

Single Sign-On and Active Directory Integration

Project Hosts Single Sign-On and Active Directory Integration can reduce complexity and administration of hosted deployments.

Single Sign-On

Single Sign-On is included by default in all Project Hosts deployments. With Single Sign-On, users are automatically logged into hosted environments without having to enter in a username and password each time.

Here's how it works: When a user is first set up with access to a hosted environment, they are given a username and password for that environment. On their local Windows PC, the user then navigates to the Windows Stored Usernames and Passwords Tool and enters the URL, username, and password for the hosted environment (may require administrative access to the PC). Once this information is entered, thereafter users will automatically gain access to their hosted environments as soon as they log into their local PCs.

Active Directory Integration

Active Directory (AD) Integration is available in Project Hosts deployments for an additional fee of \$1,000 setup and \$250/month. With AD integration ...

- If a user is disabled in a Customer's corporate AD, it is automatically disabled in their hosted deployment.
- If a user's information (email, department, etc.) is changed in a Customer's AD, it is automatically changed in their hosted deployment.
- If a user is created in a Customer's AD in a specified group, then that user is also created in their hosted deployment.

Here's how it works:

- The Customer's IT department creates a user that has the permission to read information from their corporate AD for the organizations, departments, or groups of users that will be using the hosted deployment.
- Project Hosts gives Customer a script to run on a server in Customer's domain. The script (readable by the IT department) uses Customer's AD user (created above) and periodically calls a web service at Project Hosts to transfer select corporate AD information to the hosted deployment.
- The script may transfer Display names, email, department, group, but it does not transfer passwords or AD usernames.
- If the web service sees changes in Customer's corporate AD information, it will implement those changes in the hosted deployment.
- If AD Integration creates a new user in the hosted environment, a hosted username and password will be created for and sent to that user, so that the user can implement Single Sign-On (see above).