



One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions 5.10

RSA Multi-Factor Authentication - Tutorial

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Introduction

This document describes how you can use the services of multi-factor authentication provider [RSA](#) to authenticate the sessions of your privileged users with One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions (SPS).

One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions:

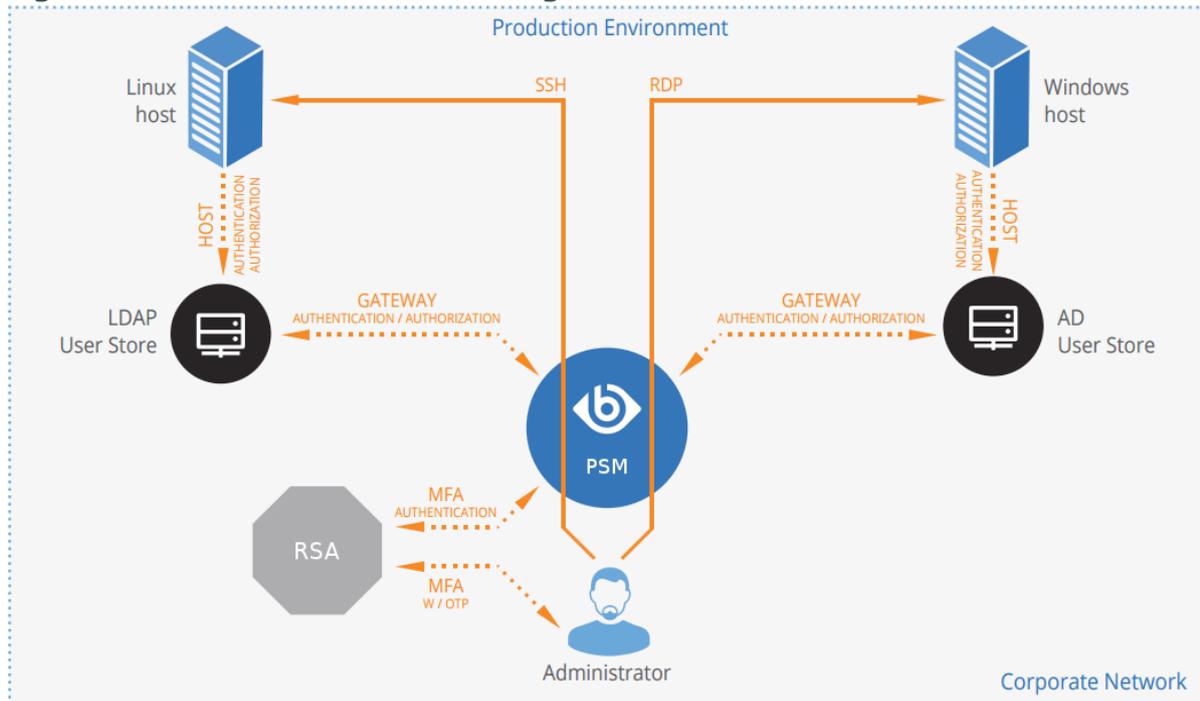
One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions (SPS) controls privileged access to remote IT systems, records activities in searchable, movie-like audit trails, and prevents malicious actions. SPS is a quickly deployable enterprise device, completely independent from clients and servers — integrating seamlessly into existing networks. It captures the activity data necessary for user profiling and enables full user session drill down for forensic investigations.

RSA Adaptive Multi-factor Authentication:

To support multi-factor authentication, SPS integrates with the identity management service RSA. This enables you to leverage an additional out-of-band factor (typically through the user's registered smartphone) when authenticating the user. The additional factor is processed in-line with the connection, so users do not have to switch to an external application to process the additional factor. This results in an efficient user experience that is readily accepted by the users.

The One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions can interact with your RSA account and can automatically request multi-factor authentication for your privileged users who are accessing the servers and services protected by SPS.

Figure 1: How SPS and RSA work together



Solution benefits

Using SPS together with RSA provides the following benefits:

- Easy-to-use multi-factor authentication to secure your privileged users who access your business-critical servers. The enforcement of a second-factor authentication and the availability of session recordings make the access of high-risk users more secure.
- Out-of-band authentication to protect against privileged identity theft.
- Logs and audits administrative network traffic.
- Integrates with existing LDAP user directory.
- Easy and fast deployment and implementation: a network-level solution that does not require installing agents on clients or servers.
- Can forward user logs into Splunk for long-term storage and analysis.
- Supports SSH and RDP protocols to access both Linux and Windows servers, without disrupting the daily workflow of your system administrators and other privileged users.
- Supports strong authentication methods, including SSH keys and certificates.

Meet compliance requirements

ISO 27001, ISO 27018, SOC 2, and other regulations and industry standards include authentication-related requirements, for example, multi-factor authentication (MFA) for

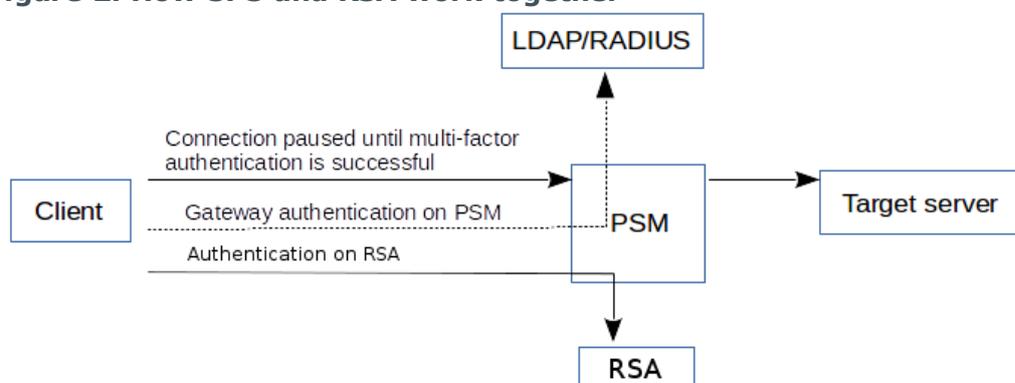
accessing production systems, and the logging of all administrative sessions. In addition to other requirements, using SPS and RSA helps you comply with the following requirements:

- PCI DSS 8.3: Secure all individual non-console administrative access and all access to the cardholder data environment (CDE) using multi-factor authentication.
- PART 500.12 Multi-Factor Authentication: Covered entities are required to apply multi-factor authentication for:
 - Each individual accessing the covered entity's internal systems.
 - Authorized access to database servers that allow access to nonpublic information.
 - Third parties accessing nonpublic information.
- NIST 800-53 IA-2, Identification and Authentication, network access to privileged accounts: The information system implements multi-factor authentication for network access to privileged accounts

SPS acts as a central authentication gateway, enforcing strong authentication before users access sensitive IT assets. SPS can integrate with remote user directories to resolve the group memberships of users who access nonpublic information. Credentials for accessing information systems can be retrieved transparently from SPS's local credential store or a third-party password management system. This method protects the confidentiality of passwords as users can never access them. When used together with RSA (or another multi-factor authentication provider), SPS directs all connections to the authentication tool, and upon successful authentication, it permits the user to access the information system.

How SPS and RSA MFA work together

Figure 2: How SPS and RSA work together



1. A user attempts to log in to a protected server.

2. Gateway authentication on SPS

SPS receives the connection request and authenticates the user. SPS can authenticate the user to a number of external user directories, for example, LDAP, Microsoft Active Directory, or RADIUS. This authentication is the first factor.

3. Authentication using RSA SecurID Access

If gateway authentication is successful, SPS connects the RSA Authentication Manager. Then SPS requests the second authentication factor from the user and sends it to the RSA server for verification.

4. If multi-factor authentication is successful, the user can start working, while SPS records the user's activities. (Optionally, SPS can retrieve credentials from a local or external credential store or password vault, and perform authentication on the server with credentials that are not known to the user.)

Technical requirements

In order to successfully connect SPS with RSA, you need the following components.

In RSA:

- An RSA Authentication Manager deployed.
- RADIUS access parameters, for example, host, port, and an RSA shared secret. You will need it to configure the SPS plugin.
- Your users must be enrolled in RSA Authentication Manager.
- The users must be able to perform the authentication required for the factor (for example, possess the required RSA SecurID Hardware Token).

In SPS:

- A One Identity Safeguard for Privileged Sessions appliance (virtual or physical), at least version 5 F1.
- A copy of the SPS RSA plugin. This plugin is an Authentication and Authorization (AA) plugin customized to work with the RSA multi-factor authentication service.
- SPS must be able to access the RADIUS port of the RSA Authentication Manager.
- SPS supports Authentication and Authorization plugins in the RDP, SSH, and Telnet protocols.
- In RDP, using an **AA plugin** together with Network Level Authentication in a Connection Policy has the same limitations as using Network Level Authentication without domain membership. For details, see "[Network Level Authentication without domain membership](#)" in the Administration Guide.
- In RDP, using an **AA plugin** requires TLS-encrypted RDP connections. For details, see "[Enabling TLS-encryption for RDP connections](#)" in the Administration Guide.

Availability and support of the plugin

The SPS RSA plugin is available as-is, free of charge to every SPS customer from the [Plugin Page](#). In case you need any customizations or additional features, [contact professionalservices@balabit.com](mailto:professionalservices@balabit.com).

You can use the plugin on SPS 5 F5 and later. If you need to use the plugin on SPS 5 LTS, [contact professionalservices@balabit.com](mailto:professionalservices@balabit.com).

How SPS and RSA work together in detail

1. A user attempts to log in to a protected server.

2. Gateway authentication on SPS

SPS receives the connection request and authenticates the user. SPS can authenticate the user to a number of external user directories, for example, LDAP, Microsoft Active Directory, or RADIUS. This authentication is the first factor.

3. Check if the user is exempt from multi-factor authentication

You can configure SPS using whitelists and blacklists to selectively require multi-factor authentication for your users, for example, to create break-glass access for specific users.

- If multi-factor authentication is not required, the user can start working, while SPS records the user's activities. The procedure ends here.
- If multi-factor authentication is required, SPS continues the procedure with the next step.

For details on creating exemption lists, see [SPS RSA plugin parameter reference](#).

4. Determining the RSA username

If the gateway usernames are different from the RSA usernames, you must configure the SPS RSA plugin to map the gateway usernames to the RSA usernames. The mapping can be as simple as appending a domain name to the gateway username, or you can query an LDAP or Microsoft Active Directory server. For details, see [Mapping SPS usernames to RSA identities](#).

5. Authentication using RSA SecurID Access

If gateway authentication is successful, SPS connects the RSA Authentication Manager. Then SPS requests the second authentication factor from the user and sends it to the RSA server for verification.

6. If multi-factor authentication is successful, the user can start working, while SPS records the user's activities. (Optionally, SPS can retrieve credentials from a local or external credential store or password vault, and perform authentication on the server with credentials that are not known to the user.)
7. If the user opens a new session within a short period, they can do so without having to perform multi-factor authentication again. After this configurable grace period expires, the user must perform multi-factor authentication to open the next session. For details, see [SPS RSA plugin parameter reference](#).

Mapping SPS usernames to RSA identities

By default, SPS assumes that the RSA username of the user is the same as the gateway username (that is, the username the user used to authenticate on SPS during the gateway authentication). To identify the users, SPS uses the username (login) field in RSA, which is an email address.

If the gateway usernames are different from the RSA usernames, you must configure the SPS RSA plugin to map the gateway usernames to the RSA usernames. You can use the following methods:

- To simply append a string to the gateway username, configure the [append_domain parameter](#). In this case, SPS automatically appends the @ character and the value of this option to the username from the session, and uses the resulting username on the RSA server to authenticate the user. For example, if the domain is set as `append_domain: example.com` and the username is `Example.User`, the SPS plugin will look for the user `Example.User@example.com` on the RSA server.
- To look up the RSA username of the user from an LDAP/Active Directory database, configure the `[ldap]` section of the SPS RSA plugin. Typically, the SPS plugin queries the email address corresponding to the username from your LDAP or Active Directory database. For details on LDAP parameters, see [SPS RSA plugin parameter reference](#).
- If you configure both the [append_domain parameter](#) and the `[ldap]` section of the SPS RSA plugin, SPS appends the @ character and the value of the `append_domain` parameter to the value retrieved from the LDAP database.
- If you have configured neither the `Domain` parameter nor the `[ldap]` section, SPS assumes that the RSA username of the user is the same as the gateway username.

Bypassing RSA authentication

Having to perform multi-factor authentication to a remote server every time the user opens a session can be tedious and inconvenient for the users, and can impact their productivity. SPS offers the following methods to solve this problem:

- In SPS, the Connection policy determines the type of authentication required to access a server. If you do not need multi-factor authentication for accessing specific servers, configure your Connection policies accordingly.
- If the user opens a new session within a short period, they can do so without having to perform multi-factor authentication. After this configurable grace period expires, the user must perform multi-factor authentication to open the next session. For details, see [SPS RSA plugin parameter reference](#).
- You can configure SPS using whitelists and blacklists to selectively require multi-factor authentication for your users, for example, to create break-glass access for specific users. For details on creating exemption lists, see [SPS RSA plugin parameter reference](#).

Configure your RSA account for SPS

Prerequisites:

- Administrator access to your RSA account.
- Make sure that you have all the required components listed in [Technical requirements](#).

1. Add people to your RSA account.

The users you want to authenticate with SPS must have an activated account in RSA. For details on adding or importing your users, see *Integrating LDAP Directories* in [RSA Authentication Manager Administrator's Guide](#) in the RSA documentation.

2. Enable Multi-factor Authentication (MFA) for your organization.

Optionally, you can create a Multi-factor Policy in RSA to enable MFA only for the group of users who you want to authenticate with SPS.

For details, see *Policy Enforcement* in [RSA Authentication Manager Administrator's Guide](#) in the RSA documentation.

3. Retrieve the RADIUS access parameters.

RADIUS access parameters, for example, host, port, and an RSA shared secret.

Configure SPS to use RSA multi-factor authentication

Prerequisites:

- Your RSA API token.

⚠ CAUTION:

According to the current RSA policies, your API token expires if it is not used for 30 days. Make sure that you use it regularly, because SPS will reject your sessions if the API token has expired.

- Administrator access to SPS.
- Make sure that you have all the required components listed in [Technical requirements](#).

To configure SPS to use RSA multi-factor authentication

1. Download the SPS RSA plugin

SPS customers can download the plugin from [Plugin Page](#).

2. Upload the plugin to SPS

Upload the plugin to SPS. For details, see [Administration Guide](#).

3. Configure the plugin on SPS

The plugin includes a default configuration file, which is an ini-style configuration file with sections and name=value pairs. You can edit it on the **Policies > AA Plugin Configurations** page of the SPS web interface.

- a. Configure the usermapping settings if needed. SPS must find out which RSA user belongs to the username of the authenticated connection. For that, it can query your LDAP/Microsoft Active Directory server. For details, see [Mapping SPS usernames to RSA identities](#).

- b. Configure other parameters of your plugin as needed for your environment. For details, see [SPS RSA plugin parameter reference](#).

4. Configure a Connection policy and test it

Configure a Connection policy on SPS. In the **AA plugin** field of the Connection policy, select the SPS RSA plugin you configured in the previous step, then start a session to test it. For details on how a user can perform multi-factor authentication, see [Perform multi-factor authentication with the SPS RSA plugin in terminal connections](#) and [Perform multi-factor authentication with the SPS RSA plugin in Remote Desktop connections](#).

 **CAUTION:**

According to the current RSA policies, your API token expires if it is not used for 30 days. Make sure that you use it regularly, because SPS will reject your sessions if the API token has expired.

SPS RSA plugin parameter reference

This section describes the available options of the SPS RSA plugin.

The plugin uses an ini-style configuration file with sections and name=value pairs. This format consists of sections, led by a [section] header and followed by name=value entries. Note that the leading whitespace is removed from values. The values can contain format strings, which refer to other values in the same section. For example, the following section would resolve the %(dir)s value to the value of the dir entry (/var in this case).

```
[section name]
dirname=%(dir)s/mydirectory
dir=/var
```

All reference expansions are done on demand. Lines beginning with # or ; are ignored and may be used to provide comments.

You can edit the configuration file from the SPS web interface. The following code snippet is a sample configuration file.

```
[rsa]
server=<radius.example.com>
# Do NOT use secret in production
; secret=<RADIUS-shared-secret>
port=1812
auth_type=chap
timeout=10
retries=3

[plugin]
config_version=1
log_level=info
cred_store=<name-of-credstore-storing-sensitive-data>

[auth]
prompt=Hit Enter to send RSA push notification or provide the OTP:
whitelist=name-of-a-userlist

[username_transform]
append_domain=""
```

```
[ldap]
ldap_server_config=<SPS-LDAP-server-policy-name>
filter=(&(samAccountName={})(objectClass=user))
user_attribute=mail
```

```
[cache]
soft_timeout=15
hard_timeout=90
conn_limit=5
```

```
[question_1]
key=<name-of-name-value-pair>
prompt=<the-question-itself-in-text>
disable_echo=No
```

```
[question_2]...
```

[rsa]

This section contains the options related to your RSA account.

```
[rsa]
server=<radius.example.com>
# Do NOT use secret in production
; secret=<RADIUS-shared-secret>
port=1812
auth_type=chap
timeout=10
retries=3
```

server

Type:	string
Required:	yes
Default:	N/A

Description: The name of your RSA SecurID server, where the RADIUS interface is available.

secret

Type:	string
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Required:	yes
Default:	N/A

⚠ CAUTION:

This parameter contains sensitive data. Make sure to store this data in your local credential store. Never use it in production.

For details, see "Store sensitive plugin data securely".

Only use this parameter in the configuration for testing purposes in a secure, non-production environment.

Description: Your RADIUS shared secret. SPS uses this to communicate with the RADIUS server. For details on using a local Credential Store to host this data, read [Store sensitive plugin data securely](#).

port

Type:	integer
Required:	no
Default:	1812

Description: The port where the RADIUS server is listening for access requests.

auth_type

Type:	string (chap pap)
Required:	no
Default:	chap

Description: RADIUS authentication type.

- chap: CHAP (Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol) is a more secure authentication scheme than PAP. In a CHAP scheme, the following process establishes a user identity:
 1. After the link between the user machine and the authenticating server is established, the server sends a challenge message to the connection requester. The requester responds with a value obtained by using a one-way hash function.
 2. The server checks the response by comparing it against its own calculation of the expected hash value.

3. If the values match, the authentication is acknowledged, otherwise the connection is terminated.

At any time, the server can request the connected party to send a new challenge message. CHAP identifiers are changed frequently and the server can make an authentication request at any time.

- pap: The Password Authentication Protocol (PAP) provides a simple method for a user to authenticate using a two-way handshake. PAP only executes this process when establishing the initial link to the authenticating server. A user machine repeatedly sends an ID/Password pair to the authenticating server until authentication is acknowledged or the connection is terminated.

Use PAP authentication where a plain text password must be available to simulate a login at a remote host. This method provides a similar level of security to the usual user login at the remote host.

timeout

Type:	integer [seconds]
Required:	no
Default:	10

Description: How long the RADIUS server waits to respond.

retries

Type:	integer
Required:	no
Default:	3

Description: The number of times authentication is retried.

[plugin]

This section contains general plugin-related settings.

```
[plugin]
config_version=1
log_level=20
cred_store=<name-of-credstore-hosting-sensitive-data>
```

config_version

Type:	integer
Required:	yes
Default:	1

Description: The version number of the configuration format. This is used to enable potentially incompatible changes in the future. If provided, the configuration will not be upgraded automatically. If not provided, the configuration will be upgraded automatically.

cred_store

Type:	string
Required:	no
Default:	N/A

Description: The name of a local credential store policy configured on SPS. You can use this credential store to store sensitive information of the plugin in a secure way, for example, the ikey/skey values in the [rsa] section. For details, see [Store sensitive plugin data securely](#).

log_level

Type:	integer or string
Required:	no
Default:	info

Description: The logging verbosity of the plugin. The plugin sends the generated log messages to the SPS syslog system. You can check the log messages in the **Basic settings > Troubleshooting > View log files** section of the SPS web interface. Filter on the plugin: string to show only the messages generated by the plugins.

The possible values are:

- debug or 10
- info or 20
- warning or 30
- error or 40
- critical or 50

For details, see Python logging API's log levels: [Logging Levels](#).

[auth]

This section contains the options related to authentication.

[auth]

prompt=Hit Enter to send RSA push notification or provide the OTP:

whitelist=name-of-a-userlist

prompt

Type:	string
Required:	no
Default:	Hit Enter to send push notification or provide the OTP:

Description: SPS displays this text to the user in a terminal connection to request an OTP interactively. The text is displayed only if the user uses an OTP-like factor, and does not send the OTP in the connection request.

prompt="Hit Enter to send RSA push notification or provide the OTP:"

whitelist

Type:	string
Required:	no
Default:	N/A

Description: The name of a user list containing gateway users configured on SPS (**Policies > User Lists**). You can use this option to selectively require multi-factor authentication for your users, for example, to create break-glass access for specific users.

- If you set the **Default Policy** of the user list to Reject, then the list is a whitelist, so the plugin will not request RSA authentication from the users on the list.
- If you set the **Default Policy** of the user list to Accept, then the list is a blacklist, so the plugin will request RSA authentication only from the users on the list.

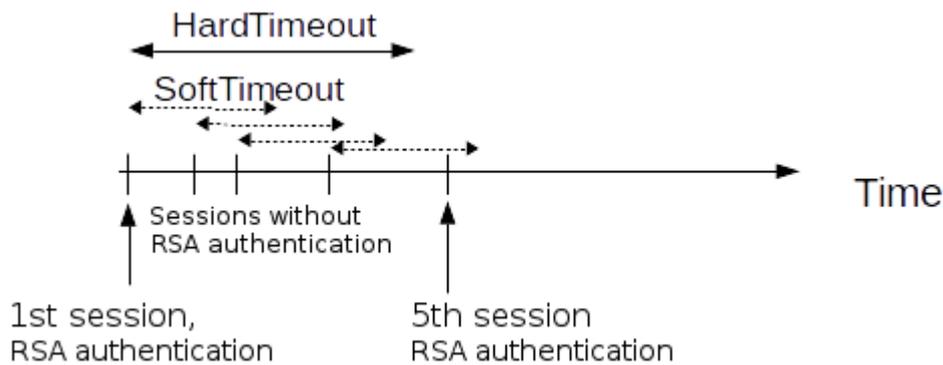
For details on creating user lists, see ["Creating and editing user lists" in the Administration Guide](#).

[cache]

This section contains the settings that determine how soon after performing an RSA authentication must the user repeat the authentication when opening a new session.

After the first RSA authentication of the user, SPS will not request a new RSA authentication from the user as long as the new authentications would happen within `soft_timeout` seconds from each other. After the `hard_timeout` expires (measured from the first RSA login of the user), SPS will request a new RSA authentication.

In other words, after opening the first session and authenticating on RSA, the user can keep opening other sessions without having to authenticate again on RSA as long as the time between opening any two sessions is less than `soft_timeout`, but must authenticate on RSA if `hard_timeout` expires.



```
[cache]
soft_timeout=15
hard_timeout=90
conn_limit=5
```

soft_timeout

Type:	integer [seconds]
Required:	yes, if you want caching
Default:	N/A

Description: The time in seconds after which the SPS plugin requires a new RSA authentication for the next new session of the user, unless the user successfully authenticates another session within this period.

hard_timeout

Type:	integer [seconds]
Required:	yes, if you want caching
Default:	N/A

Description: The time in seconds after which the SPS plugin requires a new RSA authentication for the next new session of the user. The time is measured from the last RSA authentication of the user.

conn_limit

Type: integer [number of]

Description: The cache can be used `conn_limit` times without multi-factor authentication. If the number of logins exceeds this number, the plugin will request multi-factor authentication again. If this parameter is not set, the number of logins from cache are unlimited.

[ldap]

This section contains the settings you configure when you need to use an LDAP query to map the usernames from your audited sessions to the usernames in RSA.

To look up the RSA username of the user from an LDAP/Active Directory database, configure the `[ldap]` section of the SPS RSA plugin. Typically, the SPS plugin queries the email address corresponding to the username from your LDAP or Active Directory database. For details on LDAP parameters, see [SPS RSA plugin parameter reference](#).

If you configure both the [append_domain parameter](#) and the `[ldap]` section of the SPS RSA plugin, SPS appends the `@` character and the value of the `append_domain` parameter to the value retrieved from the LDAP database.

For other methods of mapping gateway usernames to RSA usernames, see [Mapping SPS usernames to RSA identities](#).

```
[ldap]
ldap_server_config=<SPS-LDAP-server-policy-name>
filter=(&(cn={})(objectClass=inetOrgPerson))
user_attribute=CN
```

ldap_server_config

Type: string

Required: no

Default: N/A

Description: The name of a configured LDAP server policy in SPS. For details on configuring LDAP policies, see ["Authenticating users to an LDAP server" in the Administration Guide](#).

filter

Type: string

Required:	no
Default:	(&(cn={})(objectClass=inetOrgPerson))

Description: The LDAP filter query that locates the user based on the gateway username. The plugin automatically replaces the {} characters with the gateway username from the session.

filter=&(cn={})(objectClass=inetOrgPerson))

user_attribute

Type:	string
Required:	no
Default:	cn

Description: The name of the LDAP attribute that contains the RSA username.

[username_transform]

This section contains username transformation-related settings.

```
[username_transform]
append_domain=""
```

append_domain

Type:	string (nonrequired, no default)
Required:	no
Default:	N/A

Description: If the gateway usernames are different from the RSA usernames, you must configure the SPS RSA plugin to map the gateway usernames to the RSA usernames.

To simply append a string to the gateway username, configure the [append_domain parameter](#). In this case, SPS automatically appends the @ character and the value of this option to the username from the session, and uses the resulting username on the RSA server to authenticate the user. For example, if the domain is set as `append_domain: example.com` and the username is `Example.User`, the SPS plugin will look for the user `Example.User@example.com` on the RSA server.

If you configure both the [append_domain parameter](#) and the [\[ldap\] section](#) of the SPS RSA plugin, SPS appends the @ character and the value of the `append_domain` parameter to the value retrieved from the LDAP database.

For other methods of mapping gateway usernames to RSA usernames, see [Mapping SPS usernames to RSA identities](#).

[question_1]

Type: integer [seconds]

Description: Used for communication between plugins. This is an interactive request/response right after authentication in order to supply data to credential store plugins. The question is transferred to the session cookie and all hooks of all plugins receive it.

For example, if you have an external authenticator app, you do not have to wait for the question to be prompted but can authenticate with a one-time password:

```
ssh otp=123456@root@scb
```

Name subsequent questions with the appropriate number, for example, [question_1], [question_2], and so on.

For details, see ["Performing authentication with AA plugin in terminal connections" in the Administration Guide](#) and ["Performing authentication with AA plugin in Remote Desktop connections" in the Administration Guide](#).

key

Type: string

Required: yes

Default: N/A

Description: The name of the name-value pair.

prompt

Type: string

Required: yes

Default: N/A

Description: The question itself in text format.

disable_echo

Type: boolean yes|no

Required: no

Default: no

Description: Whether the answer to the question is visible (yes), or replaced with asterisks (no).

Store sensitive plugin data securely

By default, the configuration of the plugin is stored on SPS in the configuration of SPS. Make sure that you store the sensitive parameters (for example, [secret](#)) of the plugin in an encrypted way.

To store sensitive plugin data securely

1. Log in to SPS and create a local Credential Store. For details, see "[Configuring local Credential Stores](#)" in the [Administration Guide](#).
Instead of usernames and passwords, you will store the configuration parameters of the plugin in this Credential Store.
2. Add the plugin parameters you want to store in an encrypted way to the Credential Store. You can store any configuration parameter of the plugin in the Credential Store, but note that if an option appears in the Credential Store, the plugin will use it. If the same parameter appears in the configuration of the plugin, it will be ignored.
 - Enter the name of the configuration section without the brackets in the **HOST** field (for example, `rsa`).
 - Enter the name of the plugin parameter in the **USERNAME** field field (for example, `secret`).
 - Enter the value of the plugin parameter in the **PASSWORD** field.
3. Commit your changes, and navigate to the configuration of the plugin on the **Policies > AA Plugin Configurations** page.
4. In the plugin configuration file, enter the name of the local Credential Store under the `[plugin]` section, in the `cred_store` parameter.

Perform multi-factor authentication with the SPS RSA plugin in terminal connections

The following describes how to establish a terminal connection (SSH, TELNET, or TN3270) to a server.

To establish a terminal connection (SSH, TELNET, or TN3270) to a server

1. Connect to the server.

If you can authenticate using an OTP or token, encode the OTP as part of the username. You can use the @ as a field separator. For example:

```
ssh otp=YOUR-ONE-TIME-PASSWORD@user@server
```

Replace YOUR-ONE-TIME-PASSWORD with your actual OTP. If needed, you can specify the type of OTP as a prefix to the OTP. For example, to specify the OTP of a YubiKey token:

```
ssh otp=y_YOUR-ONE-TIME-PASSWORD@user@server
```

- Google Authenticator: g
 - inWebo Authenticator: o
 - Symantec token: s
 - YubiKey: y
 - RSA token: r
2. If SPS prompts you for further information, enter the requested information. If you need to authenticate with an OTP, but you have not supplied the OTP in your username, you will be prompted to enter the OTP.
 3. Authenticate on the server.
 4. If authentication is successful, you can access the server.

Perform multi-factor authentication with the SPS RSA plugin in Remote Desktop connections

The following describes how to establish a Remote Desktop (RDP) connection to a server when the **AA plugin** is configured.

To establish a RDP connection to a server when the AA plugin is configured

1. Open your Remote Desktop client application.
2. If you have to provide additional information to authenticate on the server, you must enter this information in your Remote Desktop client application in the *User name* field, before the regular content (for example, your username) of the field.

If you can authenticate using an OTP or token, encode the OTP as part of the username. To encode additional data, you can use the following special characters:

- % as a field separator
- ~ as the equal sign
- ^ as a colon (for example, to specify the port number or an IPv6 IP address)

For example, use the following format:

```
domain\otp~YOUR-ONE-TIME-PASSWORD%Administrator
```

Replace YOUR-ONE-TIME-PASSWORD with your actual OTP. If needed, you can specify the type of OTP as a prefix to the OTP. For example, to specify the OTP of a YubiKey token: `domain\otp~y_YOUR-ONE-TIME-PASSWORD%Administrator`

- Google Authenticator: g
- inWebo Authenticator: o
- Symantec token: s
- YubiKey: y
- RSA token: r

3. Connect to the server.

If you need to authenticate using the RSA Authenticator push notification, approve the connection in your mobile app.

4. Authenticate on the server.
5. If authentication is successful, you can access the server.

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