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Exchange Agent

Integration Guide

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Introduction

This guide includes details for integrating Authlogics Multi-Factor Authentication with Microsoft Exchange Server via the web interface. Integrating Authlogics with Microsoft Exchange is an ideal way to add strong authentication to Outlook Web App and Exchange Admin Centre.



Licensing

Authlogics Exchange Agent does not require its own licence however may only be used with a valid Authlogics MFA licence.



Note

For detailed information on the licence types please refer to the licence agreement document embedded within the installation package.

Deployment Considerations

The Authlogics Exchange Agent has been designed to be installed directly onto the Exchange server hosting the web based logon page. The installation will integrate the agent directly into IIS on the Exchange Server and does not require any web page customisation.

By default, the Exchange Agent will allow users who have NOT been configured for MFA to login with their AD username and password. This allows for a gradual implementation of MFA user accounts instead of all users having to be setup for MFA at the same time. This functionality can be disabled at any time by enabling the “All users must use Multi-Factor Authentication” policy setting.

Minimum Requirements

The Authlogics Exchange Agent has been designed to work with Microsoft Exchange Server 2013, 2016 and 2019 Mailbox and CAS servers.

The minimum supported .NET Framework version is 4.8, thus the agent requires the minimum of the following Exchange Cumulative Updates:

- Exchange 2013 – Cumulative Update 23
- Exchange 2016 – Cumulative Update 13
- Exchange 2019 – Cumulative Update 2

For further details about .NET and Exchange version compatibility see the following Microsoft article: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/exchange/plan-and-deploy/supportability-matrix?view=exchserver-2019#microsoft-net-framework>



Deployment

The following deployment overview walks through the installation process for deploying the Authlogics Exchange Agent.

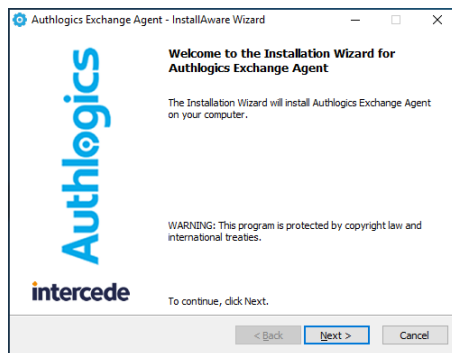
Overview

This deployment section assumes that at least one Authlogics Authentication Server has already been installed and is functional. See the Authlogics Authentication Server Installation and Configuration guide for further information on setting up the Authlogics Authentication Server. In addition, Authlogics user accounts should already be configured for users.

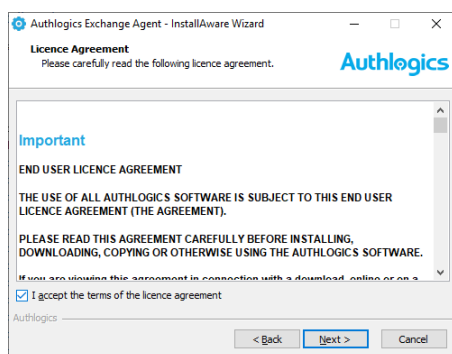
Installing the Authlogics Exchange Agent

The installation should be performed on the server running Microsoft Exchange Server.

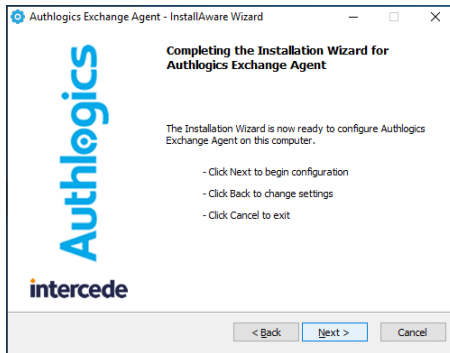
- (1) To start the Authlogics Exchange Agent installation, run the Authlogics Exchange Agent xxxxx.exe installer with elevated privileges
- (2) Click Next to begin the install or Cancel to quit.



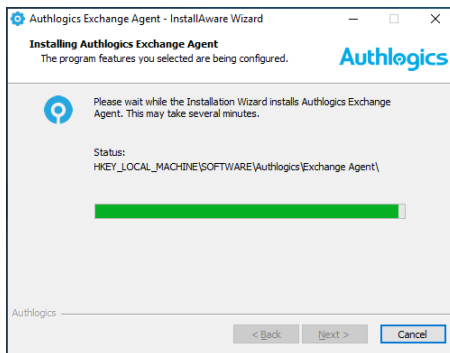
- (3) Review the Authlogics Licence Agreement, check the *I accept the terms of the licence agreement* box and click Next.



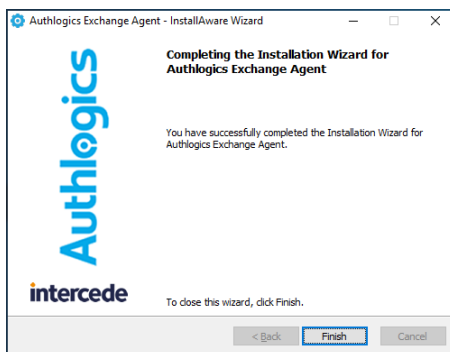
(4) Click *Next* to begin the install or *Cancel* to quit.



(5) The installation is being performed.

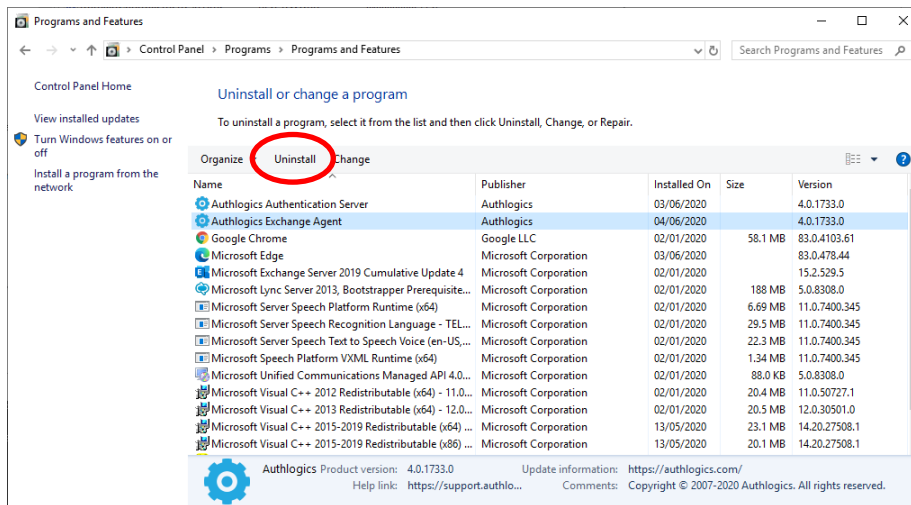


(6) All necessary Authlogics Exchange Agent files have been installed. Click *Finish* to complete the installation process.



Uninstalling the Authlogics Exchange Agent

If you no longer require Authlogics Exchange Agent on a server, you can remove it by performing an uninstall from Control Panel > Programs > Programs and Features:



Active Directory metadata

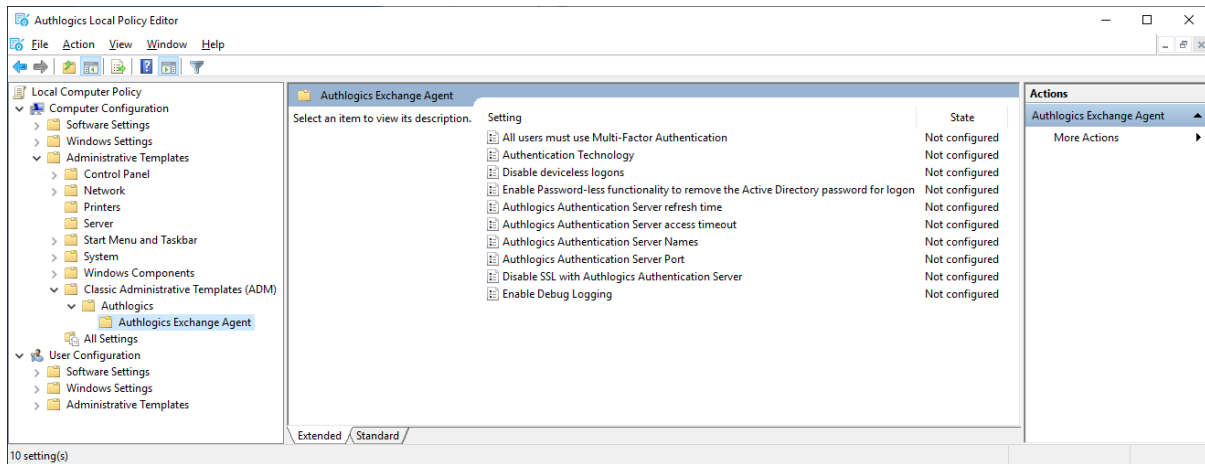
Uninstalling Authlogics does NOT remove the metadata from user accounts in the Active Directory. If you are planning to completely remove Authlogics from your environment you should delete all user accounts via the MMC prior to uninstalling – this does NOT delete the actual AD user account, it simply removes all Authlogics information from it.

For detailed information about Authlogics AD metadata see Authlogics KB207256965 (<https://support.authlogics.com/hc/en-us/articles/207256965>).



Configuring Exchange for Multi-Factor Authentication

Once the agent has been installed, there are a few settings that can be modified to change the configuration of the agent. These settings are managed via either Local or Active Directory Group Policy. To easily access the Authlogics Local policy settings use the Authlogics Local Policy Editor shortcut on the desktop or start menu.



General Settings

Setting	All users must use Multi-Factor Authentication
Values	Enabled / Disabled
Default	Disabled
Description	
<p>This policy setting configures if the agent should only allow MFA provisioned user to login, or if the agent should also allow users who have not been provisioned for MFA to login with their Active Directory password.</p> <p>If you enable this policy then all users must be provisioned for MFA to access the agent.</p> <p>If you disable or do not configure this policy then MFA provisioned users must use MFA, however non-MFA provisioned users may still use their Active Directory username + password to login.</p>	

Setting	Authentication Technology
Values	PINgrid / PINphrase / PINpass / Push
Default	Disabled
Description	
<p>This policy setting disables the ability to login without a separate MFA device.</p> <p>If you enable this policy a user must login to the agent using a separate MFA device.</p> <p>If you disable or do not configure this policy a user may logon with or without a separate MFA device, depending on any user specific restrictions.</p>	



Setting	Disable deviceless logons
Values	Enabled / Disabled
Default	Disabled
Description	
<p>This policy setting disables the ability to login without a separate MFA device.</p> <p>If you enable this policy a user must login to the agent using a separate MFA device.</p> <p>If you disable or do not configure this policy a user may login with or without a separate MFA device, depending on any user specific restrictions.</p>	

Setting	Enable Password-less functionality to remove the Active Directory password for logon
Values	Enabled / Disabled
Default	Disabled
Description	
<p>This policy setting removes the Active Directory password from the logon page allowing users to logon with only a Username and One Time Passcode.</p> <p>If you enable this policy the Exchange Agent will not ask for an AD password when a user logs on; unless there is no password available in the Password Vault.</p> <p>If you disable or do not configure this policy then users will be required to enter their AD password together with a One Time Passcode at each logon.</p>	

Setting	Authlogics Authentication Server Names
Values	Any DNS based server address (CSV)
Default	{blank}
Description	
<p>This policy setting configures the server name(s) which agents will use to connect to the Authlogics Authentication Server instead of searching the Active Directory for server names.</p> <p>If you enable this policy you must specify at least one server DNS name, however multiple server names can be specified separated by a comma, e.g. server1.domain.com,server2.domain.com</p> <p>If you disable or do not configure this policy the Active Directory will be searched to locate one or more Authlogics Authentication Servers.</p>	

Setting	Authlogics Authentication Server Port (HTTPS/SSL)
Values	(1024 - 65535)
Default	14443
Description	
<p>This policy setting configures the Authlogics Authentication Server port number which agents will use to connect to the Authlogics Authentication Server. The server name will be located automatically via an Active Directory search unless specified in the "Authlogics Authentication Server Names" policy.</p> <p>If you enable this policy you must specify a TCP port number, e.g.14443</p> <p>If you disable or do not configure this policy the default port 14443 will be used.</p>	



Setting	Authlogics Authentication Server refresh time
Values	(5 - 1440)
Default	60
Description	
<p>This policy setting sets the maximum amount of time before refreshing the most suitable Authlogics Authentication Server.</p> <p>If you enable this policy you must specify the interval value in minutes to wait before refreshing which Authlogics Authentication Server to use.</p> <p>If you disable or do not configure this policy the agent will wait for 60 minutes before refreshing which Authlogics Authentication Server to use.</p>	

Setting	Authenticator App Push Authentication timeout
Values	(30 - 300)
Default	120
Description	
<p>This policy setting sets the maximum amount of time to wait while the Authlogics Exchange Agent sends a push notification to the Authlogics Authenticator App and waits for a response.</p> <p>If you disable or do not configure this policy the Windows Desktop Agent will wait for 120 seconds for a response.</p>	

Setting	Authlogics Authentication Server access timeout
Values	(0 - 120)
Default	5
Description	
<p>This policy setting sets the maximum amount of time to wait while locating an Authlogics Authentication Server before attempting an alternative server or the request failing.</p> <p>If you enable this policy you must specify the interval value in seconds to wait while locating an Authlogics Authentication Server. Setting this value to 0 will disable the timeout and connections will wait indefinitely.</p> <p>If you disable or do not configure this policy the agent will wait for 5 seconds while locating an Authlogics Authentication Server.</p>	

Setting	Disable SSL with Authlogics Authentication Server
Values	Enabled / Disabled
Default	Disabled
Description	
<p>This policy setting configures if SSL will be used when connecting to an Authlogics Authentication Server.</p> <p>If you enable this policy HTTP (No SSL) will be used when connecting to an Authlogics Authentication Server.</p> <p>If you disable or do not configure this policy HTTPS (SSL) will be used when connecting to an Authlogics Authentication Server.</p>	

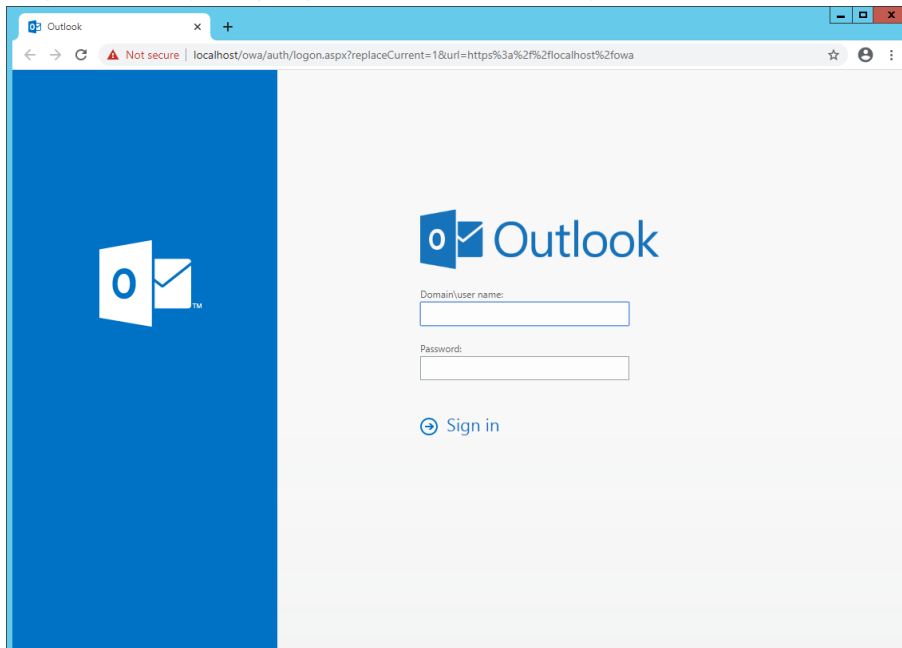


Setting	Enable Debug Logging
Values	Enabled / Disabled
Default	Disabled
Description	
<p>This policy setting enables debug logging on all servers running the agent. This should only be enabled if requested by an Authlogics Support engineer. This setting performs the same function as manually setting the LoggingEnabled registry key to 1.</p> <p>If you enable this policy debug logging will be active.</p> <p>If you disable or do not configure this policy then debug logging will not be active.</p>	

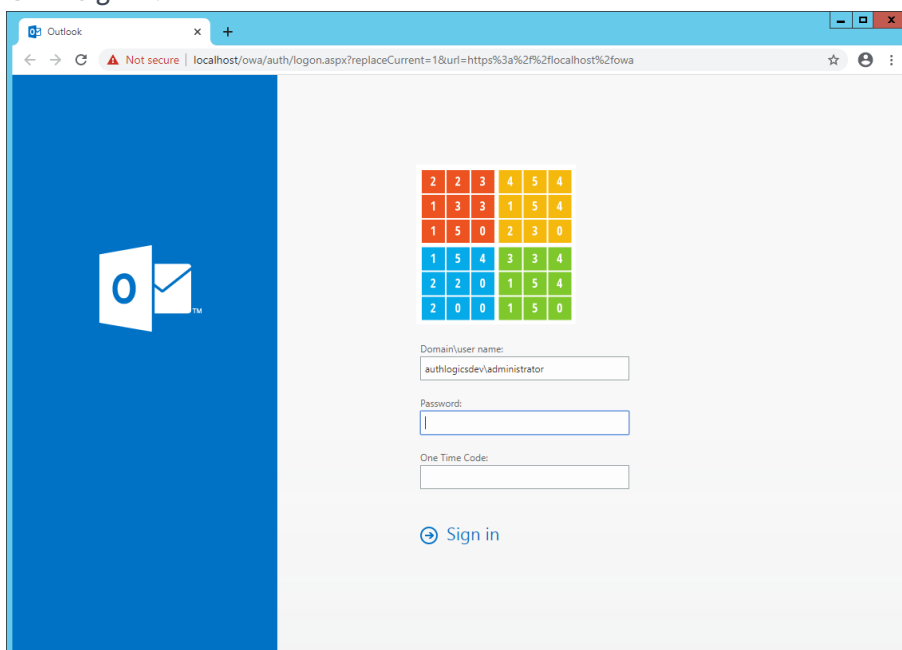


The OWA logon process overview

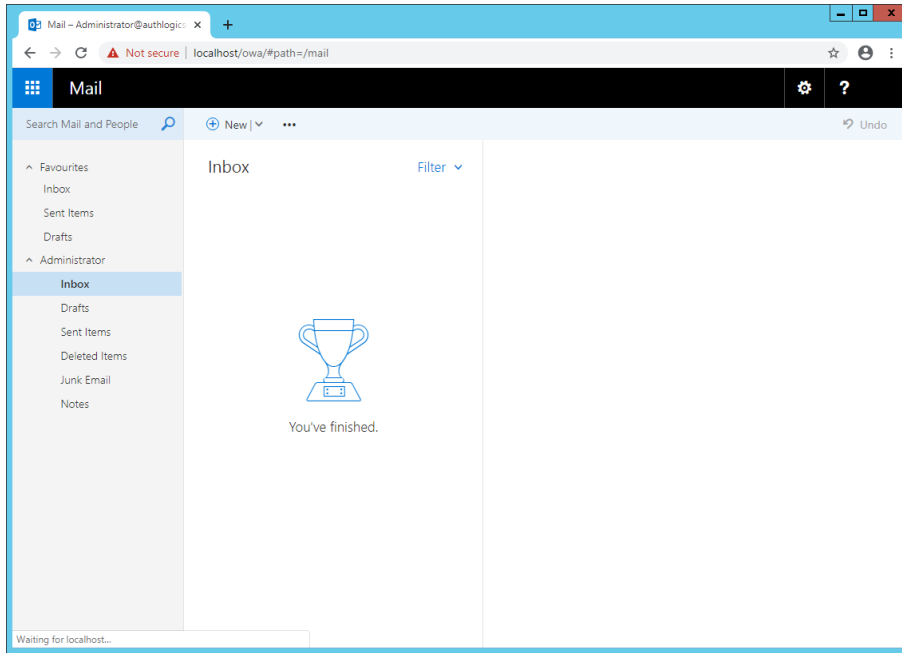
1. Open the Exchange Outlook Web App logon page URL (e.g. <https://owa.mycompany.com/owa>) and enter your username usual.



2. If your user account has been provisioned for Authlogics MFA the One Time Code box will appear along with an MFA challenge. If the “Disable deviceless logons” policy has been enabled then a MFA challenge will not appear, instead the MFA technology logo the user must use will be displayed.
3. Enter your AD password (unless the Password-less policy has been enabled) and One Time Code
Click *Sign in*.



4. You are successfully logon onto Exchange



Installing an Exchange Cumulative Update

Microsoft release updates, hotfixes and cumulative updates on a relatively regular basis. When installing an Exchange Cumulative Updates (CU), the following steps should be followed to ensure that the update process completes successfully.

1. Uninstall Authlogics Exchange Agent
2. Test Outlook Web Access on that server ensuring that you can authenticate using a standard AD username and password credentials
3. Install the Exchange Cumulative Update
4. Upon completion of the Cumulative Update, retest the OWA authentication using a valid AD username and password
5. Re-install Authlogics Exchange Agent
6. Retest OWA authentication



Note

The upgrade process detailed above will not impact the Authlogics Exchange Agent local policies and only affect the OWA and EAC login pages.

Incorrect procedure

If you have not followed the steps detailed above and have already installed the latest Microsoft Cumulative Update, Authlogics Exchange Agent may not be working as expected. To rectify this, please perform the following operations:

1. Take a backup of the **Web.Config** file located in **C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\FrontEnd\HttpProxy\owa** and place this file into a temporary folder.
2. Uninstall the Authlogics Exchange Agent
3. Copy the **Web.Config** backup file from Step 1 back over the file located in the **C:\Program Files\Microsoft\Exchange Server\V15\FrontEnd\HttpProxy\owa** folder.
4. Test Outlook Web Access on that server ensuring that you can authenticate using a standard AD username and password credentials
5. Re-install Authlogics Exchange Agent
6. Retest OWA authentication



Advanced Configuration

Advanced configuration options for Authlogics are controlled via the Windows registry. The following entries are created during the installation of the agent and typically most of them should only be changed if instructed by an Authlogics support engineer.

Specifying Active Directory Domain Controllers

The Authlogics agent will automatically locate domain controllers as needed. In environments where network segmentation exists not all DC's may be contactable. This can cause connectivity problems and logon delays.

In these environments, you can specify which Domain Controllers (DCs) and Global Catalog Servers (GCs) should be used via registry keys. There are two keys which can be configured and each can contain one or many server names (FQDN recommended) separated by commas.

```
HKLM\SOFTWARE\Authlogics\Exchange Agent\DomainGCs
```

Default Value: {blank}

The Authlogics agent will use attempt to connect to each specified GC and then remain connected to the server that responds to LDAP queries the quickest.

```
HKLM\SOFTWARE\Authlogics\Exchange Agent\DomainDCs
```

Default Value: {blank}

The Authlogics agent will use attempt to connect to each specified DC and then remain connected to the server that responds to LDAP queries the quickest. The Authlogics agent will initially find the names of all the Domains in the Forest, and the DC's in each Domain by querying the Global Catalog. It will then map the results against the DC list in the registry to calculate which server to use for each Domain. If a Domain does not have a DC specified then one will be selected automatically.



Active Directory Timing

```
HKLM\SOFTWARE\Authlogics\Exchange Agent\DomainAccessTimeout
```

Default Value: 60

Accepted Values:

0 = Disabled, indefinite timeout

1 to 120 = Timeout in seconds

The time taken in seconds before a connection to a Domain Controller times out.

```
HKLM\SOFTWARE\Authlogics\ Exchange Agent\DomainControllerRefreshTime
```

Default Value: 15

Accepted Values:

1 to 9999 = Timeout in minutes

The time taken in minutes before a new search is done to locate the quickest GC and DC.

Disabling SSL connections

The Authlogics Exchange Agent will use HTTPS (SSL) when connecting to an Authlogics Authentication Server by default. In scenarios where SSL is not required it can be disabled, however this requires configuration on the Exchange Agent as well as on the Authlogics Authentication Server.



Note

When SSL is disabled most traffic between the Exchange Server and the Authlogics Authentication Server will not be encrypted. An exception exists for data being retrieved from the Password Vault which is always encrypted even without SSL.

To configure the Authlogics Authentication Server an IIS binding must be added which uses HTTP and a port; authlogics recommends port 14000 for HTTP connections. The existing HTTPS binding should NOT be removed.

The Authlogics WebAPI will deny any non SSL connection by default for security. To allow the Exchange Agent to communicate over HTTP the IP address of the Exchange Server must be added to the “AllowedHttpIpAddresses” registry key on the Authlogics Authentication Server. The “AllowedHttpIpAddresses” registry key is a CSV value which allows for multiple IP address entries.

The Exchange Agent is configured by enabling the “Disable SSL with Authlogics Authentication Server” policy setting. In addition, the “Authlogics Authentication Server Port” policy setting should be set to match the HTTP (Non SSL) port in IIS on the Authlogics Authentication Server.



Diagnostics Logging

HKLM\SOFTWARE\Authlogics\Exchange Agent\LoggingEnabled

Default Value: 0

Accepted Values:

0 = Disabled

1 = Enabled

Notes: When this value is enabled various log files will be created in the logging folder. These logs may be requested by an Authlogics support engineer.

HKLM\SOFTWARE\Authlogics\Exchange Agent\LoggingFolder

Default Value: C:\Program Files\Authlogics Exchange Agent\Log

Notes: This Value may be changed to an alternative valid local folder with the same NTFS permissions as the default folder.

