# **Evaluation of Apache Knox integration with CERN SSO**

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### **Project Scope**

- Objective
  - SSO integration with Hadoop clusters for webUIs and APIs
  - Single entry point to all the cluster services
  - Use CERN infrastructure
- Expected outcome
  - Test, install and configure
  - Integration with SSO at CERN
    - Keycloak and OIDC
    - application-portal.web.cern.ch
  - Set up a home page with quick links
  - Explore ACL-based authorization
  - Configure auditing feature
  - Test HA support
- More details:
  - Latest stable release 2.0.0
  - knox.apache.org



### Apache Knox - Trusted Proxy









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# Why do we need it? SPNEGO limitations

- Not standard way to access webUIs at CERN
- Add extra settings in the browser config different for each web browser and OS
- Needs a valid Kerberos ticket or keytab on your local machine
- Configuration on the server side is complex



#### HTTP ERROR 401 Authentication required

URI: / STATUS: 401 MESSAGE: Authentication required SERVLET: org.apache.hadoop.http.WebServlet-49cb1baf







#### **Proxying Services:**

• Provides access to Apache Hadoop by proxying HTTP resources.

#### Authentication Services:

- Supports various authentication methods for REST API access and WebSSO for UIs:
  - LDAP/AD
  - Header-based PreAuth
  - Kerberos
  - SAML
  - OAuth

#### **Client Services:**

- Enables client development through:
  - Scripting with DSL
  - Using Knox Shell classes as an SDK
  - KnoxShell interactive environment combining Groovy shell with Knox Shell SDK classes for data interaction with your Hadoop cluster.







Users













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# Conclusion

- Apache Knox allows consistent and standardize way of accessing critical services
- Experimentation phase was successful with CERN SSO, HA and AuthZ on all services.
- Automatization of the setup is in progress
- Next step: Deploy and test it on the staging cluster





# **Thank you!**

