



Real-Time SaaS Threat Protection with Microsoft Defender for Cloud Apps

Stop risky actions *as they happen* — not after the breach.



Why This Matters

- Icons + 1-liners:
- 🚫 Prevent data leaks in real time
- 🧠 Analyze risky user behavior
- 🔒 Apply access/session policies based on device, app, location

What is Conditional Access App Control?

- Extends Conditional Access to SaaS apps (e.g., Salesforce, Dropbox)
- Supports both **Access Policies** and **Session Policies**
- Policies apply *even without full device management*

Two Policy Types


- **Access Policies:**


- Block access from unmanaged devices
- Block specific app types (e.g., native Dropbox client)

- **Session Policies:**

- Block downloads of sensitive files
- Require labels or encryption on download

Setup Requirements

-  You must:
- Have a **licensed SaaS app** like Salesforce, Dropbox, etc.
- Retrieve **SAML federation metadata** from that app
- Connect app via wizard in Defender

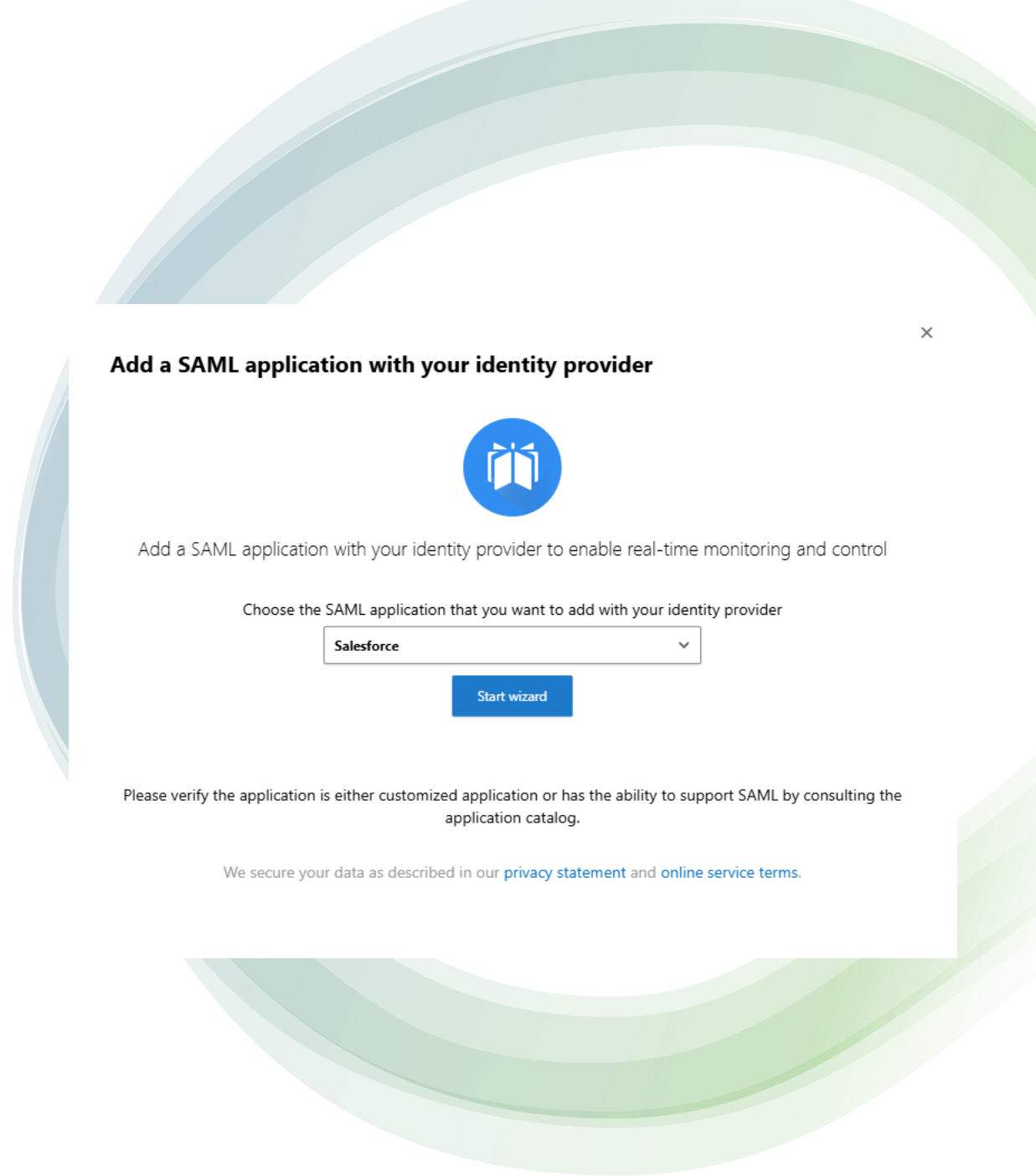
 NOTE: In a lab/demo, we *can't fully simulate this*, but we explain the steps.

We're starting the wizard to add **Salesforce** as a SAML-integrated app.

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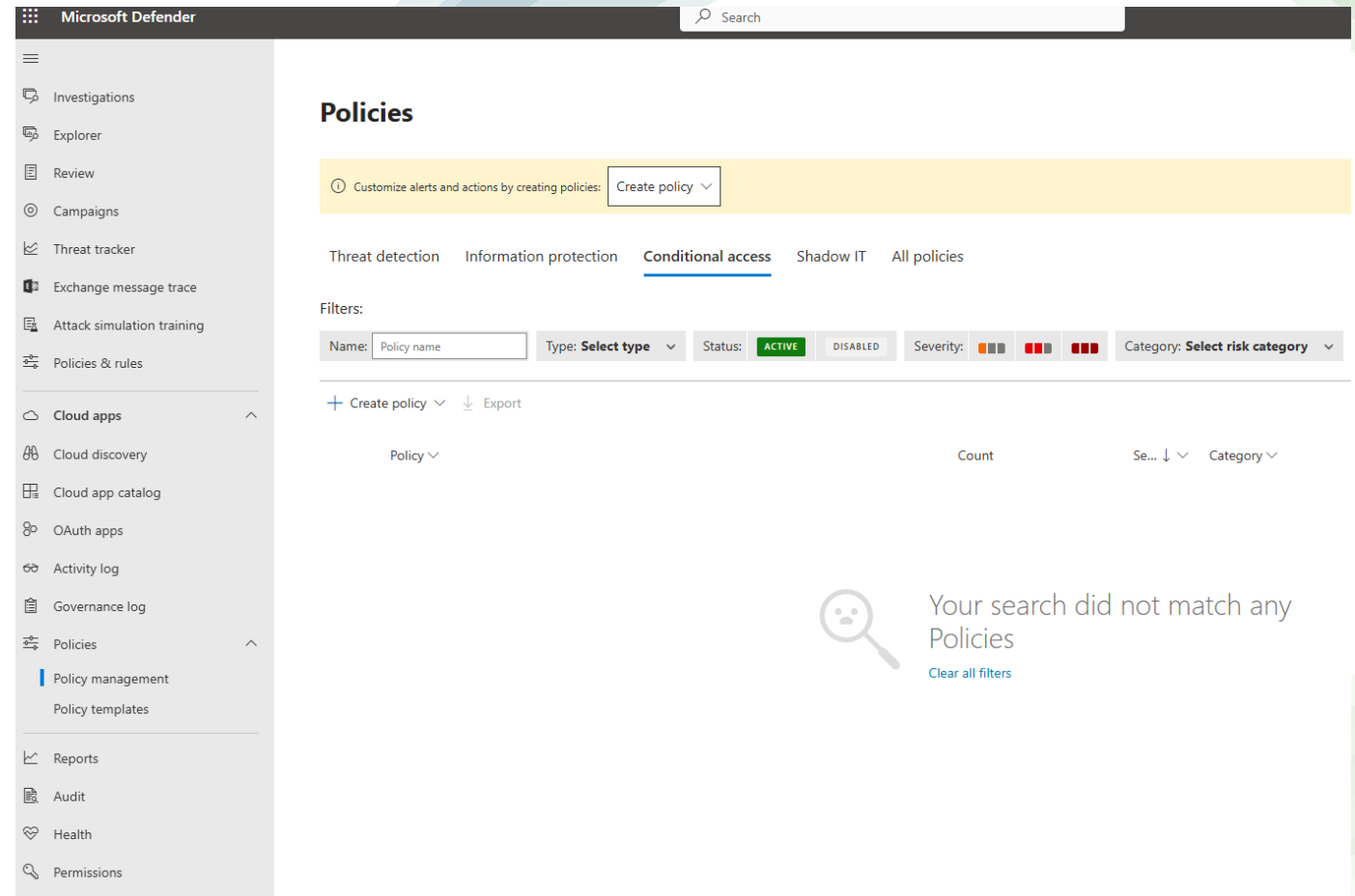
Establishing a SAML trust allows **Defender for Cloud Apps** to monitor and control access in real-time.

- SAML = Security Assertion Markup Language
- This setup enables policies like **blocking sensitive file downloads** or **session monitoring**
- We're preparing to create **Access** or **Session policies** once the connection is complete



Define Conditional Access App Control Policies

- **Policy Types:**
- **Access Policies** – Block access to risky apps or from unmanaged devices
- **Session Policies** – Monitor and control in real time (e.g., block downloads, enforce MFA)
- **Use Case Examples:**
- Block Dropbox access from unmanaged devices
- Prevent sensitive file downloads from OneDrive on personal laptops



We're now ready to enforce security by defining **Access** and **Session Policies**—tailored to app risk, device status, and user behavior.

Key Takeaways: Secure SaaS with Conditional Access App Control



- 🧠 **What We Learned:**
 - Connected SAML-based apps like Salesforce to Microsoft Defender for Cloud Apps
 - Understood **Access Policies** vs **Session Policies**
 - Explored **real-time monitoring** and **controls** to prevent data exfiltration, enforce MFA, and block risky behaviors
- 🔒 **Why It Matters:**

This integration strengthens **zero trust** strategies by giving admins deep visibility and control over cloud app behavior—even on unmanaged devices.

