

**BIG-IP® Access Policy Manager® and
BIG-IP® Edge Client™ for iOS v2.0.8
Technical Note**

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Chapter 1

Configuring Access Policy Manager for BIG-IP Edge Client

Topics:

- [*Overview: BIG-IP Edge Client for Mobile Devices*](#)
- [*Prerequisites for configuring Edge Client*](#)
- [*Access Policy Manager configuration for BIG-IP Edge Client for mobile devices*](#)

Overview: BIG-IP Edge Client for Mobile Devices

What does BIG-IP Edge Client do for mobile devices?

BIG-IP® Edge Client® for mobile devices provides full network access through BIG-IP® Access Policy Manager®. With network access, users can run applications such as RDP, SSH, Citrix, VMware View, and other enterprise applications on their mobile devices.

For information about how to use BIG-IP Edge Client, refer to the *BIG-IP® Edge Client® for iOS User Guide* on your device.

BIG-IP Edge Client features include:

- N-factor authentication (at least two input fields, password and passcode) support
- User name and password, client certificate, and RSA SecurID support
- Multiple input field support
- Credential caching support
- Support for DNS address space for split-tunneling configurations
- Support for checking information from client devices
- Support for automatically launching applications on client devices
- Support for roaming between 3G and WiFi networks
- Landing URI support
- Logging support to report issues
- Support for private-side internal proxy servers. Public-side proxy servers are not currently supported.
- Support client certificate for DTLS tunnels and SSL tunnels
- Support for SAML 2.0 features in BIG-IP® Access Policy Manager®

About SAML support

The BIG-IP® Edge Client® app provides the following SAML support:

- Service provider-initiated access only, for example, APM acting as the service provider (SP)
- Web Logon mode only
- Single Log-Out (SLO): supported only when the logout action is initiated from the client

When you use Edge Client as a client performing SP-initiated access, Edge Client first connects to BIG-IP® Access Policy Manager® (APM®). Because there is no assertion, APM redirects the client to the IdP. The IdP then authenticates the user and redirects Edge Client back to the SP with assertion. APM then accepts the assertion and establishes a VPN connection. You can then access back-end resources through Edge Client .

You can configure a BIG-IP system by configuring APM as an SP. The access policy that is associated with the configuration assigns a SAML AAA resource followed by a Network Access Resource. For more information about SAML configurations, refer to the *BIG-IP® Access Policy Manager®: Authentication and Single Sign-On* guide.

About supported authentication types

The BIG-IP® Edge Client® for iOS devices provides these authentication types:

Authentication type	Description
VPN On-Demand	Provides the following three options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User name and password • Client certificate • Client certificate + user name and password (no runtime prompt)
Regular Logon	Provides the following three options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • User name and password

Authentication type	Description
Web Logon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Client certificate Client certificate + user name and password (no runtime prompt) <p>Provides the following four options:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> User name and password User name/password + RSA + any other server-side checks Client certificate Client certificate + user name and password (no runtime prompt)

About establishing VPN connections

The BIG-IP® Edge Client® application (app) for mobile devices provides users with two options to establish a VPN tunnel connection. A user can start a tunnel connection explicitly with the BIG-IP Edge Client application, or implicitly through the VPN On-Demand functionality.

For example, a connection can be configured to automatically trigger whenever a certain domain or host name pattern is matched.

VPN On-Demand considerations:

- When VPN On-Demand initiates a connection, user intervention is not allowed. For example, if a password is needed for authentication, but is not supplied in the configuration, the connection fails. Note that RSA authentication is not supported.
- VPN On-Demand supports only two authentication types. After you have imported the configuration profile, you can perform configurations to add additional credential authentication using the application.
- VPN On-Demand does not work if you enable Web Logon.

About pre-logon checks supported for iOS devices

Access Policy Manager® can check unique identifying information from an iOS client device. The supported session variables, which become populated with the iOS client device information, are gathered automatically, and can easily be combined with an LDAP or AD query to implement white-listing in a custom action to improve access context. This information allows Access Policy Manager to perform pre-logon sequence checks and actions based on information about the connecting device. Using such information, Access Policy Manager can perform the following tasks:

- Deny access if the iOS version is less than the required level.
- Log UDID information.

This example displays an access policy with a custom action of Device ID Check to check the device's UDID.

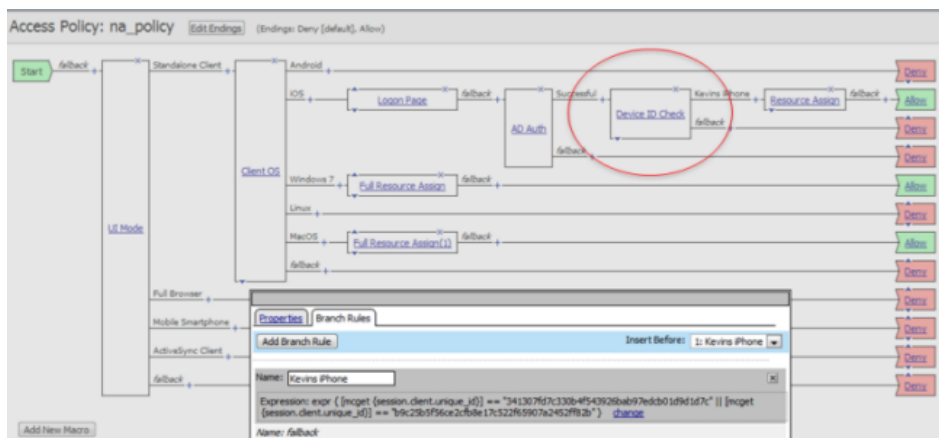


Figure 1: Example of a custom action for checking device's UDID

About automatically launching applications from mobile devices

You can configure BIG-IP® Edge Client® to launch an app with a registered URL scheme after a VPN connection is established.

Auto-launching applications from the BIG-IP Edge Client

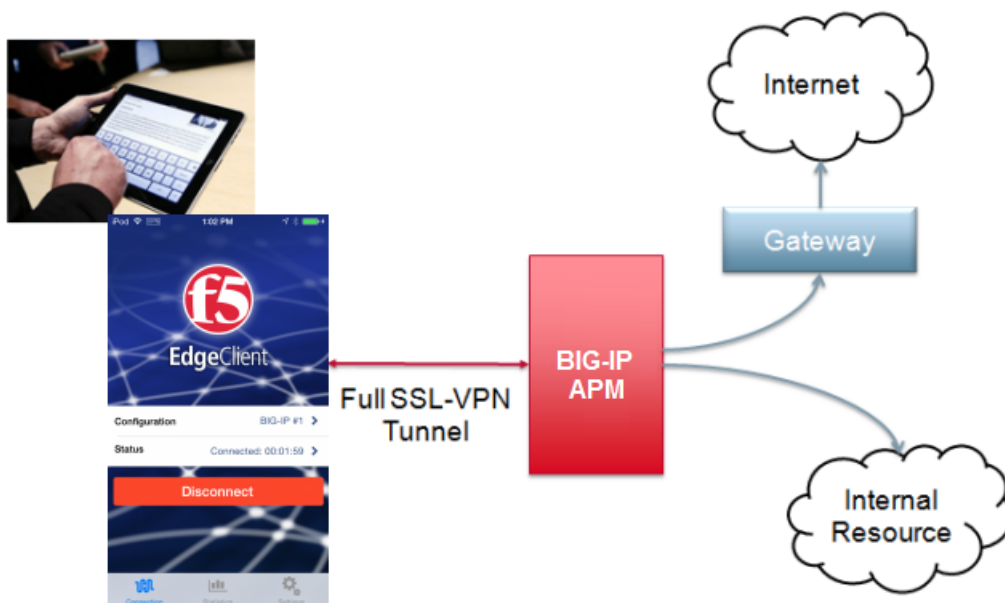
You can configure applications to automatically start on the BIG-IP Edge Client once a connection is initiated.

1. On the Main tab, click **Access Policy**.
2. Navigate to **Network Access**, and select the name of your network access from the list.
3. Select the **Launch Applications** tab.
4. In the **Application Path** field, type in your application path in the form of a URL scheme, for example, `skype://14082734800?call`.
5. From the **Operating System** selection field, select your operating system type.
6. Click **Finished**.

On the device itself, a pre-launch warning is issued before the local application executes.

About network integration on iOS devices

Access Policy Manager® provides web application-level security to prevent malware attacks. As an administrator, you can enforce all web access through a secured gateway, as well as bypass secure gateways for internal resources. This is especially helpful, for example, when you have clients using corporate tablets, smartphones, or other mobile devices to browse the web.



Setting up a network access

You can force traffic through a tunnel on the BIG-IP® Edge Client®.



Note: Although you disable **Allow local subnet access** while enabling **Force all traffic through tunnel**, the client still permits local subnet traffic to travel outside of the tunnel. This is a limitation of iOS and not of the BIG-IP Edge Client.

1. On the Main tab, click **Access Policy** > **Network Access**.
The Network Access List screen opens.
2. Click a name in the list to select a network access resource.
The network access properties screen opens.
3. To configure the network settings for the network access resource, click **Network Settings** on the menu bar.

4. For **Traffic Options**, enable **Force all traffic through tunnel**.

If you enable **Use split tunneling for traffic**, you must also specify either a DNS suffix or DNS Address Space pattern to use the VPN DNS servers. If the "DNS Suffix" and "DNS Address Space" fields are both left blank, then Edge Client does not use the VPN DNS servers and sends all DNS traffic to public DNS servers.

If you enable **Force all traffic through tunnel**, the client uses the proxy server whether you specify the destination using an IP address or a host name.

5. For **Allow Local Subnet**, select the **Enable** check box.

6. For **Client Options**, enable **Client for Microsoft Networks**.

7. Click **Update**.

Prerequisites for configuring Edge Client

Before configuring BIG-IP® Edge Client® for mobile devices, you must complete the following requirements:


- Set up BIG-IP® Access Policy Manager®.
- Create a network access resource.
- Run the Network Access Setup Wizard.
- Create a connectivity profile.

Additional information about network access and connectivity profiles can be found in the *BIG-IP® Access Policy Manager®: Network Access Configuration* manual.

Access Policy Manager configuration for BIG-IP Edge Client for mobile devices

To configure BIG-IP® Edge Client® for mobile devices support on BIG-IP Access Policy Manager®, use these following configuration steps:

- Run the Network Access Setup Wizard.
- Optionally, set up SSO and ACLs for your network access. Refer to the *BIG-IP® Access Policy Manager® Configuration Guide* on the AskF5™ Knowledge Base for instructions.
- Customize an access policy to support BIG-IP Edge Client.

 **Important:** To resolve internal addresses with DNS, either the **Network Access DNS Address Space** or **DNS Default Domain Suffix** must be specified in the Network Access configuration. If neither setting is specified, internal DNS addresses cannot be resolved. The DNS server must also be configured to resolve internal addresses with DNS.

Running the Network Access Setup wizard

Configure Access Policy Manager® to provide users with full network access from their mobile devices using the Network Access Setup wizard for remote access.

1. On the Main tab, click **Wizards > Device Wizards**.
The Device Wizards screen opens.
2. For Access Policy Manager Configuration, select **Network Access Setup Wizard for Remote Access**, and then click **Next**.
3. In the Basic Properties area of the wizard, clear the **Enable Antivirus Check in Access Policy** check box for Client Side Checks to ensure that your users can connect to BIG-IP® Edge Client®.
4. Click **Finished**.

You now have network access that supports BIG-IP Edge Client for mobile devices.

Customizing an access policy to support BIG-IP Edge Client on Access Policy Manager version 10.x

Create an access policy that supports BIG-IP® Edge Client® for iOS.



Note: This policy applies to Access Policy Manager® version 10.x systems.

1. On the Main tab, click **Access Policy** > **Access Profiles**.
The Access Profiles List screen opens.
2. In the Access Policy column, click the **Edit** link for the profile you want to configure to launch the visual policy editor.
The visual policy editor opens the access profile in a separate screen or tab.
3. Click the plus (+) sign that appears before the Logon Page action.
4. Under **Server Side Checks**, select **UI Mode**, and click **Add Item**.
5. Click **Save**.
The UI Mode action is added to the access policy, and several new branches appear.
6. On the Standalone Client branch of the UI Mode action, click the plus (+) sign.
7. Under **General Purpose**, select **Empty**, and click **Add Item**.
8. Click the Branch Rules tab.
9. Click **Add Branch Rule**.
10. Rename the new branch rule **Branch Rule n** to **iOS Edge Client**.
11. Next to **Expression: Empty**, click the **change** link.
12. Click the **Advanced** tab.
13. Type the following rule in the box: `expr { [mcget {session.client.platform}] == "iOS" }`
14. Click **Finished**, and then click **Save**.
15. Add the network access resource to the branch.
16. Click **Save**.
This access policy now supports BIG-IP Edge Client for iOS.

Customizing an access policy to support BIG-IP Edge Client on Access Policy Manager version 11.x

Create an access policy that supports BIG-IP® Edge Client® for iOS.



Note: This policy applies to Access Policy Manager version 11.x systems.

1. On the Main tab, click **Access Policy** > **Access Profiles**.
The Access Profiles List screen opens.
2. In the Access Policy column, click the **Edit** link for the profile you want to configure to launch the visual policy editor.
The visual policy editor opens the access profile in a separate screen or tab.
3. Click the plus (+) sign that appears before the Logon Page action.
4. Under **Server Side Checks**, select **Client Type**, and click **Add Item**.
5. Click **Save**.
The Client Type action is added to the access policy, and several new branches appear.
6. On the Edge Client branch of the Client Type action, click the plus (+) sign.
7. Under **Server Side Checks**, select **Client OS**, and click **Add Item**.
8. Configure the **iOS** Branch Rule with the configuration objects and resources you want to assign to iOS Edge Client.
9. Click **Finished**, and then click **Save**.
10. Add the network access resource to the branch.

11. Click **Save.**

This access policy now supports BIG-IP Edge Client for iOS.

Chapter

2

Overview: Access Policies for BIG-IP Edge Client

Topics:

- [*About access policy branches for BIG-IP Edge Client*](#)

About access policy branches for BIG-IP Edge Client

You can configure separate access policy branches for BIG-IP® Edge Client®.

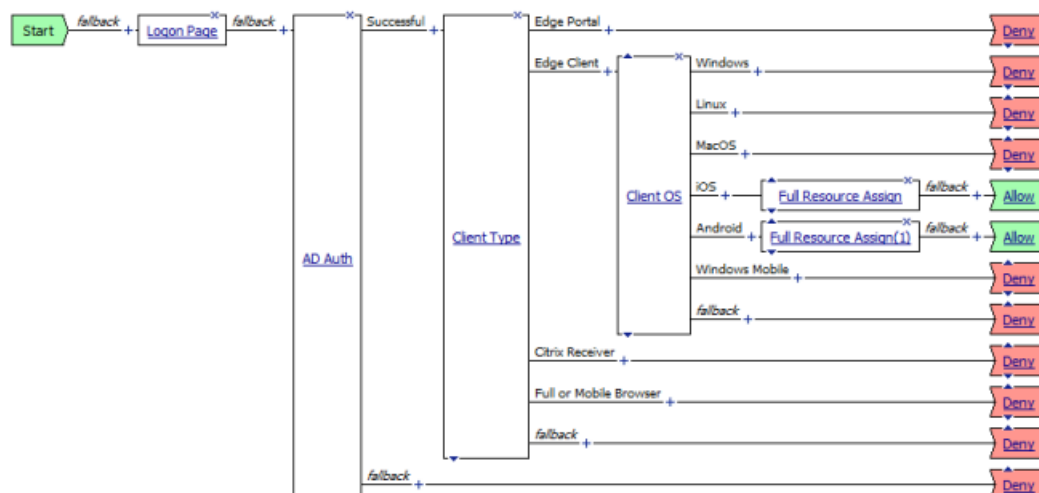
BIG-IP Edge Client does not support client-side checks; however, you can configure an access policy that provides network access for iOS clients by using any of these methods:

- Create an access policy using **Client-Side Check Capability**. This provides a branch for clients that do not support client-side checks. Assign authentication and a network access resource to this branch.
- Use an existing access policy with client-side checks. The iOS client will fail to the fallback branch of the first client-side check. Assign authentication and a network access resource to this branch.
- Create a specific branch for iOS clients. Use an empty action and empty session variables to identify the client. Add authentication and assign a network access resource for iOS clients to this branch.

Understanding basic access policy that supports BIG-IP Edge Client

You can configure an access policy branch to direct mobile device users to BIG-IP® Edge Client®, and direct non-mobile device users to a fallback branch.

This example displays a simple access policy.



Chapter

3

Configuring Per-App VPN with APM and Edge Client

Topics:


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What is per-app VPN?

With iOS 7, Apple enhanced their VPN framework to support application level layer-4 tunneling. Apps that are managed by a Mobile Device Manager (MDM) can now be configured to automatically connect to a VPN when they are started. Mobile Safari can be managed for per-app VPN with a configuration profile and without an MDM. Per-app VPN gives IT granular control over corporate network access, and ensures that data transmitted by managed apps travels only through a VPN. Meanwhile, other data, like an employee's personal web browsing activity, does not use the VPN. Per-app VPN also works with Safari on a per-URL basis.


A per-app VPN configuration requires four configuration components.

- A device under MDM management.
- A managed app installed on the device, or Mobile Safari.
- The iOS Edge Client® installed on the managed device.
- A per-app VPN profile, and a related Edge Client configuration (VPN). This is configured with an MDM command that associates the app with an Edge Client configuration.


 **Important:** The managed app and the MDM profile must be deployed with an MDM solution, except in the case of Mobile Safari. The Edge Client and Edge Client configurations may or may not be deployed with an MDM solution. Any app other than Mobile Safari must be installed by the MDM solution, and associated with a VPN configuration.

About deploying MDM apps over VPNs

The per-app VPN framework allows the administrator to limit VPN access to explicit apps only. Specifically, it allows applications to use one, and only one, Edge Client® configuration (or VPN connection).

 **Important:** If the Edge Client configuration is not connected when the app starts, all traffic from the app is blocked.

In practice, some applications may be associated with one Edge Client configuration, and other applications may be associated with other Edge Client configurations.

 **Important:** Once an app is associated with an Edge Client configuration by the MDM, it must use that VPN only.

On iOS 7, only one Edge Client configuration can be active at one time. In this example, App 1 or App 2 can be active at different times, because they use different VPN configurations. If App 2 is made active, and starts the VPN2 connection, then App 1 cannot use a VPN connection, as it is associated with VPN 1. Since split tunneling is not allowed, App1 has no access to any network services as long as App2 is active and using VPN2.

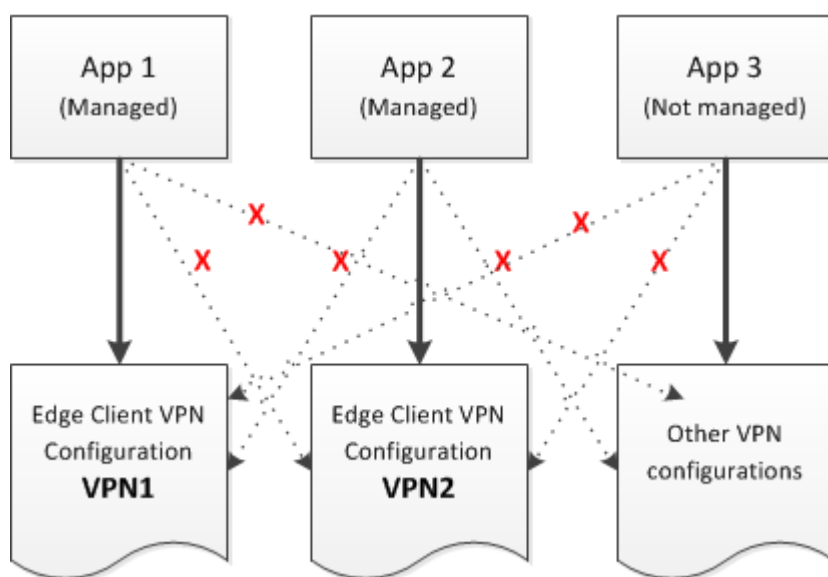


Figure 2: Apps associated with different VPN configurations



Note: On iOS 8 and later, you can only activate one L3 VPN configuration at a time. However, multiple per-app VPNs can be active and connected simultaneously.

About access policies for per-app VPN

For per-app VPN, an access policy requires a specific configuration. In particular, the per-app VPN process cannot allow prompts or request information during logon. Therefore, the access policy must be configured to log the user on to the connection without any user interaction.

Creating an access profile

You create an access profile to provide the secured connection between the per-app VPN and the virtual server.

1. On the Main tab, click **Access Policy > Access Profiles**.
The Access Profiles List screen opens.
2. Click **Create**.
The New Profile screen opens.
3. In the **Name** field, type a name for the access profile.
4. In the Language Settings area, add and remove accepted languages, and set the default language.
A browser uses the highest priority accepted language. If no browser language matches the accepted languages list, the browser uses the default language.
5. Click **Finished**.

The access profile appears in the Access Profiles List.

Configure the access policy to include a client certificate check.

Adding a client certificate check to the access policy

A client certificate check allows you to authenticate the device to the access policy, without requiring any user interaction that would cause the creation of the per-app VPN tunnel to fail.

1. On the Main tab, click **Access Policy > Access Profiles**.
The Access Profiles List screen opens.
2. In the Access Policy column, click the **Edit** link for the access profile you want to configure to launch the visual policy editor.

The visual policy editor opens the access policy in a separate screen.

3. Click the (+) sign anywhere in the access policy to add a new action item.
An Add Item screen opens, listing predefined actions on tabs such as General Purpose, Authentication, and so on.
4. Click **Add Item**.
The screen is not active while the visual policy editor creates the action. The screen closes and a Properties screen displays.
5. Click the **Authentication** tab.
6. Select the **Client Cert Inspection** item, and click **Add Item**.
7. Click **Apply Access Policy** to save your configuration.
8. The properties screen opens. Click **Save**.
9. On the **Successful** branch following the Client Cert Inspection item, click the Deny ending.
10. Change the Deny ending to Allow, and click **Save**.
11. Click **Apply Access Policy** to save your configuration.

The access profile appears in the Access Profiles List.

Configure the virtual server to include this access policy, and make sure the Client SSL profile is enabled on the server.

About setting up Access Policy Manager for per-app VPN

You configure specific settings in the Access Policy Manager® to provide per-app VPN tunnels. Per-app VPN tunnels are SOCKS 5 proxy tunnels, and do not require Network Access resources in the Access Policy. Configure these items on the Access Policy Manager.

- The virtual server must be configured with several critical settings, including an access profile and the **Application Tunnels (Java & Per-App VPN)** setting.
- If there is routing required behind the BIG-IP® device, the SNAT Automap should be enabled.
- The SOCKS proxy has too much access by default, and you should configure ACLs to limit access to only the required URLs and ports.
- You must specify the Client SSL profile on the virtual server. You must also include the same CA bundle on the server that is used to generate the certificate for the client devices.

Configuring a virtual server for per-app VPN

You must have Access Policy Manager® licensed and provisioned.

A virtual server profile enables support for the SOCKS proxy method used by per-app VPN tunnels.


A virtual server profile enables support for the network access used by per-app VPN tunnels.

1. On the Main tab, click **Local Traffic > Virtual Servers**.
The Virtual Server List screen opens.
2. Click the name of the virtual server you want to modify.
3. For the **SSL Profile (Client)** setting, from the **Available** list, select the name of the Client SSL profile you previously created, and using the Move button, move the name to the **Selected** list.
4. From the **Source Address Translation** list, select **Auto Map**.
The BIG-IP® system uses all of the self IP addresses as the translation addresses for the pool.
5. From the Access Policy area, select the **VDI & Java Support** check box.
6. In the Access Policy area, from the **Access Profile** list, select the access profile.
7. From the **Connectivity Profile** list, select the connectivity profile.
8. Click **Update** to save the changes.

The virtual server is configured for per-app VPN.

About managing devices

With an MDM, you manage devices by enrolling them. Refer to your MDM documentation to enroll devices.

 **Important:** A user must enroll the device with the MDM in order for you to deploy managed apps to the client. In addition, the iOS Edge Client® must be installed on the device. The Edge Client can be installed either by the user, or deployed with the MDM solution.

Creating a configuration profile for the managed device

Before you assign a configuration profile to a device, that device must be enrolled with your MDM. Additionally, the iOS Edge Client® must be installed on the device.

A configuration profile enables the per-app VPN feature on a managed device, and specifies which apps use the VPN.

1. Create a configuration profile for the device.

Configuration profiles are described at the [Apple Configuration Profile Reference](#).

2. In the configuration profile, in the VendorConfig section, specify a PerAppVpn key with the syntax `<key>PerAppVpn</key><string>true</string>`.

3. Specify an app by sending the `InstallApplication` command or the `Settings` command.

These settings can be configured only for apps that are installed and managed by the MDM.

4. Specify which managed apps use per-app VPN by sending the `InstallApplication` or `Settings` command.

Per-app VPN can be specified only for MDM-managed apps. The only exception is Mobile Safari. For Mobile Safari, the admin can specify domains in the profile that start the per-app VPN connection.

Configure Access Policy Manager® to provide the necessary support for per-app VPN features.

Per-App VPN configuration profile settings

Settings for the per-app VPN profile in an MDM.

Per-App VPN settings

The per-app VPN payload supports all of the keys described in the [Apple Configuration Profile Reference](#). These keys, specific to the per-app VPN payload, are described in that reference as well.

Table 1: Per-App VPN specific keys

Key	Type	Description
VPNUUID	String	A globally-unique identifier for this VPN configuration. This identifier is used to configure apps so that they use the per-app VPN service for all of their network communication.
OnDemandMatchAppEnabled	Boolean	<p>If true, the per-app VPN connection starts automatically when apps linked to this per-app VPN service initiate network communication.</p> <p>If false, the per-app VPN connection must be started manually by the user before apps linked to this per-app VPN service can initiate network communication.</p> <p>If this key is not present, the value of the <code>OnDemandEnabled</code> key is used to determine the status of per-app VPN On Demand.</p>

Key	Type	Description
SafariDomains	Array	<p>This optional key is a special case of App-to-Per App VPN Mapping. It sets up the app mapping for Safari with a specific identifier and a designated requirement.</p> <p>The array contains strings, each of which is a domain that triggers a VPN connection in Safari. Do not specify a full URI; rule matching works only with the domain name. The rule matching behavior is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Before being matched against a host, all leading and trailing dots are stripped from the domain string. For example, if the domain string is ".com" the domain string used to match is "com". Each label in the domain string must match an entire label in the host string. For example, a domain of "siterequest.com" matches "www.siterequest.com", but not "old.badsiterequest.com". Domain strings with only one label must match the entire host string. For example, a domain of "com" matches "com", not "www.siterequest.com".

Example per-app VPN configuration profile

Includes a sample configuration profile for the per-app VPN configuration profile.

Per-App VPN configuration example profile

The following example uses sample data only. For your own configuration, items like the PayloadDisplayName, Payload UUID, UserDefinedName, and the user name, password and certificate information must be customized to your network and installation.

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www.apple.com/
DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
  <key>PayloadContent</key>
  <array>
    <dict>
      <key>IPv4</key>
      <dict>
        <key>OverridePrimary</key>
        <integer>0</integer>
      </dict>
      <key>PayloadDescription</key>
      <string>Configures VPN settings, including authentication.</string>
      <key>PayloadDisplayName</key>
      <string>VPN (Per-App VPN Test)</string>
      <key>PayloadIdentifier</key>
      <string>com.siterequest.mdm.perapp.vpn.vpn</string>
      <key>PayloadOrganization</key>
      <string></string>
      <key>PayloadType</key>
      <string>com.apple.vpn.managed.applayer</string>
      <key>PayloadUUID</key>
      <string>5A015006-D559-4C5C-B197-737CF4DCFA96</string>
      <key>PayloadVersion</key>
      <integer>1</integer>
    </dict>
  </array>
</dict>
</plist>
```

```

    <key>Proxies</key>
    <dict/>
    <key>UserDefinedName</key>
    <string>Per-App VPN Test</string>
    <key>VPN</key>
    <dict>
      <key>AuthName</key>
      <string>testuser</string>
      <key>AuthPassword</key>
      <string>testpassword</string>
      <key>AuthenticationMethod</key>
      <string>Certificate</string>
      <key>PayloadCertificateUUID</key>
      <string>C9BF4927-E819-4521-88DE-2AEB6E1DC3D8</string>
      <key>RemoteAddress</key>
      <string>vpn.siterequest.com</string>
      <key>OnDemandMatchAppEnabled</key>
      <true/>
    </dict>
    <key>VPNSubType</key>
    <string>com.f5.F5-Edge-Client.vpnplugin</string>
    <key>VPNType</key>
    <string>VPN</string>
    <key>VendorConfig</key>
    <dict>
      <key>PerAppVpn</key>
      <string>true</string>
    </dict>
    <key>SafariDomains</key>
    <array>
      <string>safaridomain1.com</string>
      <string>safaridomain2.com</string>
    </array>
    <key>VPNUUID</key>
    <string>9F658A35-2B0F-4D5E-872D-61A9130FE882</string>
  </dict>
  <dict>
    <key>Password</key>
    <string>123456</string>
    <key>PayloadCertificateFileName</key>
    <string>identity.pl2</string>
    <key>PayloadContent</key>
    <data>
      MIIL2QIBAzCCC58GCSqGS Ib3DQEHAaCCC5AEggumMIILiDCCBj8G
      .....<truncated for example>.....
      hxd6YPi7JKB/24dSls9gKO/DHVoECHap2RUyKvQTAgiIAA==
    </data>
    <key>PayloadDescription</key>
    <string>Provides device authentication (certificate or identity).</
string>
    <key>PayloadDisplayName</key>
    <string>identity.pl2</string>
    <key>PayloadIdentifier</key>
    <string>com.f5.mdm.perapp.vpn.credential</string>
    <key>PayloadOrganization</key>
    <string/>
    <key>PayloadType</key>
    <string>com.apple.security.pkcs12</string>
    <key>PayloadUUID</key>
    <string>C9BF4927-E819-4521-88DE-2AEB6E1DC3D8</string>
    <key>PayloadVersion</key>
    <integer>1</integer>
  </dict>
</array>

```

```
<key>PayloadDescription</key>
<string>PerApp VPN Payload Test</string>
<key>PayloadDisplayName</key>
<string>MDM - Per-App VPN</string>
<key>PayloadIdentifier</key>
<string>com.f5.mdm.perapp.vpn</string>
<key>PayloadOrganization</key>
<string/>
<key>PayloadRemovalDisallowed</key>
<false/>
<key>PayloadType</key>
<string>Configuration</string>
<key>PayloadUUID</key>
<string>06A850CC-BC81-43FB-AA16-42BE472D2421</string>
<key>PayloadVersion</key>
<integer>1</integer>
</dict>
</plist>
```

Chapter

4

Additional Access Policy Manager Configuration Information

Topics:

- *[iOS clients using session variables](#)*
- *[Access Policy Manager configuration tips](#)*
- *[About starting the client from a URL scheme](#)*
- *[About defining a server from a URL](#)*

iOS clients using session variables

The following table contains a list of session variables and their attributes.

Session variable	Description
<i>session.client.type</i>	Indicates the client type, such as Standalone.
<i>session.client.platform</i>	Indicates the platform type, such as iOS.
<i>session.client.agent</i>	Indicates the browser, device type, and operating system version of the client, as well as the version of BIG-IP® Edge Client®.
<i>session.client.model</i>	Indicates the model number of the mobile device. Sample string: %session.client.model%= 'Nexus One'
<i>session.client.platform_version</i>	Indicates the platform and version of the mobile device. Sample string: %session.client.platform_version%= '2.3.3'
<i>session.client.unique_id</i>	Indicates the unique ID of the mobile device. Sample string: %session.client.unique_id%= '8ccaf965e51e3077'
<i>session.client.jailbreak</i>	Indicates the jailbreak status of the device. Sample string: %session.client.jailbreak%= '0', where 0 indicates the device is not jailbroken, 1 indicates the device is jailbroken, and an empty response indicates that the status of the device is unknown.

Access Policy Manager configuration tips

The following table provides tips for setting up BIG-IP® Edge Client® for devices.

Feature	Information
VPN On-Demand (iOS only)	A connection cannot be established if the server has an invalid certificate. To work around this issue, manually import the invalid certificate onto the device.
Client endpoint checks	Client end-point checks are not currently supported.
Password caching policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under Client Policy, if Enforce session settings is not enabled, clients can save their encrypted password to disk, regardless of what settings are configured under Session Settings. Under Password Caching Options if you set Cache password within application for for a specific amount of time, after a successful logon the submitted credentials are cached until one of the following events occurs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The specified credential cache duration expires. The server address of the configuration within the application changes. The user name of the configuration within the application changes. The BIG-IP® Edge Client® user switches between configurations and makes a new connection. The configuration is deleted and a new one is created. On the mobile device, even if a user clicks Disconnect, then terminates the application or restarts the device, cached credentials are not cleared until the specified cache time.

Feature	Information
Client certificates	Client certificate authentication is supported, either with a certificate alone or with a certificate secured with a user name and password.
On-Demand Cert Auth	If used, the On-Demand Cert Auth action must be placed after other authentication actions in the access policy.

About starting the client from a URL scheme

You can start BIG-IP® Edge Client® connections for users from a URL. You can then provide these URLs to users, so they can start the VPN connection without having to manually start the application. If there is already an active connection, a prompt appears to warn the user that the existing connection must be stopped before the new connection can start. The connection uses a client certificate if it is specified in the existing configuration.

URL connections use the following parameters. This is an example, you must provide your own parameters and values.

```
f5edgeclient://{start|stop}?[parameter1=value1&parameter2=value2...]
```



Note: Special characters in parameters must be URL-encoded.

You can start an alternate light client with no client branding, using the following parameters.

```
f5edgeclient-lite://{start|stop}?[parameter1=value1&parameter2=value2...]
```



Note: Special characters in parameters must be URL-encoded.



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The syntax to start a connection from a URL follows.

start

Starts a connection. The `start` command requires either the name or server parameter to be present in the URL. If the name parameter is specified, then the Edge Client looks for the name in the list of existing configuration entries. If the server parameter is specified, then the name parameter is set to the same value as the server parameter. A new configuration is created if a configuration with that name does not exist. If the specified configuration already exists, the other parameters specified in the URL are merged with the existing configuration. The result of this merged configuration is used only for the current, active connection, and does not persist. If a name is specified with other parameters, such as server, username, or password, those parameters override what is specified in the configuration.

sid

A parameter used to specify the session ID with which to start the connection. When the parameter `sid` is provided, the username and password parameters are ignored, and no additional authentication occurs.

username

A parameter used to specify the user name with which to start the connection. When the username is specified without a password, then an authentication prompt is displayed.

password

A parameter used to specify the password with which to start the connection. When the password parameter is specified, it is used as a one-time password and not saved in the configuration.

postlaunch_url

A parameter used to specify the URL that starts after the connection starts.

logon_mode

An optional parameter that specifies whether the logon mode is the standard logon (*native*) or web logon (*web*). The default logon mode is *native*.

About Edge Client Lite mode

You can use a URL parameter to start Edge Client Lite mode. Edge Client Lite removes branding and presents a plain black screen for the Edge Client®. In Edge Client Lite mode, the client has certain features and restrictions.

f5edgeclient-lite://

Provide a URL parameter that begins with `f5edgeclient-lite://` to start a connection in Edge Client Lite mode.

Plain black screen

When the app starts from an `f5edgeclient-lite://` URL, a black screen appears for the Edge Client configuration, hiding most controls from the user.

Text displayed

The Edge Client Lite screen displays status messages while the connection starts, and a **Cancel** button.

Authentication

Authentication or confirmation prompts appear over the black screen.

Standard Edge Client interface available after app switch

If the user switches away from the Edge Client, and then returns to it, the standard Edge Client interface shows, not blacked out. The Edge Client Lite user interface displays at initial logon only.

x-callback-url

The `x-callback` URL allows you to send one or more messages back to another app that has a registered URL scheme. The available messages are `x-success`, `x-cancel`, and `x-error`.

Standard logon mode only

Edge Client Lite does not work with web logon mode.

Examples of starting a client from a URL

The following examples illustrate how to start BIG-IP® Edge Client® and Edge Client Lite connections for users from a URL.

Connecting to an existing configuration called MYVPN:

```
f5edgeclient://start?name=MYVPN
```

Connecting to an existing configuration called MYVPN with Edge Client Lite:

```
f5edgeclient-lite://start?name=MYVPN
```

Connecting to an existing configuration called MYVPN with Edge Client Lite, from an app registered with the URL scheme `refapp://`, and specifying `x-callback-url` parameters: `f5edgeclient-lite://start?name=MYVPN&x-success=refapp%3A%2F%2Fsuccess &x-cancel=refapp%3A%2F%2Fcancel&x-error=refapp%3A%2F%2Ferror`

Connecting to an existing configuration called MYVPN and including the server URL `myvpn.siterequest.com`:

```
f5edgeclient://start?name=MYVPN&server=myvpn.siterequest.com
```

Connecting to a specific server called `myvpn.siterequest.com`:

```
f5edgeclient://start?server=myvpn.siterequest.com
```

Connecting to a specific server called `myvpn.siterequest.com` with web logon enabled:

```
f5edgeclient://start?server=myvpn.siterequest.com&logon_mode=web
```

Connecting to an existing configuration called `MYVPN` and including the username `smith` and the password `passw0rd`:

```
f5edgeclient://start?name=MYVPN&username=smith&password=passw0rd
```

Starting a connection to a configuration called `MYVPN` and specifying the post-launch URL `jump`:

```
jump://?host=10.10.1.10&username=smith:
```

```
f5edgeclient://start?name=MYVPN&postlaunch_url=jump%3A%2F%2F%3Fhost%3D10.10.1.10%26username%3Dsmith
```

Identifying a certificate from the device credentials storage:

```
f5edgeclient://create?server=edgeportal.siterequest.com
&name=EdgePortal&cert_keychain_alias=ddd123
```

Stopping a connection:

```
f5edgeclient://stop
```

About defining a server from a URL

You can add BIG-IP® server definitions to Edge Client® from a URL. You can provide these URLs to users, so they can start and save VPN connections without having to manually start the application.

Use the following URL and parameters to create a server:

```
f5edgeclient://create?
server=server_address[&parameter1=value1&parameter2=value2...]
```



Note: Special characters in parameters must be URL-encoded.

You can start an alternate light client with no client branding, using the following parameters.

```
f5edgeclient-lite://create?
server=server_address[&parameter1=value1&parameter2=value2...]
```



Note: Special characters in parameters must be URL-encoded.

The syntax to define a server from a URL follows.

server

The server address is either a DNS name or an IP address.

name

An optional description of the server.

username

An optional parameter used to specify the user name with which to start the connection. When the username is specified without a password, then an authentication prompt is displayed. If no username is specified during server creation, the user is prompted for it at session initiation, if required.



Important: When username is specified, Web Logon is automatically disabled.

password

An optional parameter used to specify the password with which to start the server connection. When the password parameter is specified, it is used as a one-time password and not saved in the configuration.



Important: When password is specified, Web Logon is automatically disabled.

certcn

Certificate common name. Matches the common name of a valid certificate pre-installed on the device.



Important: When certcn is specified, Web Logon is automatically disabled.

domain_always

An optional, comma-separated list of match pattern(s) for the Always Connect domain list, for iOS devices only.

domain_never

An optional, comma-separated list of match pattern(s) for the Never Connect domain list, for iOS devices only.

domain_ifneeded

An optional, comma-separated list of match pattern(s) for the Connect If Needed domain list, for iOS devices only.

logon_mode

An optional parameter that specifies whether the logon mode is the standard logon (*native*) or web logon (*web*). The default logon mode is *native*.

Examples of defining a server from a URL

The following examples illustrate how to define servers for BIG-IP® Edge Client® connections from a URL.

Create a server at `edgeportal.siterequest.com`:

```
f5edgeclient://create? server=edgeportal.siterequest.com
```

Create a server named `EdgePortal` with the server URL `edgeportal.siterequest.com`:

In this scenario, both the name and server parameters are specified, and username and certcn are absent, so web logon is assumed.

```
f5edgeclient://create?name=EdgePortal&server=
edgeportal.siterequest.com
```

Create the same server with a user name and certificate:

```
f5edgeclient://create?name=EdgePortal&server=
edgeportal.siterequest.com&username= edgeportal&certcn=clientcert-
cert.siterequest.com
```

Create the same server with a certificate:

```
f5edgeclient://create?name=EdgePortal&server=
edgeportal.siterequest.com&certcn= clientcert-cert.siterequest.com
```

Identify a certificate from the device credentials storage:

```
f5edgeclient://create?server=edgeportal.siterequest.com&name=
EdgePortal&cert_keychain_alias=<certificate alias>
```

Stopping a connection in Lite mode:

```
f5edgeclient-lite://stop?x-cancel=edgeportal.siterequest.com &x-
error=http%3A%2F%2Fyahoo.com&x-success=http%3A%2F%2Ff5.com
```

Stopping a connection in Lite mode:

```
f5edgeclient-lite://stop?x-cancel=edgeportal.siterequest.com &x-
error=http%3A%2F%2Fyahoo.com&x-success=http%3A%2F%2Ff5.com
```

