any modification in the product.

The following table lists the differences between Plug-in-based and OAuth-based Advanced Authentication approaches:

Plug-in-based	OAuth-based
Uses Advanced Authentication Rest API.	Uses OAuth protocol.
Requires configuring each method separately.	Requires configuring only the Advanced Authentication Generic class. You can configure all Advanced Authentication methods using this class.
Any new method, which is added in Advanced Authentication after integration, is not available in Access Manager. You may need to upgrade Access Manager to a higher version to use that new method.	If any new method is introduced in the Advanced Authentication server, it is available in Access Manager automatically without any upgrade.
Supports brand customization.	Advanced Authentication 5.6 and earlier versions do not support branding customization. You can customize branding if you are using Advanced Authentication 6.0 and later versions.

3 Enabling Multi-factor Authentication Using Advanced Authentication

Enabling multi-factor authentication consists of the following tasks:

1. [Integrating Advanced Authentication with Access Manager](#)
2. [Configuring Multi-Factor Authentication](#)
3. [End Users Enrollment in the Advanced Authentication Self-Service Portal](#)
4. [Verifying the Integration](#)

3.1 Integrating Advanced Authentication with Access Manager

To integrate both products, you first need to configure the Advanced Authentication server and then configure Advanced Authentication server details in Access Manager.

Configure the Advanced Authentication Server

- 1 Log in to Advanced Authentication as an administrator.
- 2 Verify that the `NAM` event is available in **Events**.

NOTE: The NAM event is created by default when you install Advanced Authentication. Re-install Advanced Authentication if this event is not available.

- 3 Set up a central user store that both Advanced Authentication and Access Manager will use during authenticating a user. You can add a new repository in Advanced Authentication server or configure details of an existing Access Manager user store. If you add a new repository in Advanced Authentication, configure the same repository when you [Configure the Advanced Authentication Server Details in Access Manager](#).

For more information about how to add a repository, see [Adding a Repository \(https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-62/server-administrator-guide/data/adding_repository.html\)](https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-62/server-administrator-guide/data/adding_repository.html).

- 4 Configure methods.

An Advanced Authentication method verifies the identity of a user who tries to access resources. You can configure the methods depending on your requirement. For example, in an Email OTP method, you can specify the values of different parameters, such as OTP period, OTP format, subject, and error message.

For more information, see [Configuring Methods \(https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-62/server-administrator-guide/data/configuring_method.html\)](https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-62/server-administrator-guide/data/configuring_method.html).

- 5 Create a chain.

A chain is a combination of methods. A user needs to execute and succeed all methods of a chain to be authenticated. While creating a chain, add the methods in the order of priority of execution. In **Roles and Groups**, assign the chain to the role that is specified in the repository. For example, specify `XYZ\Allowed RODC Password Replication Group`, where `XYZ` is the name of the repository.

For more information about configuring chains, see [Creating a Chain \(https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-62/server-administrator-guide/data/creating_chain.html\)](https://www.netiq.com/documentation/advanced-authentication-62/server-administrator-guide/data/creating_chain.html).

- 6 (Required only for the OAuth-based approach) Configure an event.

Advanced Authentication provides authentication events for Access Manager. An event leverages the Advanced Authentication functionalities for Access Manager. Access Manager triggers the respective authentication event when a user tries to access it.

Perform the following steps to configure an event:

- 6a Click **Events > Add**.
- 6b Specify a name for the event.
- 6c Select **OAuth2** in **Event type**.
- 6d Select the required chains.

NOTE: You need Client ID and Client secret while configuring the Advanced Authentication server in Access Manager. You cannot view Client secret later, therefore you must make a note of this value.

- 6e Specify `https://<identity server-url>:<port>/nidp/oauth/nam/callback` in **Redirect URIs**.

For example, if the Identity Server URL is `https://domain.example.com:8443/nidp`, where `domain.example.com` is the domain name and `8443` is the port, specify `https://domain.example.com:8443/nidp/oauth/nam/callback`.

NOTE: For the Plug-in based methods, you do not need to create the OAuth 2.0 event, because a default NAM event is created when you install Advanced Authentication.

- 7 (Required only for the Plug-in-based approach) Assign the created chain to the NAM event in the Advanced Authentication server.

Configure the Advanced Authentication Server Details in Access Manager

- 1 Click **Devices > Identity Servers > Shared Settings > Advanced Authentication**.
- 2 Specify the domain name or IP address of the Advanced Authentication server and port in **Server Domain**.

NOTE: When using the Plug-in-based methods, skip to step 5.

- 3 (Required only for OAuth-based approach) Select **Integrate using OAuth** under **OAuth Event Configuration**.
- 4 (Required only for OAuth-based approach) Specify the following details:

Field	Description
Event Name	Specify an event name. This event name must be identical to the event name specified in the Advanced Authentication administration portal.
Client ID	Specify the client ID that was generated while creating the OAuth 2.0 event in the Advanced Authentication administration portal.
Client Secret	Specify the client secret that was generated while creating the OAuth 2.0 event in the Advanced Authentication administration portal.

Access Manager uses the endpoint links to retrieve token and user details from the Advanced Authentication server. These are default endpoint links. If the values of the URIs change because of modification of the Advanced Authentication authorization server, then you can change the values here.

Field	Description
Authorization URL	Access Manager uses this URL to retrieve the authorization code from the Advanced Authentication server.
Token URL	Access Manager uses this URL to exchange the authorization code with the access token.
User Info URL	Access Manager sends the access token to this URL to get the user details from the Advanced Authentication server.

The fields under Integration URLs are auto-populated after you specify the server domain address.

Field	Description
Enrollment Page URL	If the user is not enrolled in the Advanced Authentication server, then Access Manager uses this URL to redirect the user to the enrollment page.
Sign Data URL	Access Manager uses this URL to retrieve the signed data from the Advanced Authentication server.

- 5 Click **Apply**.
- 6 Verify that the `config.xml` file is available at each Identity Server node at the following location:
Linux: `/etc/aaplugin/`
- 7 Go to Advanced Authentication and verify that the hostname of the Identity Server is displayed as the endpoint under **Endpoints**.
- 8 In Access Manager, go to Dashboard and click **Certificates > Trusted Roots** to verify if the Advanced Authentication server certificate is available in Access Manage.
If the certificate is not available, then perform the following steps to import the certificate:
 - 8a Click **Certificates > Trusted Roots > Auto-Import From Server**.
 - 8b Specify the server IP/DNS, port, and certificate name.
 - 8c Click **OK**.
- 9 Configure the same user store or repository that you added in the Advanced Authentication server. See [Step 3 on page 3](#).
 - 9a Click **Devices > Identity Servers > Servers > Edit > Local > User Stores > New**.
 - 9b Specify the details and click **Finish**.
 - 9c Update Identity Server.

Skip this step if you have configured an existing Access Manager user store in the Advanced Authentication server.

3.2 Configuring Multi-Factor Authentication

Access Manager performs the first factor authentication when you protect a resource or an application using Access Manager. You can use Advanced Authentication to perform the second or third factor authentication.

The following procedure illustrates the steps for configuring multi-factor authentication when the integration is done using the OAuth-based approach:

- 1 Create a class.
 - 1a Click **Devices > Identity Servers > Edit > Local > Classes**.
 - 1b Click **New**, then specify the following details:
 - Display name:** Specify a name for the class
 - Java class:** Select **Advanced Authentication Generic Class**. The Java class path is configured automatically
 - 1c Click **Next > Finish**.
- 2 Create a method for this class.
 - 2a Click **Devices > Identity Server > Edit > Local > Classes > New**.
 - 2b Select a chain in **Advanced Authentication Chains**. If you do not specify any chain, the user is prompted to select the chain with which the user wants to authenticate.

NOTE: If no chain is listed in **Advanced Authentication Chains**, create a chain in the Advanced Authentication server. If a chain is available in the Advanced Authentication server, but the chain is not listed in **Advanced Authentication Chains**, then assign the chain to the configured Access Manager OAuth Event in the Advanced Authentication administration portal.

3 Create a contract for the method.

3a Click **Devices > Identity Servers > Edit > Local > Contracts > New**.

3b In **URI**, specify a value that uniquely identifies the contract from all other contracts. This value is used to identify this contract for external providers and is a unique path value that you create. For example, specify `/nam/AAgenericcontract` or `/mycompany/name/password/form`.

3c In **Methods**, first add an Access Manager's authentication method (for example, Secure Name/Password - Form) and then the Advanced Authentication method that you created in the preceding step.

NOTE: You can use more than one Advanced Authentication methods.

3d Click **Apply > OK**.

3e Update Identity Server.

End users must enroll the methods for multi-factor authentication. See [Section 3.3, "End Users Enrollment in the Advanced Authentication Self-Service Portal,"](#) on page 6.

3.3 End Users Enrollment in the Advanced Authentication Self-Service Portal

To perform authentication with Advanced Authentication, end users must enroll all methods of an authentication chain that they can use for authentication. A method or an authenticator is a set of encrypted data that contains user's authentication information. Users can use authenticators to log in to different resources.

Users must perform the following steps to enroll authenticators:

1. Access the Advanced Authentication Self-Service portal.

URL of the portal when it is not protected by Access Gateway: `https://<Advanced Authentication hostname or IP address>/account`

URL of the portal when Access Gateway protects Identity Server and Advanced Authentication: `https://<Access Gateway hostname>/account`

2. Select a method from **Add Authenticator** to enroll.

For example, to enroll Email OTP method, select **Email OTP**, specify your email ID, and click **Save**.

Email OTP is displayed in the **Enrolled Authenticators** section.

3. Verify that the enrolled authenticator is working.

a. Click **Email OTP > Test**.

b. Specify the OTP and click **Next**.

Authenticator enrollment is successful when you receive a confirmation message.

Users can enroll multiple authenticators using the preceding procedure.

3.4 Verifying the Integration

To verify that the integration is successful, create a dummy user account and enroll one or more authenticators.

For information about how an end user enrolls to authenticators, see [Section 3.3, “End Users Enrollment in the Advanced Authentication Self-Service Portal,”](#) on page 6.

Use this user account to access a protected resource by executing the contract created in Access Manager.

Verifying the Plug-in-based Integration

Perform the following steps at Access Manager:

- 1 Create an Advanced Authentication class. You can use a Dynamic class or any other class except the Generic class.
- 2 Create a method and include the class created in the previous step, add a repository, and add the Advanced Authentication Enrollment URL property.

Specify the URL of Advanced Authentication portal for authenticator enrollments.

For example:

URL of the portal when it is not protected by Access Gateway: `https://<Advanced Authentication hostname or IP address>/account`

URL of the portal when Access Gateway protects Identity Server and Advanced Authentication: `https://<Access Gateway hostname>/account`

- 3 Create a contract. First add an Access Manager-specific method that supports LDAP credential-based authentication, such Secure Name/Password - Form and Name/Password - Basic and then add the Advanced Authentication method that you created in the previous step.
- 4 Using the dummy user's account, access Identity Server or a protected resource to which this contract has been assigned and execute this contract. (`https://<identity server-url>:<port>/nidp`)

The user must be able to authenticate to each method: first to Access Manager's method and then to the Advanced Authentication's method.

If authentication succeeds, the integration is successful.

Verifying the OAuth-based Integration

Perform the following steps at Access Manager:

- 1 Create a class using Advanced Authentication Generic class.
- 2 Create a method with this class and select the required chain in **Advanced Authentication Chains**.
- 3 Create a contract. First add an Access Manager-specific method that supports LDAP credential-based authentication, such Secure Name/Password - Form and Name/Password - Basic and then add the Advanced Authentication method that you created in the previous step.
- 4 Using the dummy user's account, access Identity Server or a protected resource to which this contract has been assigned and execute this contract. (`https://<identity server-url>:<port>/nidp`)

Specify the user name and password for first factor authentication. And then Identity Server redirects the login request to Advanced Authentication OSP for chain execution.

On the OSP page, you can select the chain that you want to authenticate with. If you have selected a chain while configuring the method, then you will be prompted with the same chain on the OSP page.

If authentication succeeds on the OSP page and you are redirected to Identity Server or protected resource, the integration is successful.

4 Migrating from Plug-in-based to OAuth-based Integration

You can migrate from the Plug-in-based approach to the OAuth-based approach by performing the following steps:

- 1 Log in to the Advanced Authentication administration portal as an administrator.
- 2 Configure an OAuth 2.0 event.
 1. Click **Events > Add**.
 2. Specify a name for the event.
 3. Select **OAuth2** in **Event type**.
 4. Select the required chains.

NOTE: You need Client ID and Client secret while configuring the Advanced Authentication server in Access Manager. You cannot view the Client secret later, therefore you must make a note of this value.

5. Specify `https://<identity server-url>:<port>/nidp/oauth/nam/callback` in **Redirect URIs**.

For example, if the Identity Server URL is `https://domain.example.com:8443/nidp`, where `domain.example.com` is the domain name and `8443` is the port, specify `https://domain.example.com:8443/nidp/oauth/nam/callback`.

- 3 Log in to Access Manager Administration Console and perform the following steps:
 - 3a Click **Devices > Identity Servers > Shared Settings > Advanced Authentication**.
 - 3b Select **Integrate using OAuth** under **OAuth Event Configuration**.
 - 3c Specify the following details:

Field	Description
Event Name	Specify an event name. This event name must be identical to the event name specified in the Advanced Authentication administration portal.
Client ID	Specify the client ID that was generated while creating the OAuth 2.0 event in the Advanced Authentication administration portal.
Client Secret	Specify the client secret that was generated while creating the OAuth 2.0 event in the Advanced Authentication administration portal.

- 3d Click **Apply**.

- 4 Verify the integration. See [“Verifying the OAuth-based Integration” on page 7](#).

After integration is completed, you can configure multi-factor authentication using Advanced Authentication for your resources. See [Section 3.2, “Configuring Multi-Factor Authentication,” on page 5](#).

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