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Multi-tenant support in FAS

We are introducing support for Federated Authentication Service (FAS) across multi-tenant environments. FAS supports single sign-on to DaaS in Citrix Workspace™, typically when using Microsoft Entra ID or other 3rd-part IdP for Citrix Workspace Authentication. Until now, it has not been possible to use FAS with multi-tenant (CSP) environments. This feature adds support for FAS across multi-tenant environments, allowing the SSO functionality to be provided in these configurations.

For more information, see Enable Federated Authentication Service for a tenant customer.

For information about bug fixes, see Fixed issues.

Federated Authentication Service 2212

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This release of Federated Authentication Service includes no new features.

For information about bug fixes, see Fixed issues.

Federated Authentication Service 2209

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This release of Federated Authentication Service includes no new features.

For information about bug fixes, see Fixed issues.

Federated Authentication Service 2206

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This release of Federated Authentication Service (FAS) includes the following new features:

- **Registration for FAS Servers.** Updated the Citrix Cloud™ registration flow for Federated Authentication Service (FAS) servers to provide a consistent user experience, and improve the security posture of FAS servers.

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The new registration service for FAS removes the need to open a new browser on the server. The registration service provides a consistent on-premises user experience with other Citrix on-premises products, improves the security posture of FAS servers, and reduces the administrator configuration on FAS servers. For more information, see Connect to Citrix Cloud.

- **Event log improvements.** Added new FAS event logs. For details of these event logs, see FAS event logs.

For information about bug fixes, see Fixed issues.

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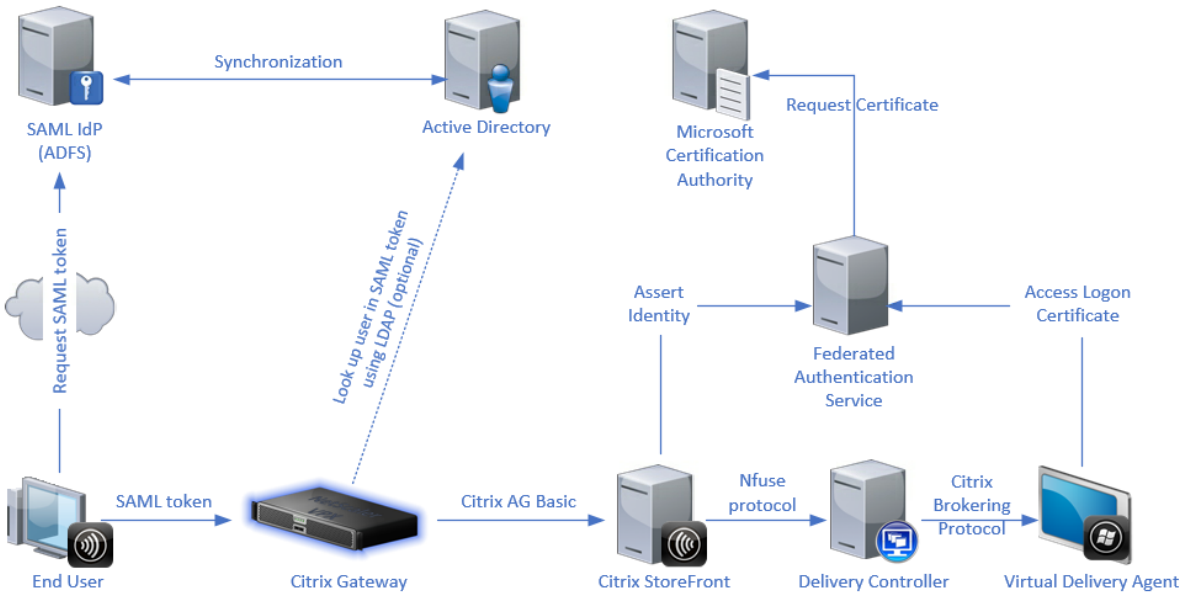
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The following diagram shows FAS integrating with a Microsoft Certification Authority and providing support services to StoreFront and Citrix Virtual Apps and Desktops™ Virtual Delivery Agents (VDAs).



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Trusted StoreFront servers contact FAS as users request access to the Citrix environment. FAS grants a ticket that allows a single Citrix Virtual Apps or Citrix Virtual Desktops™ session to authenticate with a certificate for that session. When a VDA needs to authenticate a user, it connects to FAS and redeems the ticket. Only FAS has access to the user certificate's private key; the VDA must send each signing and decryption operation that it needs to perform with the certificate to FAS.

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