

Do EFT Server and SAT support a multi-forest configuration?

THE INFORMATION IN THIS ARTICLE APPLIES TO:

- EFT Server, version 6.1 and later

QUESTION

Do EFT Server and SAT support a multi-forest configuration? Can EFT Server pull user accounts from multiple child domains and/or forests?

Domain local groups from other domains and also distribution groups are no longer supported in 8.0.

ANSWER

EFT Server allows you to specify only one domain and one group. However, that group can contain groups and users from foreign domains, as long as a trust relationship exists between the domains. This allows users from remote domains to authenticate to EFT Server. So, as long as a trust relationship exists between the domains, EFT Server can authenticate users from remote domains. The domain in which EFT Server resides will need to have a group that contains the foreign domain users. The main point is that EFT Server only talks to one AD/forest/controller. If the AD/forest/controller is properly configured to get information from the other domain/forest, then EFT Server will authenticate those users. This also applies to the Secure Ad Hoc Transfer (SAT) authentication module when AD authentication is used.



If you plan to override SAT's Integrated Windows Authentication by modifying the configuration settings file's Path, DomainAdminUser, DomainAdminPass (base64 encoded), and AuthenticationMethod fields, you must also set "ConnectionSettingEnabled" value="True", otherwise those values will NOT be used by SAT.

Please refer to the online help topics [Support for Foreign Groups](#) and [Using SAT with Active Directory](#).

Do EFT Server and SAT support a multi-forest configuration?

NOTE: When your forest contains domain trees with many child domains and you observe noticeable user authentication delays between the child domains, you can optimize the user authentication process between the child domains by creating shortcut trusts to mid-level domains in the domain tree hierarchy.

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