



Configure Tenable Vulnerability Management with ADFS SAML

For FedRAMP and Non-FedRAMP Customers

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Prerequisites

In this walkthrough, we use the DNS FQDN of `adfs.example.com` as the ADFS instance we are configuring. Consider that your DNS FQDN may vary when observing the steps in this guide.

This document assumes that you have previously setup and configured an ADFS instance on a set of no less than two AD Domain controllers running on Windows Server 2022:

- ADFS Main AD DC
- ADFS Web Application Proxy (WAP)

[Microsoft Documentation](#) can assist you with setting up the ADFS instances on an existing Microsoft Active Directory Domain Controller.

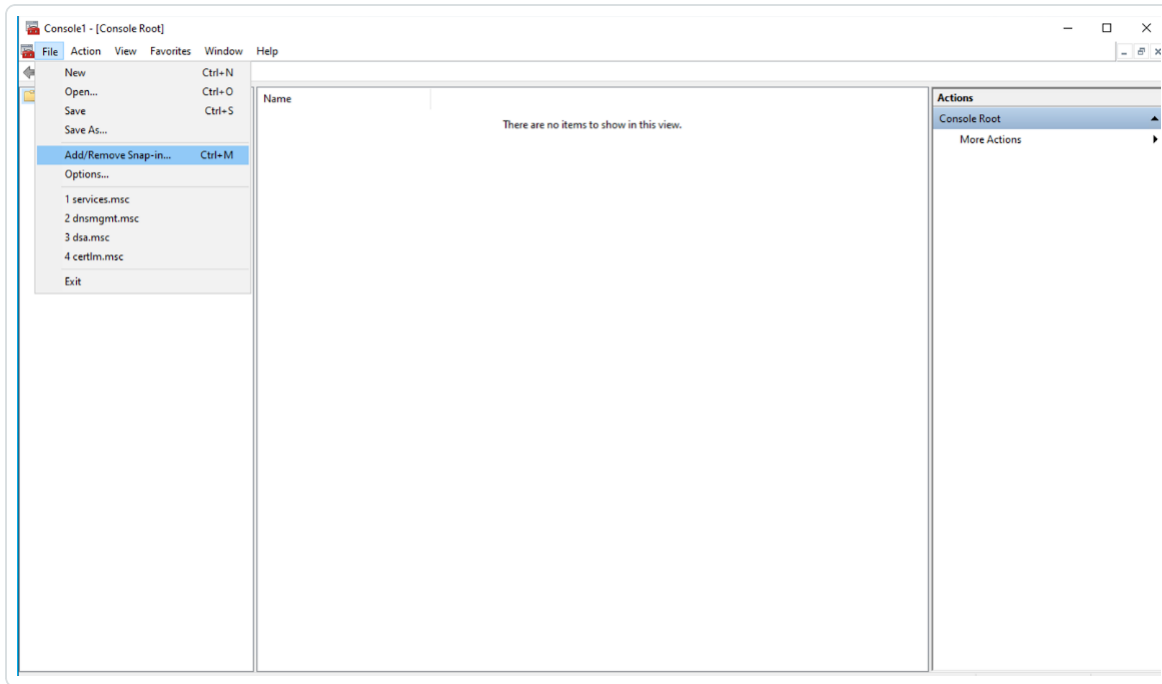
This document also assumes that your ADFS Main AD DC runs Active Directory Domain Services (`dcpromo`), includes a Certificate Authority setup, and is properly configured.

Note: This document assumes you update your certificates for your Active Directory Certificate Authority and your ADFS instance on a yearly basis, so that your certificate lifespan is set to one year. Your actual configuration options may vary. Please keep this in mind to avoid issues with expiring certificates when configuring your instance.

Configure MMC to Manage ADFS

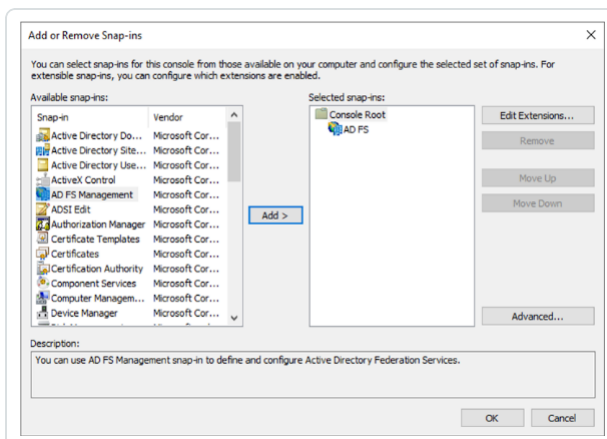
To configure the Microsoft Management Console (MMC) to manage ADFS:

1. Open the MMC.exe console.
2. Click **File > Add/Remove Snap-in**.



The **Add or Remove Snap-ins** window appears.

3. In the **Available Snap-ins** section, select the **ADFS Management** option and click **Add**.



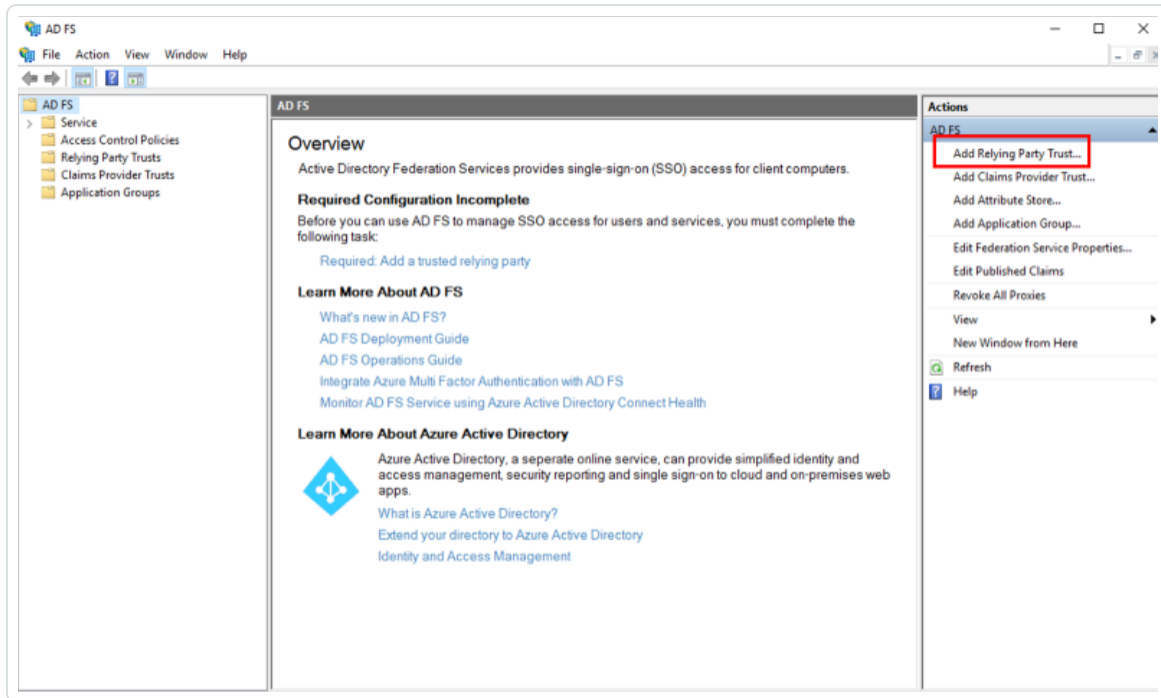
The console adds the snap-in to the **Selected Snap-ins** section.

4. Click **OK**.

Configure an ADFS Relying Party Trust

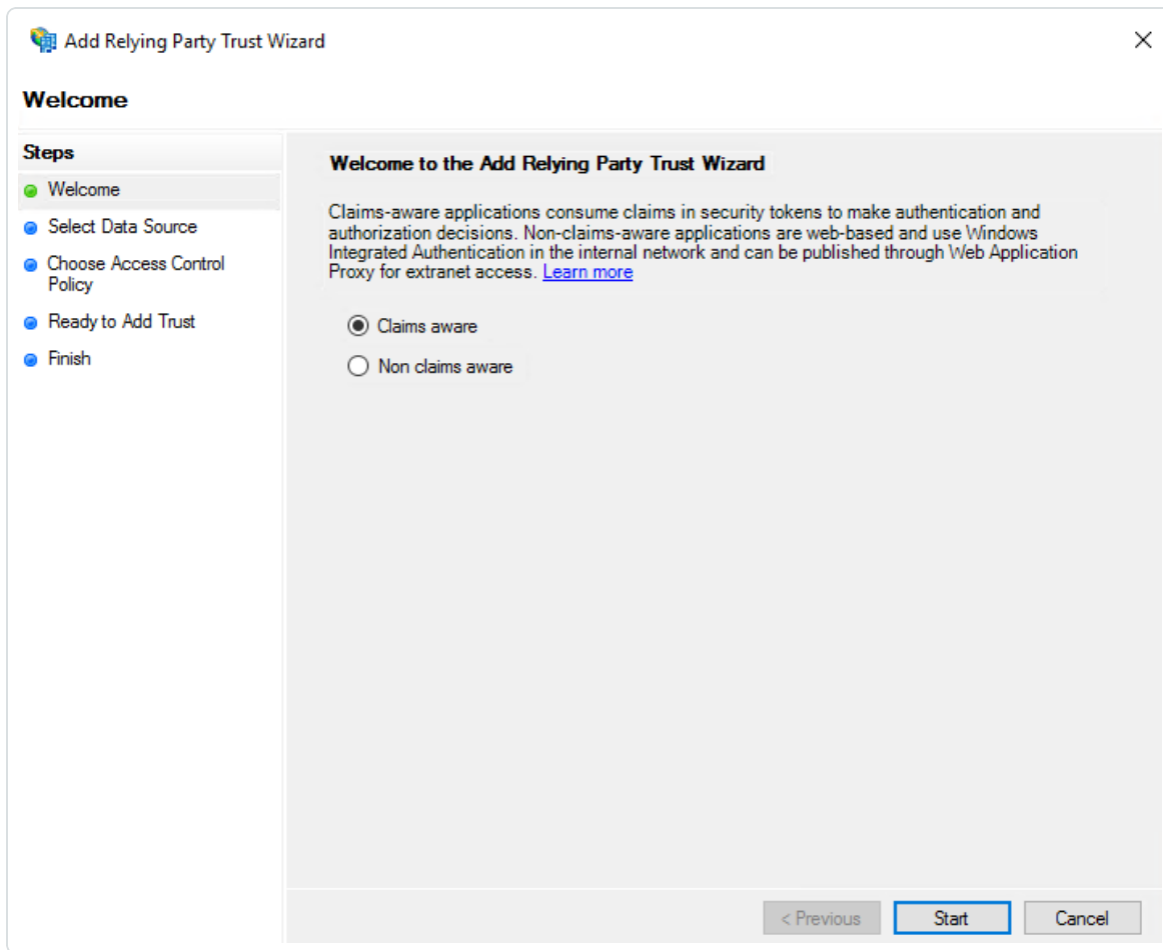
To configure an ADFS Relying Party Trust:

1. Open the MMC.exe console.
2. On the right side of the console, in the **Actions** section, click **Add Relying Party Trust**.



The **Add Relying Party Trust** wizard appears.

3. In the wizard, select the **Claims aware** radio button.



4. Click **Start**.
5. On the **Select Data Source** page, select the **Enter data about the relying party manually** radio button.

Add Relying Party Trust Wizard

Select Data Source

Steps

- Welcome
- Select Data Source
- Specify Display Name
- Configure Certificate
- Configure URL
- Configure Identifiers
- Choose Access Control Policy
- Ready to Add Trust
- Finish

Select an option that this wizard will use to obtain data about this relying party:

Import data about the relying party published online or on a local network
Use this option to import the necessary data and certificates from a relying party organization that publishes its federation metadata online or on a local network.

Federation metadata address (host name or URL):

Example: fs.contoso.com or https://www.contoso.com/app

Import data about the relying party from a file
Use this option to import the necessary data and certificates from a relying party organization that has exported its federation metadata to a file. Ensure that this file is from a trusted source. This wizard will not validate the source of the file.

Federation metadata file location:

Enter data about the relying party manually
Use this option to manually input the necessary data about this relying party organization.


< Previous Next > Cancel

6. Click **Next**.

7. On the **Specify Display Name** page, type a **Display Name** and any **Notes** you want to include.

The screenshot shows a Windows-style dialog box titled "Add Relying Party Trust Wizard" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The main heading is "Specify Display Name". On the left, a "Steps" list shows the current step highlighted: "Specify Display Name". The main area contains the instruction "Enter the display name and any optional notes for this relying party." Below this, there is a "Display name:" label and a text box containing "NessusCloud". Underneath is a "Notes:" label and a large, empty text area with a vertical scrollbar. At the bottom right, there are three buttons: "< Previous", "Next >" (which is highlighted with a blue border), and "Cancel".

8. Click **Next**.
9. Because the configuration is already encrypted, on the **Configure Certificate** page, do not make any changes.
10. Click **Next**.
11. On the **Configure URL** page, type the appropriate service URL. In this example, we use *https://fedcloud.tenable.com*.

 Add Relying Party Trust Wizard ✕

Configure URL

Steps

- Welcome
- Select Data Source
- Specify Display Name
- Configure Certificate
- **Configure URL**
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- Choose Access Control Policy
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- Finish

AD FS supports the WS-Trust, WS-Federation and SAML 2.0 WebSSO protocols for relying parties. If WS-Federation, SAML, or both are used by the relying party, select the check boxes for them and specify the URLs to use. Support for the WS-Trust protocol is always enabled for a relying party.

Enable support for the WS-Federation Passive protocol

The WS-Federation Passive protocol URL supports Web-browser-based claims providers using the WS-Federation Passive protocol.

Relying party WS-Federation Passive protocol URL:

Example: `https://fs.contoso.com/adfs/ls/`

Enable support for the SAML 2.0 WebSSO protocol

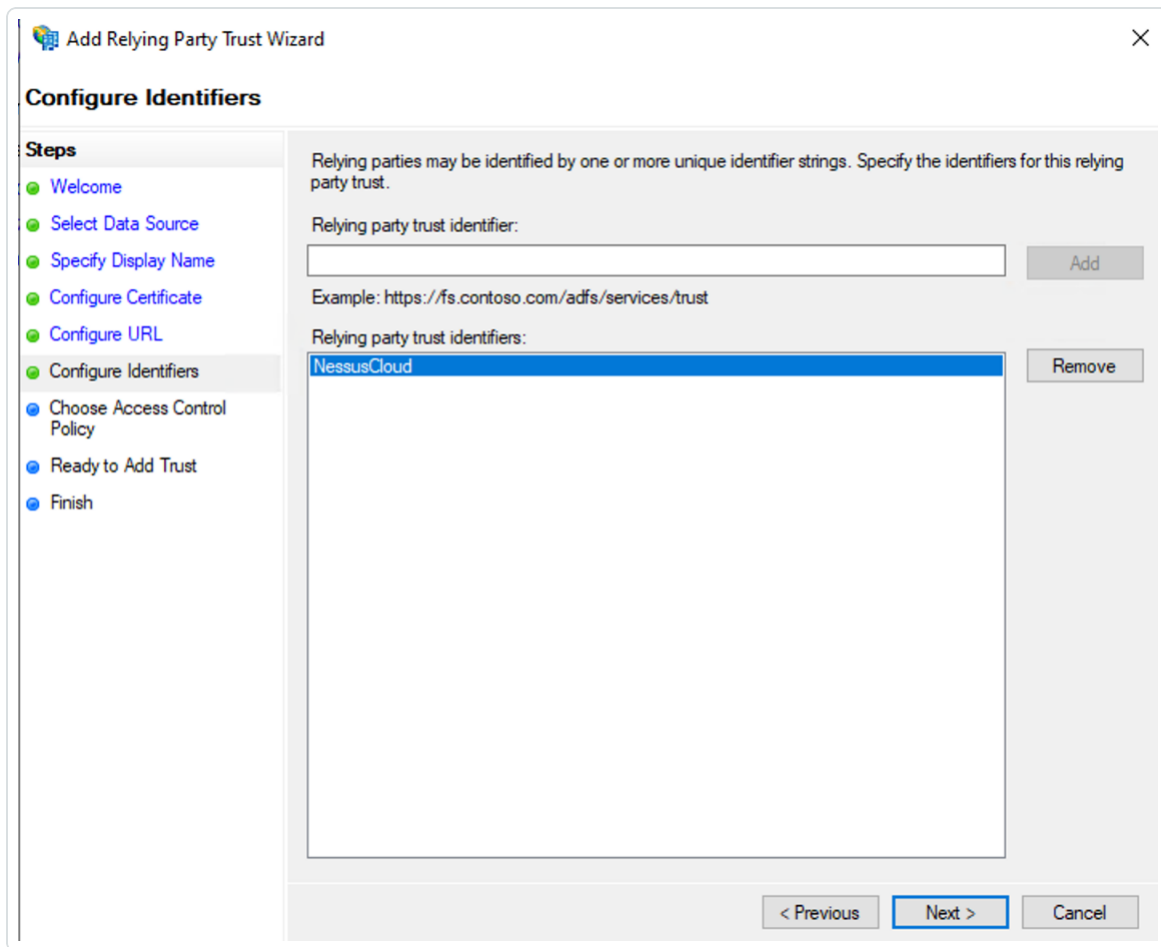
The SAML 2.0 single-sign-on (SSO) service URL supports Web-browser-based claims providers using the SAML 2.0 WebSSO protocol.

Relying party SAML 2.0 SSO service URL:

Example: `https://www.contoso.com/adfs/ls/`

Note: For FedRAMP deployments, your Tenable sales representative provides this URL. For non-FedRAMP deployments, you must first [configure SAML](#) in Tenable Vulnerability Management to determine the appropriate URL.

12. Click **Next**.
13. On the **Configure Identifiers** page, in the **Relying party trust identifier** text box, type the SP Entity ID to which you connected as the Relying Party Trust identifier.



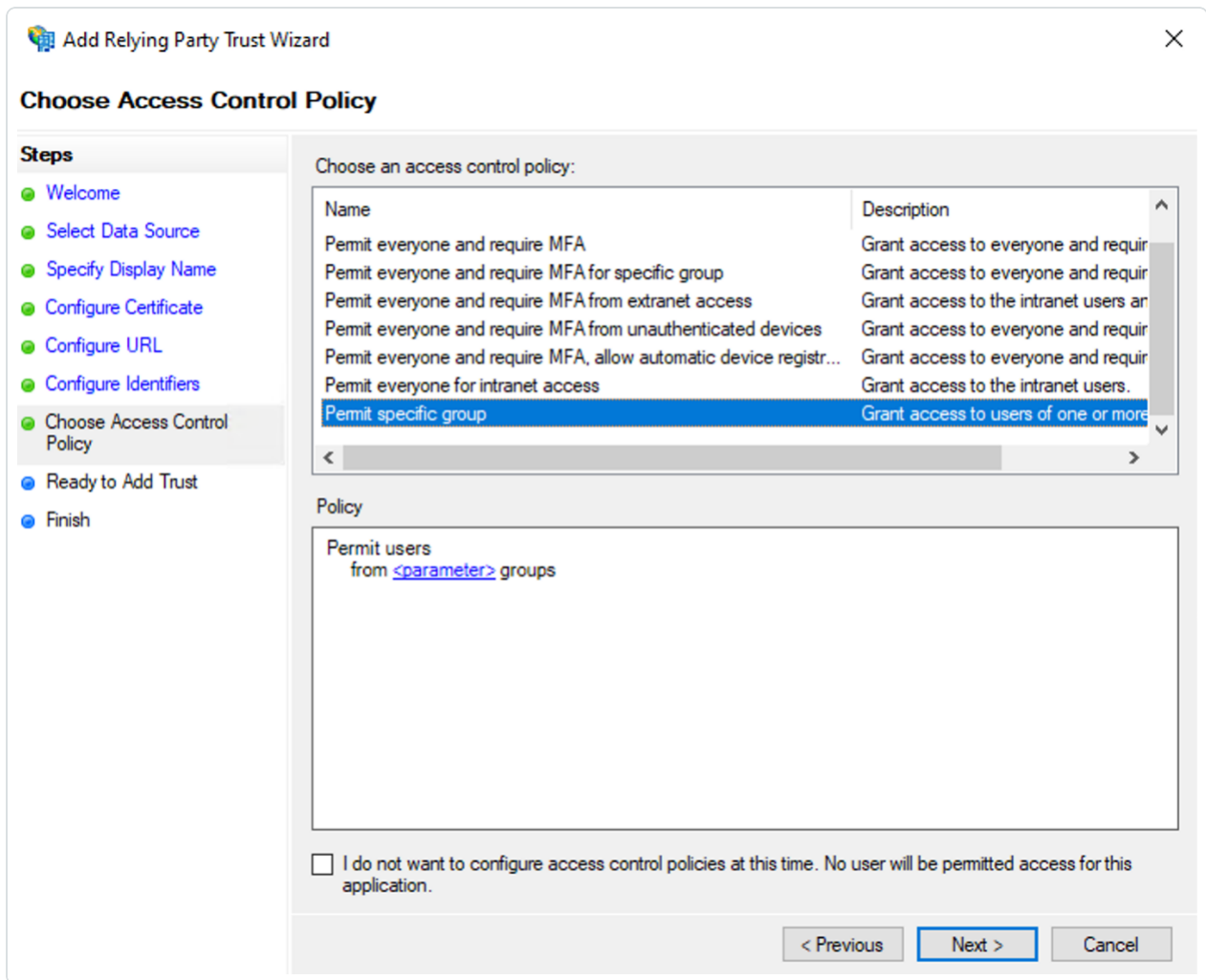
14. Click **Add**.

The wizard adds the identifier to the **Relying party trust identifiers** section.

15. Click **Next**.

16. On the **Choose Access Control Policy** page, select the appropriate access control policy for your environment.

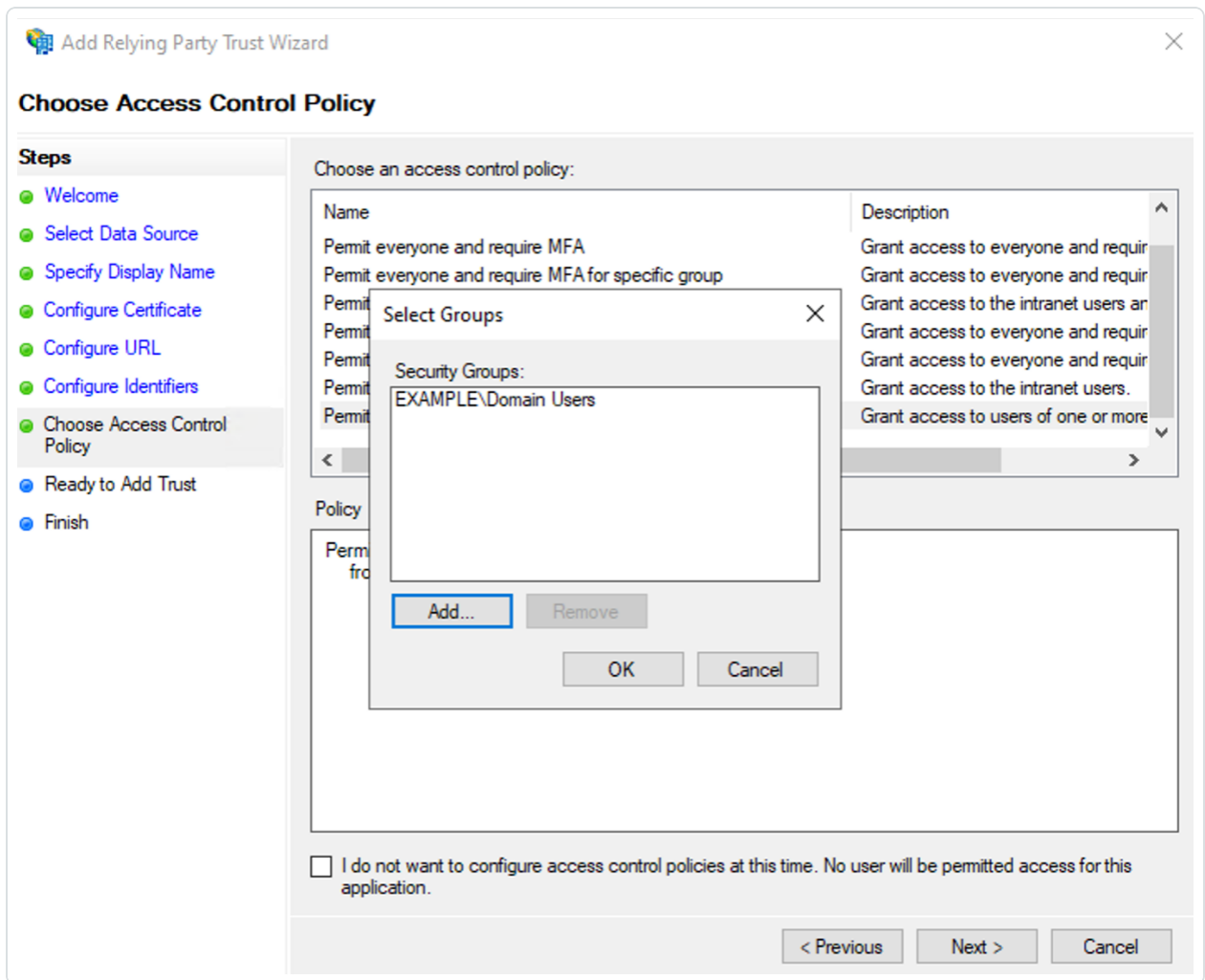
Note: In some cases, you may select **Permit Everyone** and let the application determine access. In other cases, you may select **Permit a specific group** to access the relying party. In this example, we choose the latter.



17. In the **Policy** section, click the **<parameter>** hyperlink.

The **Select Groups** window appears.

18. In the **Select Groups** window, add the specific AD group to which you want to grant access.

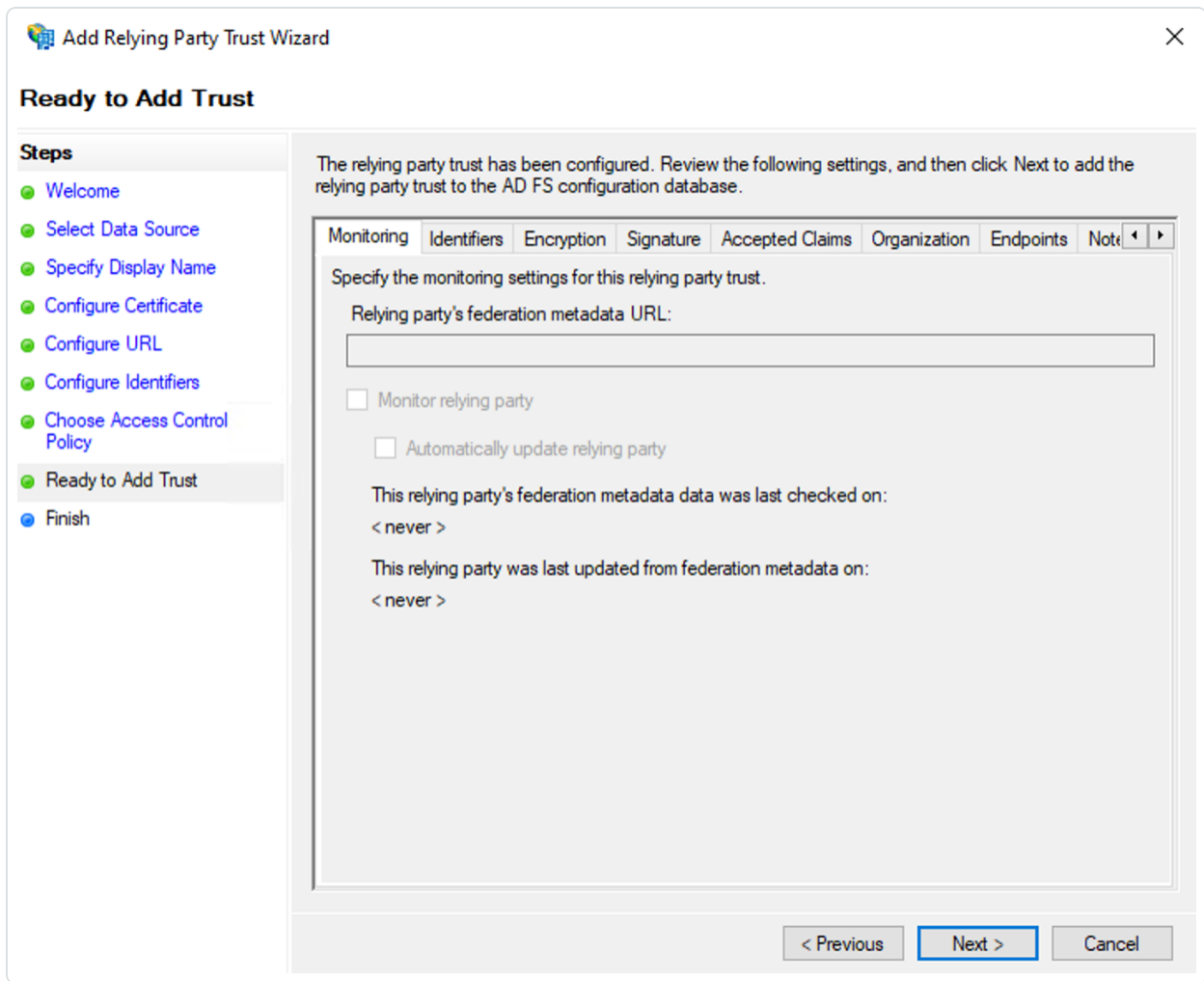


19. Click **OK**.

The wizard adds the selected group where the **<parameter>** hyperlink previously was.

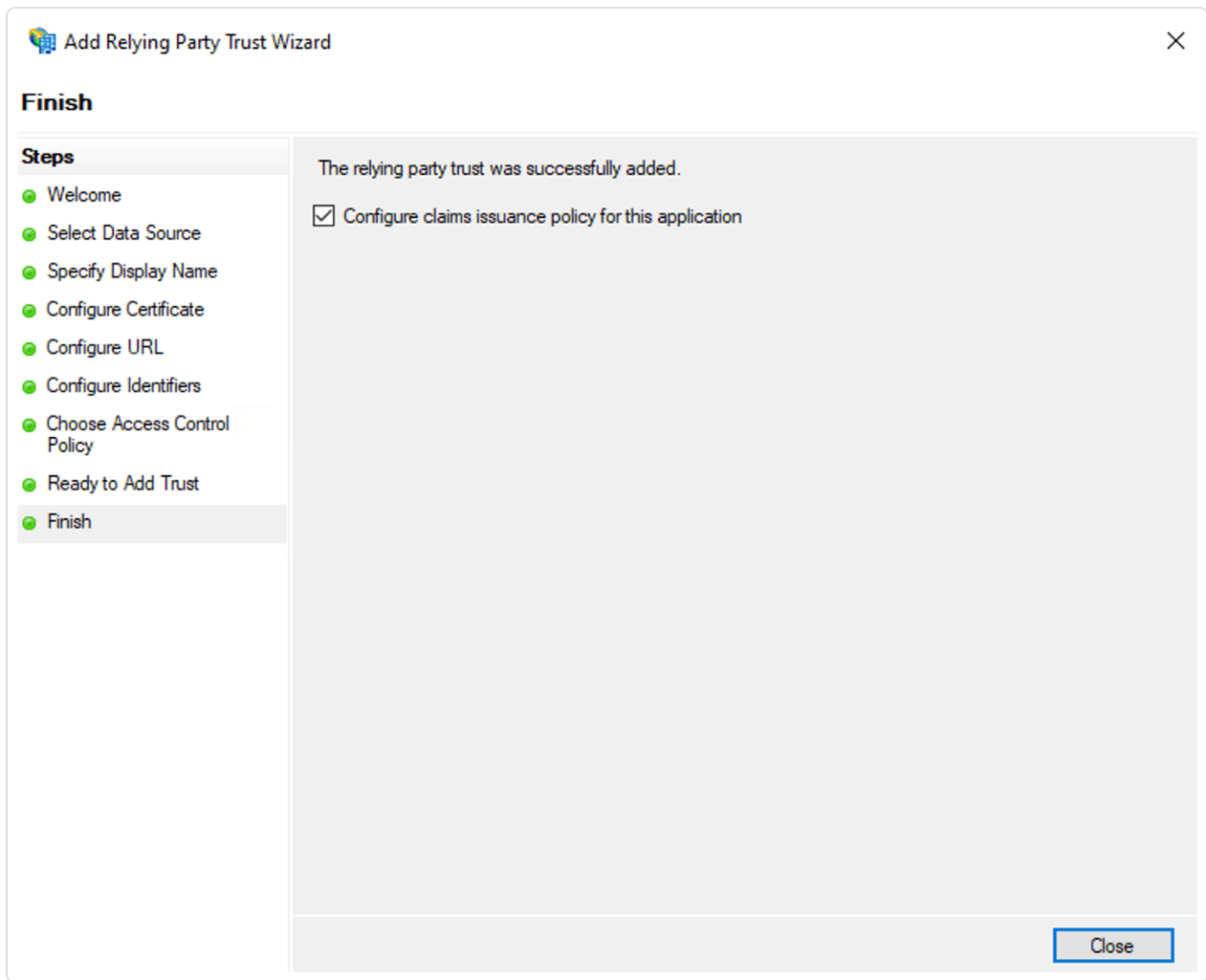
20. Click **Next**.

21. On the **Ready to Add Trust** page, review your configuration.



22. Click **Next**.

23. On the **Finish** page, select the **Configure claims insurance policy for this application** check box.



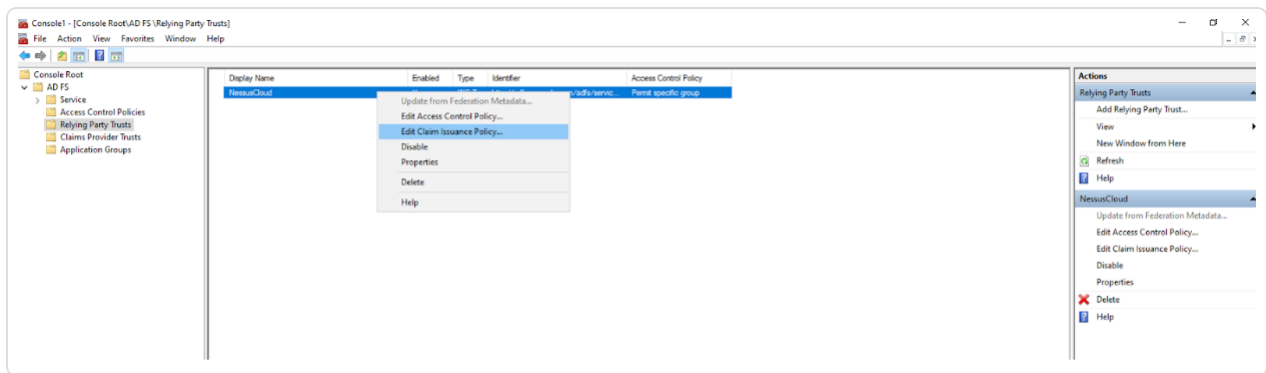
24. Click **Close**.

Configure ADFS Relying Party Claim Rules

Once you configure the ADFS Relying Party Trust, you must then configure the ADFS Relying Party Claim rules to allow proper communication.

To configure ADFS Relying Party Claim rules:

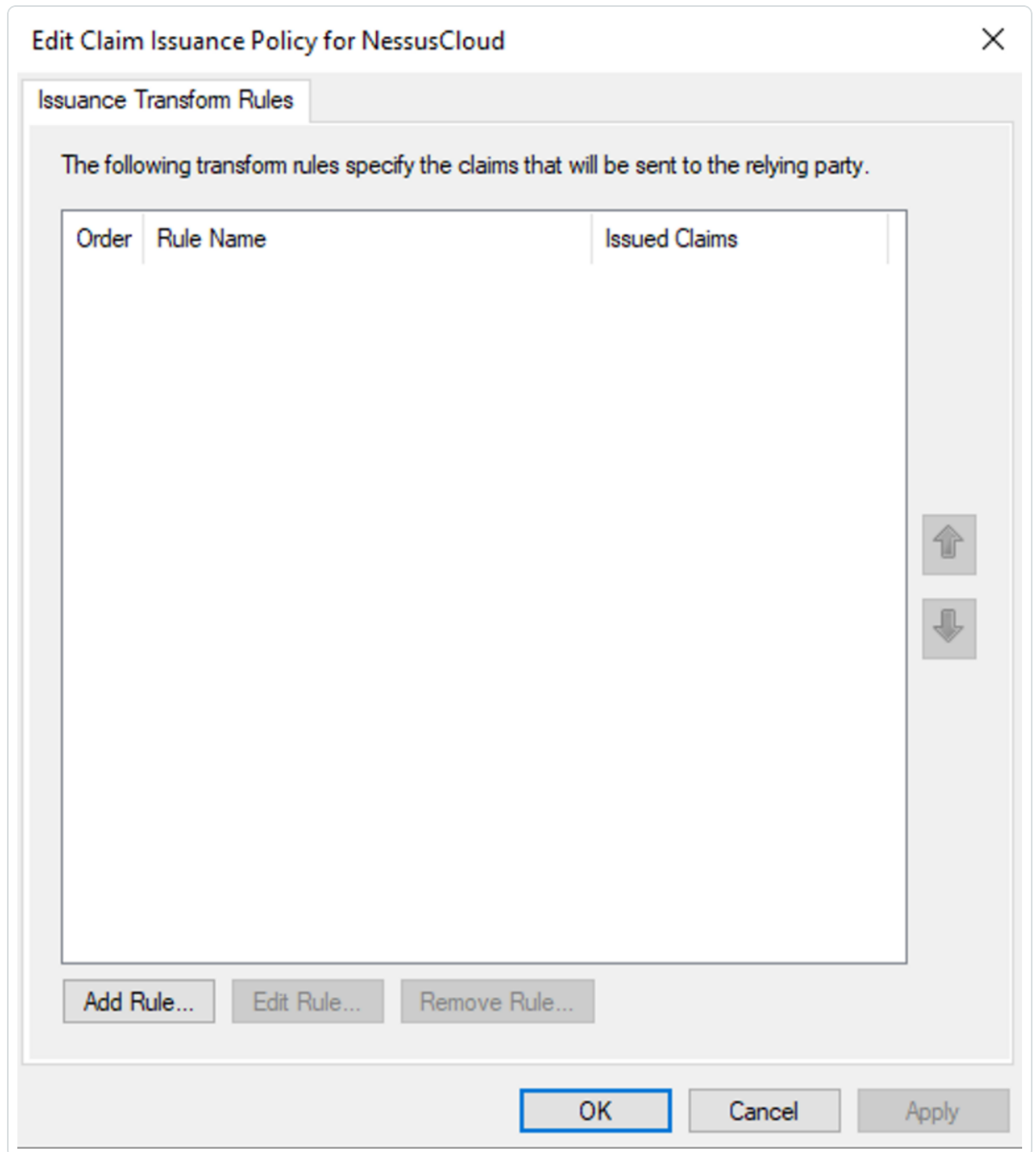
1. Open the MMC.exe console.
2. In the **Relying Party Trusts** folder, right-click the trust and select **Edit Claim Issuance Policy**.



The **Edit Claims Issuance Policy** window appears.

3. Configure two rules:

- Rule one:
 - a. Click Add Rule.



The Transform Claim Rule wizard appears.

- b. On the **Select Rule Template** page, in the **Claim rule template** drop-down, select **Send LDAP Attributes as Claims**.

The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Add Transform Claim Rule Wizard" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. The main heading is "Select Rule Template". On the left, there is a "Steps" panel with two items: "Choose Rule Type" (marked with a green dot) and "Configure Claim Rule" (marked with a blue dot). The main area contains the following text: "Select the template for the claim rule that you want to create from the following list. The description provides details about each claim rule template." Below this is a "Claim rule template:" label followed by a dropdown menu showing "Send LDAP Attributes as Claims". Underneath is a "Claim rule template description:" label followed by a text box containing the following text: "Using the Send LDAP Attribute as Claims rule template you can select attributes from an LDAP attribute store such as Active Directory to send as claims to the relying party. Multiple attributes may be sent as multiple claims from a single rule using this rule type. For example, you can use this rule template to create a rule that will extract attribute values for authenticated users from the displayName and telephoneNumber Active Directory attributes and then send those values as two different outgoing claims. This rule may also be used to send all of the user's group memberships. If you want to only send individual group memberships, use the Send Group Membership as a Claim rule template." At the bottom right, there are three buttons: "< Previous" (disabled), "Next >" (active/highlighted), and "Cancel" (disabled).

- c. Click **Next**.
- d. On the **Configure Rule** page, configure the following settings:
- **Claim rule name**
 - **Attribute store** – Select **Active Directory**
 - **Mapping of LDAP attributes to outgoing claim types**

Add Transform Claim Rule Wizard ✕

Configure Rule

Steps

- Choose Rule Type
- Configure Claim Rule

You can configure this rule to send the values of LDAP attributes as claims. Select an attribute store from which to extract LDAP attributes. Specify how the attributes will map to the outgoing claim types that will be issued from the rule.

Claim rule name:

Rule template: Send LDAP Attributes as Claims

Attribute store:

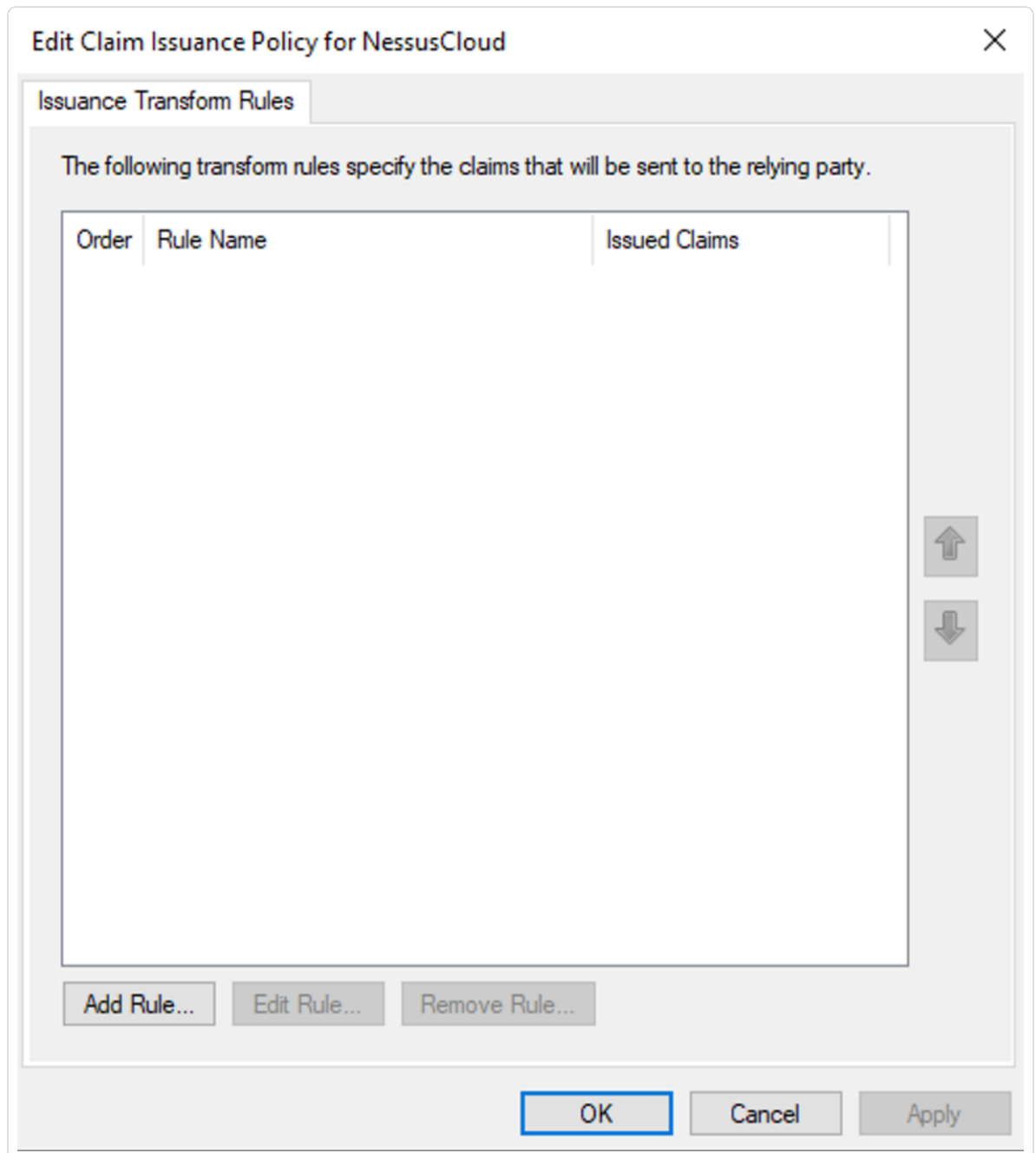
Mapping of LDAP attributes to outgoing claim types:

	LDAP Attribute (Select or type to add more)	Outgoing Claim Type (Select or type to add more)
▶	E-Mail-Addresses	E-Mail Address
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e. Click **Finish**.

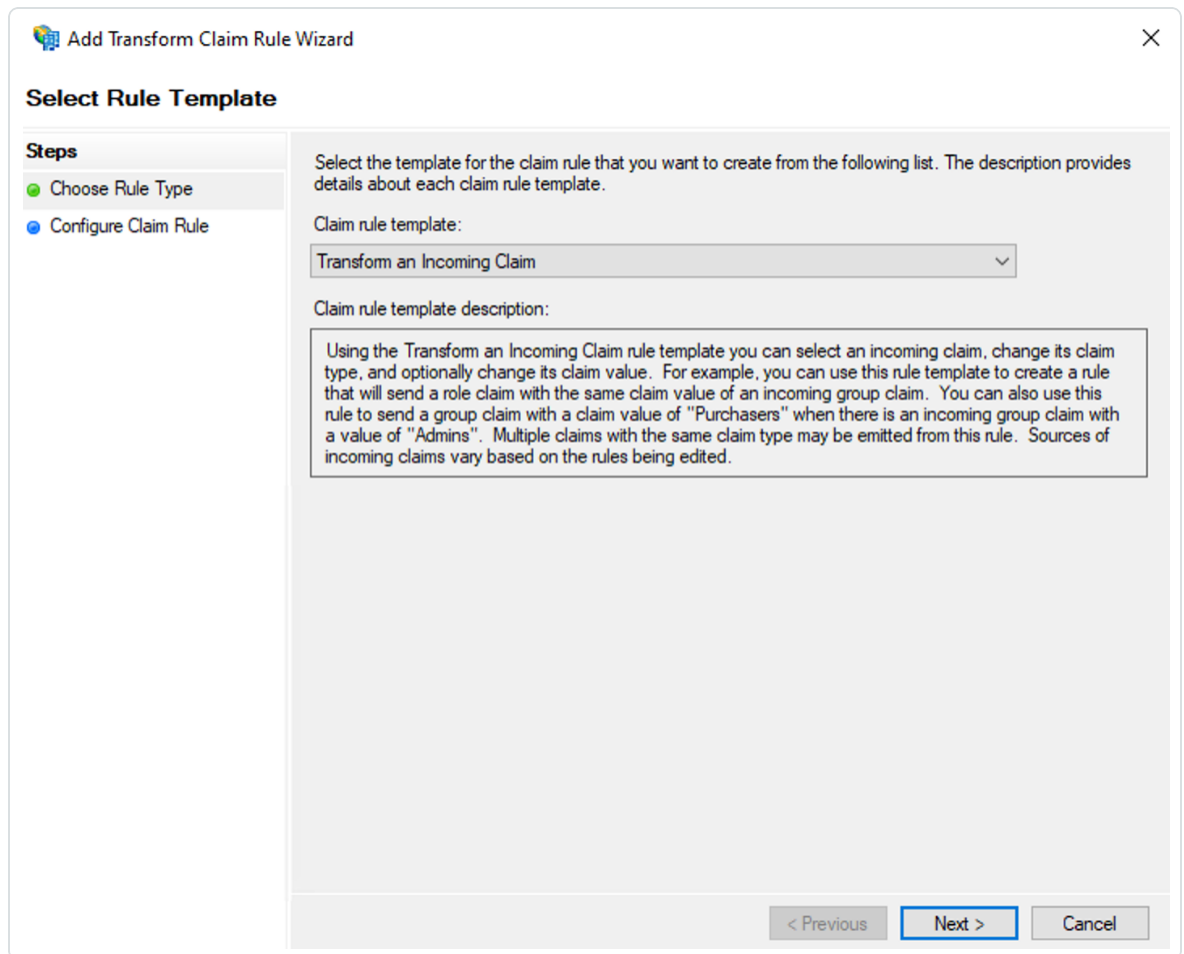
Rule two:

- a. Click **Add Rule**.

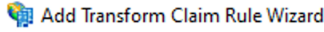


The **Transform Claim Rule** wizard appears.

- b. On the **Select Rule Template** page, in the **Claim rule template** drop-down, select **Transform an Incoming Claim**.



- c. Click **Next**.
- d. On the **Configure Rule** page, configure the following settings:
 - **Claim rule name**
 - **Outgoing claim type** – select **E-mail Address**
 - **Outgoing name ID format** – select **Unspecified**
 - **Pass through all claim values** radio button – select radio button

 Add Transform Claim Rule Wizard ✕

Configure Rule

Steps

- Choose Rule Type
- Configure Claim Rule

You can configure this rule to map an incoming claim type to an outgoing claim type. As an option, you can also map an incoming claim value to an outgoing claim value. Specify the incoming claim type to map to the outgoing claim type and whether the claim value should be mapped to a new claim value.

Claim rule name:

Rule template: Transform an Incoming Claim

Incoming claim type:

Incoming name ID format:

Outgoing claim type:

Outgoing name ID format:

Pass through all claim values

Replace an incoming claim value with a different outgoing claim value

Incoming claim value:

Outgoing claim value:

Replace incoming e-mail suffix claims with a new e-mail suffix

New e-mail suffix:

Example: fabrikam.com

e. Click **Finish**.

You return to the **Edit Claims Issuance Policy** window.

4. Click **OK**.

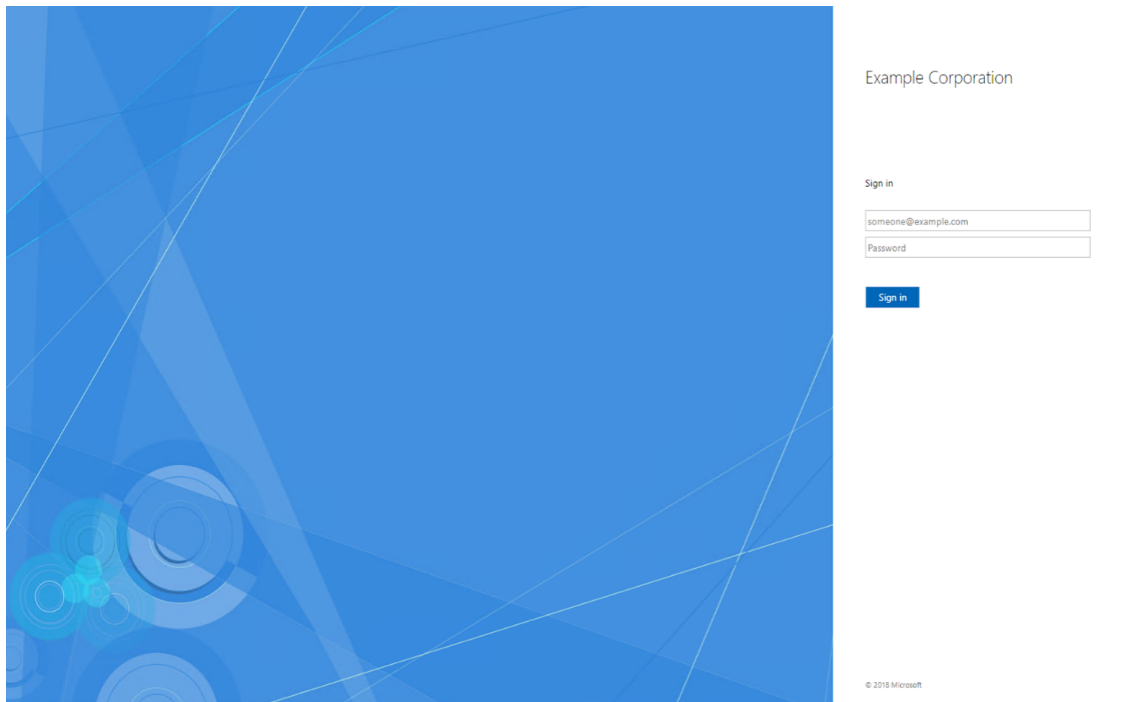
Download your SAML Metadata File

To download your SAML Metadata.xml file:

1. In your browser, navigate to your ADFS portal.

Note: Your login URL varies based on the DNS FQDN you configured. For example, in this case, the ADFS SSO Portal login would be: *https://ads.example.com/ads/ls/idpinitiatedsignon*.

2. Type your login credentials and click **Sign In**.



You log in to the ADFS portal.

3. In your browser, paste your specific IDP address to download the metadata.xml file. In this example, our URL is *https://ads.example.com/FederationMetadata/2007-06/FederationMetadata.xml*.

The ADFS portal downloads the metadata.xml file to your computer. Depending on your browser settings, your browser may notify you that the download is complete.

Appendix A: Configuring SAML in Tenable Vulnerability Management

To configure Tenable Vulnerability Management SAML in a FedRAMP environment:

1. Provide a copy of your metadata.xml file to your Tenable sales representative.

The Tenable sales representative provisions your container appropriately. Once provisioned, your representative provides you with the completed URL for your Relying Party Trust.

2. Use this URL when configuring a Relying Party Trust. For more information, see [Configure an ADFS Relying Party Trust](#).

To configure Tenable Vulnerability Management SAML in a non-FedRAMP environment:

Follow the [SAML Configuration](#) instructions in the *Tenable Vulnerability Management User Guide*.