Easily Manage Access to SharePoint for All Your Internal and External Users

Do you want the benefits of your investment in Microsoft SharePoint Server to apply to more users? Okta can connect all your users to SharePoint, allowing you to get a bigger ROI by improving collaboration with customers and partners, and connecting internal users from multiple divisions to a single SharePoint deployment.

Okta provides a broad set of functionality to address the user management, single sign-on and federation needs for your SharePoint portal.

Overview and Challenges

Enterprises use SharePoint portals for a wide variety of purposes, including internal and external collaboration and centralized landing pages for providing access to applications and data.

Identity and Access Management challenges associated with Portals:

- Managing external users that are not in your enterprise Active Directory
- Allowing customers or partners to authenticate and access your SharePoint portal using their own enterprise identities
- If you use SharePoint as a landing page for access to other applications, users may have to authenticate again to access those applications
- If you have a complex Active Directory environment, it may require costly directory consolidation to connect all your users to SharePoint

Manage External Users

With Okta, organizations can quickly and easily manage access to SharePoint for customers and partners and provide them with single sign-on across multiple sites and applications, all with a 100-percent on-demand, secure, highly available service.

Cloud Directory

Okta’s native cloud directory can be used as the primary user store for external identities, eliminating the costs associated with setting up and maintaining additional directories for external users. User profiles and their associated properties can originate in Okta and be managed from Okta, or they can be mastered from a variety of external sources.

Avoid Costly Directory Consolidation

Many enterprises want to roll out centralized services on SharePoint while maintaining directory autonomy for divisions or branches. The options are limited to either costly directory consolidation projects that can take months or a portal deployment that does not reach all users. By using Okta these organizations can get the full ROI from their portal investments by reaching all their users, avoiding costly directory consolidation, and allowing sub-divisions to maintain control over their directory environments.
Automated User Registration and Application User Management

If using SharePoint as an entry point for access to other applications, Okta can automate user registration and provisioning. SharePoint portal users only need to register once; accounts are then automatically created in each behind-the-scene web application using Okta’s user management capabilities.

Application specific user properties such as group membership, role, or profile can be set based on rules associated with the Okta user profile and automatically pushed into the behind-the-scenes applications.

Single Sign-On to Any Cloud or Web Application

Okta creates a seamless end user experience by providing Single Sign-On (SSO) to all of the web applications that make up your portal. Users log in once, and then are passed on to each portion of the portal without having to re-enter credentials.

Expose On-prem Business Intelligence or SQL Data to Federated Users

Okta’s unique integration to SharePoint Server integrates with Microsoft’s C2WTS module and is pre-built to translate a WS-Fed claim in SharePoint coming from Okta to a Kerberos token.

This gives you the power to expose on-prem data coming from a source that uses Kerberos to federated users of your SharePoint portal. Many enterprises face this issue as they expose SharePoint to external users that are not behind the firewall and authenticating to an AD domain. With Okta, you can give these federated users access to data on a SharePoint site that comes from sources such as a business intelligence system or a SQL database.

Embed Applications with Federated Authentication

Okta enables you to embed other applications within a SharePoint site, creating a seamless user experience that authenticates the user into all embedded applications without requiring complex integration work.

Integrate with Existing IAM Solutions

Because it’s an extensible platform, Okta can integrate with your existing identity and access management solution, and can provide both SSO and user management to applications already integrated to that identity management solution.

About Okta

Okta is the foundation for secure connections between people and technology. By harnessing the power of the cloud, Okta allows people to access applications on any device at any time, while still enforcing strong security protections. It integrates directly with an organization’s existing directories and identity systems, as well as 4,000+ applications.

Because Okta runs on an integrated platform, organizations can implement the service quickly at large scale and low total cost.

Thousands of customers, including Adobe, Allergan, Chiquita, LinkedIn, and Western Union, trust Okta to help their organizations work faster, boost revenue, and stay secure.

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