

# Authentication

## Overview

JFrog Distribution manages user authentication through a configured Artifactory instance, which is the Authentication Provider. This enables using the LDAP/Crowd or SAML corporate authentication facilities that Artifactory uses which, in turn, lets you import users and groups defined in the corresponding LDAP /Crowd or SAML authentication server.

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## Configuring an Authentication Provider

Your authentication provider is set up during the service registry under [Mission Control managing services section](#).

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## Logging into Distribution

When logging into Distribution, you will be redirected to your authentication provider's login page via OAuth 2.0.

## Resetting Authentication Provider Pairing

The activation process through JFrog Mission Control initializes a pairing between the Distribution service and the authentication provider.

To reset the authentication provider pairing, you'll need to delete the following file from the installed JFrog Distribution file structure:

```
/var/opt/jfrog/distribution/.platform/.delete_me_to_pair_artifactory.lock
```

Once the file is deleted, "Add" the Distribution to Mission Control again in order to activate service as described in [Distribution Service](#) in the JFrog Mission Control User Guide and initialize the pairing between Distribution and the authentication provider.