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Abstract

Guide to ForgeRock Identity Platform™ modules.



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About the ForgeRock Identity Platform

ForgeRock Identity Platform is the only offering for access management, identity management, user-managed access, directory services, and an identity gateway, designed and built as a single, unified platform.

This guide describes in general terms the ForgeRock® modules that compose the ForgeRock Identity Platform, and indicates where to find the documentation corresponding to each module. "ForgeRock Identity Platform Modules" summarizes the modules available.

ForgeRock Identity Platform Modules

Core Solution	Module	Find Details In
ForgeRock Access Management	Authentication	"Authentication Module"
(AM)	Authorization	"Authorization Module"
	Federation	"Federation Module"
	Adaptive Risk	"Adaptive Risk Module"
	User-Managed Access	"User-Managed Access Module"
ForgeRock Identity Management	Identity Synchronization	"Identity Synchronization Module"
(IDM)	Self-Service	"Self-Service Module"
	Workflow	"Workflow Module"
	Social Identity	"Social Identity Module"
ForgeRock Directory Services (DS)	Directory Server	"Directory Server Module"
	Directory Proxy Server	"Directory Proxy Server Module"
ForgeRock Identity Gateway (IG)	Identity Gateway	"Identity Gateway Module"

In addition to the modules listed in this guide, you can use the following ForgeRock software to enhance platform deployments:

ForgeRock DevOps Examples

DevOps Examples demonstrate installation, configuration, and deployment of ForgeRock Identity Platform components using DevOps techniques.

See DevOps Guide.



ForgeRock Authenticator Application

This app allows end users to perform multi-factor authentication and transactional authorization from a registered Android or iOS device. It is designed for use in both multi-factor and passwordless authentication scenarios. It is associated with a Push Authentication Simple Notification Service module that depends on the module described in "Authentication Module".

See About Push Authentication and Introducing Transactional Authorization.

For further details and help gaining access to additional software, contact ForgeRock at info@forgerock.com. If your project or deployment requires source code access, also contact ForgeRock.

This guide includes general statements of functionality for the following software versions:

- ForgeRock Access Management 5.5, with web policy agents 4.1, and Java EE policy agents 3.5
- ForgeRock Identity Management 5.5
- ForgeRock Directory Services 5.5
- ForgeRock Identity Gateway 5.5

This document is not meant to serve as a statement of functional specifications. Software functionality may evolve in incompatible ways in major and minor releases, and occasionally in maintenance (patch) releases. Release notes cover many incompatible changes. If you see an incompatible change for a stable interface that is not mentioned in the release notes, please report an issue with the product documentation for that release.



Chapter 1 Access Management

ForgeRock Access Management 5.5 software has been used to provide the following capabilities:

- Advanced authentication
- Mobile authentication
- · Push authentication
- Adaptive risk authentication
- Centralized and distributed authorization
- Federation
- Single sign-on (SSO)
- · User self-services and social sign-on
- High-availability and scalability
- · Adaptable monitoring and auditing services
- Developer-friendly, rich standards support

1.1. Authentication Module

This module will help you build secure, robust, centrally managed single sign-on services, where the user, application, or device signs on once and then is granted appropriate access everywhere. Authentication management integrates delegated authentication chains with many authentication methods supported by default. All authentication-related events are logged for auditing and reporting purposes.

Authentication module features are described in "Module Features".

Feature	Description	Documentation
Authentication Modules	More than twenty modules provided, including multi-factor and strong authentication	Authentication Module Properties



Feature	Description	Documentation
Session High Availability	Persistent access management sessions, authenticating the user until the session expires	Session high availability is enabled by default with no setup required.
Multi-Factor and Strong Authentication	Capability to challenge for additional credentials when authentication takes place under centrally-defined risky or suspicious conditions	About Multi-Factor Authentication
External Configuration Store	Configuration storage in ForgeRock Directory Services for high-availability	Preparing an External Configuration Data Store
REST and SOAP STS	Secure Token Service (STS) for bridging identities across web and enterprise identity access management (IAM) systems through a token transformation process, securely providing cross-system access to service resources by authenticated requesting applications	About the STS
Policy Agents for SSO	Intercept requests to access protected resources and redirect for appropriate authentication	Java EE and Web Policy Agents Documentation
Mobile Authenticator	Sample iOS and Android applications for strong multi-factor authentication with one-time passwords, secure QR code provisioning, and recovery codes for lost or stolen devices	Sample Mobile Authentication Applications

1.2. Authorization Module

This module will help you create powerful, context-based policies with a GUI-based policy editor and with REST APIs to control access to online resources. Resources can be URLs, external services, or devices and things. Authorization management lets you manage policies centrally and enforce them locally through installable agents, or through REST, C, and Java applications. Authorization management is extensible, making it possible to define external subjects, complex conditions, and custom access decisions.

Authorization module features are described in "Module Features".

Feature	Description	Documentation
Entitlement Policies	Modern web-based policy editor for building policies, making it possible to add and update policies as needed	Introducing Authorization



Feature	Description	Documentation
	without touching the underlying applications	
Policy Agents for Enforcement	Access enforcement for online resources with the capability to require higher levels of authentication and session upgrade when accessing sensitive resources	Java EE and Web Policy Agents Documentation
XACML Export	Support for eXtensible Access Control Markup Language (XACML) with export in XACML format for backup, transfer between servers, and storage in version control systems	Importing and Exporting Policies

1.3. Federation Module

This module will help you extend SSO capabilities across organization boundaries based on standards-based interoperability.

Federation module features are described in "Module Features".

Feature	Description	Documentation
SAML 2.0 IDP and SP	Identity federation with SaaS applications, such as Salesforce.com, Google Apps, WebEx, and many more	Configuring IdPs, SPs, and COTs
SAML 2.0 SSO and SLO	Web Single Sign-On and Single Logout profile support	Implementing SAML v2.0 SSO and SLO
ADFS	Federation with Active Directory Federation Services	Introducing SAML v2.0 Support
SAML 2.0 Attribute and Advanced Profiles	Support for transmitting only attributes used by targeted applications	SAML v2.0 Deployment Overview
OpenID Connect	OpenID Connect 1.0 compliance for running an OpenID Provider, including advanced profiles, such as Mobile Connect	Introducing OpenID Connect 1.0
OAuth 2.0	OAuth 2.0 compliance for running an authorization server	Introducing OAuth 2.0
Social Login	For acting as an OAuth 2.0 client of social identity providers, such as Facebook, Google, and Microsoft	Implementing Social Authentication



1.4. Adaptive Risk Module

This module introduces risk assessment to the authentication and authorization processes. It can be customized to provide risk scoring, flexible conditions, and contextual determination of risk to bar invalid entrants in real time.

Adaptive Risk module features are described in "Module Features".

Module Features

Feature	Description	Documentation
Device Fingerprinting	Authentication decisions based on collection and comparison of remote user device characteristics in a unique device profile	Device ID (Match) Authentication Module Properties, Device ID (Save) Authentication Module Properties
Scripted AuthN and AuthZ Conditions	Authentication and authorization decisions incorporating custom, scripted logic	About Scripting
Adaptive Authentication	Risk assessment based on predetermined characteristics to determine whether to complete further authentication steps	Adaptive Risk Authentication Module Properties

1.5. User-Managed Access Module

This module consists of a consumer-facing implementation of the User-Managed Access (UMA) 2.0 standard. The standard defines an OAuth 2.0-based protocol designed to give individuals a unified control point for authorizing who and what can access their digital data, content, and services. For example, you can use this module to build a solution where end users can delegate access though a share button, and then monitor and change sharing preferences through a central dashboard.

User-Managed Access module features are described in "Module Features".

Feature	Description	Documentation
UMA Standard Conformance	Conformance to the UMA 2.0 standard for interoperability with organizational and partner systems, including federated authorization and customer- centric use cases	Introducing UMA 2.0
UMA Authorization Server	Authorization server with dynamic resource set registration, end user control of resource sharing, responses	Configuring an UMA 2.0 Demo System



Feature	Description	Documentation
	to access requests, and full audit history	
UMA Protector	ForgeRock Identity Gateway protection for resources and services with the UMA 2.0 standard	Supporting UMA Resource Servers



Chapter 2 Identity Management

ForgeRock Identity Management 5.5 brings together multiple sources of identity for policy and workflow-based management that puts you in control of the data. Build a solution to consume, transform, and feed data to external sources to help you maintain control over identities of users, devices, and things.

ForgeRock Identity Management 5.5 software has been used to provide the following capabilities:

- Provisioning
- · Synchronization and reconciliation
- Adaptable monitoring and auditing services
- Connections to cloud services with simple social registration
- Flexible developer access
- · Password synchronization
- · Identity data visualization
- User self-service
- · Privacy and consent
- Workflow engine
- OpenICF connector framework to external systems

2.1. Identity Synchronization Module

This module can serve as the foundation for provisioning and identity data reconciliation. Synchronization capabilities are available as a service and through REST APIs to be used directly by external applications. Activities occurring in the system can be configured to log and audit events for reporting purposes.

Identity Synchronization module features are described in "Module Features".



Module Features

Feature	Description	Documentation
Provisioning Engine	Centralized registration and provisioning for users, devices, and things	Synchronizing Data Between Resources
Discovery Engine	Live discovery and synchronization for account changes	Types of Synchronization
Synchronization	Synchronization of identity data across managed data stores	Configuring Synchronization Between Two Resources
Reconciliation	Alignment between accounts across managed data stores	Managing Reconciliation
Password Synchronization	Near real-time password synchronization across managed data stores	Synchronizing Passwords Between IDM and an LDAP Server
Directory Services and Active Directory Plugins	Native password synchronization plugins for ForgeRock Directory Services and Microsoft Active Directory	Synchronizing Passwords With ForgeRock Directory Services (DS), and Synchronizing Passwords With Active Directory
Connector Servers for Java and .NET Connectors	Remote operation for provisioning across all managed data stores	Connecting to External Resources
All Connectors	Extensible interoperability for identity, compliance, and risk management across a variety of specific applications and services	Connector Overview

2.2. Self-Service Module

This module can be used to allow end users to manage their own passwords and profiles securely according to predefined policies.

The capabilities in this module are shared with ForgeRock Access Management as described in *Introducing User Self-Service*.

Self-Service module features are described in "Module Features".

Feature	Description	Documentation
Password Management	End user dashboard to change and reset passwords based on predefined policies and security questions	Working With the Self-Service UI



Feature	Description	Documentation
Password Reset	Mechanisms to allow users to reset their own passwords with predefined policies	Configuring User Self-Service
Knowledge-Based Authentication	Verification for user identities based on predefined and end user-created security questions	Configuring Self-Service Questions (KBA)
Forgotten Username	Mechanisms to allow users to recover their usernames with predefined policies	Forgotten Username
Profile and Privacy Management Dashboard	Dashboard to manage personal user information	Setting Up User-Managed Access (UMA), Trusted Devices, and Privacy

2.3. Workflow Module

This module can be used to visually organize identity synchronization, reconciliation, and provisioning into repeatable processes with logging and auditing for reporting purposes.

Workflow module features are described in "Module Features".

Module Features

Feature	Description	Documentation
Activiti Workflow Engine	Lightweight workflow and business process management platform	Setting Up Activiti Integration
BPMN 2.0 Support	Standards-based Business Process Model and Notation 2.0 support	BPMN 2.0 and the Activiti Tools
Workflow-Driven Provisioning	Define provisioning workflows for self-service, sunrise and sunset processes, approvals, escalations, and maintenance	Integrating Business Processes and Workflows

2.4. Social Identity Module

With this module, you can allow users to register and authenticate with specified standards-compliant social identity providers. These users can also link multiple social identity providers to the same account, thus establishing a single consumer identity.

With the attributes collected from each user profile, you can configure the module to authorize access to applications and resources, including lead generation tools.

Social identity module features are described in "Module Features".



Feature	Description	Documentation
Registration	User registration with social identity accounts	Configuring Social Identity Providers
Authentication	Social login for identity management	OpenID Connect Authorization Code Flow
Consent and Preference Management	Configurable user preferences	Configuring Synchronization Filters With User Preferences
Account Linking	Users can select specific social identity providers for logins	Managing Links Between End User Accounts and Social ID Providers
Attribute Scope Management	Administrators can include any or all scopes available, by social identity provider	Configuring Social Identity Providers



Chapter 3 Directory Services

ForgeRock Directory Services 5.5 serves as a foundation for LDAPv3 and RESTful directories.

ForgeRock Directory Services software has been used to provide the following capabilities:

- Large-scale, distributed read and write performance
- Flexible key-value data model for storing users, devices, and things
- · Data storage with confidentiality, integrity, and security
- High-availability through data replication and proxy services
- Single logical entry point for use in protecting LDAPv3 directory services
- Load-balancing and failover for LDAPv3 directory services
- Maximum interoperability and pass-through delegated authentication
- · Adaptable monitoring and auditing services
- Easy installation, configuration, and management
- Developer-friendly, rich standards support

3.1. Directory Server Module

ForgeRock Directory Server module features are described in "Module Features".

Feature	Description	Documentation
LDAPv3	Compliance with the latest LDAP protocol standards	Understanding Directory Services
REST APIs and REST to LDAP Gateway	HTTP-based RESTful access to user data and server configuration	RESTful Client Access Over HTTP
DSMLv2 Gateway	HTTP-based SOAP access to LDAP operations for web services	DSML Client Access



Feature	Description	Documentation
High-Availability Multi- Master Replication	Data replication for always-on services, enabling failover and disaster recovery	Managing Data Replication
Embedded Databases	Choice of Oracle Berkeley DB or ForgeRock DB	Creating a New Database Backend
User/Object Store	Flexible key-value data model for storing users, devices, and things	Managing Directory Data
Passwords and Data Security	Password digests, encryption schemes, and customizable rules for password policy compliance to help protect data on disk and shared infrastructure	Encrypting Directory Data, Configuring Password Policy

3.2. Directory Proxy Server Module

ForgeRock Directory Proxy Server module features are described in "Module Features".

Feature	Description	Documentation
Single Point of Access	Uniform view of underlying LDAPv3 directory services for client applications	Deploying a Single Point of Directory Access
High Service Availability	LDAP services with reliable crossover and DN-based routing	Deploying Proxy Services for High Availability
Load-Balancing and Failover	Configurable load-balancing across directory servers with redundancy, and capabilities to handle referrals, connection failures, and network partitions	Choosing a Load Balancing Algorithm
Protection For Directory Services	Secure incoming and outgoing connections, and provide coarse-grained access control	Securing Network Connections, About Global Access Control Policies
LDAPv3	Compliance with the latest LDAP protocol standards	Understanding Directory Services
REST APIs	HTTP-based RESTful access to user data and server configuration	RESTful Client Access Over HTTP



Chapter 4 Identity Gateway

ForgeRock Identity Gateway 5.5 can help you integrate web applications, APIs, and microservices with the ForgeRock Identity Platform, without modifying the application or the container where it runs. Based on reverse proxy architecture, it enforces security and access control in conjunction with the Access Management modules.

ForgeRock Identity Gateway software has been used to provide the following capabilities:

- Protection for IoT services, microservices, and APIs
- Policy enforcement
- · Adaptable throttling, monitoring, and auditing
- Secure token transformation
- Support for identity standards such as OAuth 2.0, OpenID Connect, SAML 2.0, and UMA 2.0
- · Password capture and replay
- Rapid prototyping

4.1. Identity Gateway Module

The ForgeRock Identity Gateway module features are described in "Module Features".

Feature	Description	Documentation
OpenID Connect Authentication	Federation according to OpenID Connect 1.0 standards	Identity Gateway As an OAuth 2.0 Client or OpenID Connect Relying Party
OAuth 2.0 Authorization	Federation according to OAuth 2.0 standards	Acting As an OAuth 2.0 Resource Server, Acting As an OAuth 2.0 Client or OpenID Connect Relying Party
Access Policy Enforcement	Enforcement of centralized authorization policies for applications requiring Access Management	Enforcing Policy Decisions and Supporting Session Upgrade



Feature	Description	Documentation
AM STS Token Translator	Access to SAML resources for mobile applications (requires Access Management)	Transforming OpenID Connect ID Tokens Into SAML Assertions
Throttling	Throttling to limit access to protected applications	Throttling the Rate of Requests to Protected Applications
Password Replay	Secure replay of credentials to legacy applications or APIs	Getting Login Credentials From Data Sources
Studio	User interface for rapid development and prototyping	Creating Routes Through IG Studio
DevOps Tooling	Deploying Basic and Customized Configurations Through Docker	Deployment Guide
UMA Resource Server	Protection for resources and services according to the UMA 2.0 standard	Supporting UMA Resource Servers