
Get out the way, 2FA

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Using the side door

2FA

- Two Factor Authentication is not a blanket solution
- It needs to be tested thoroughly

Mobile Sites

- Consider more testing
- Does it share authentication with the main web app?

Meet MMGN



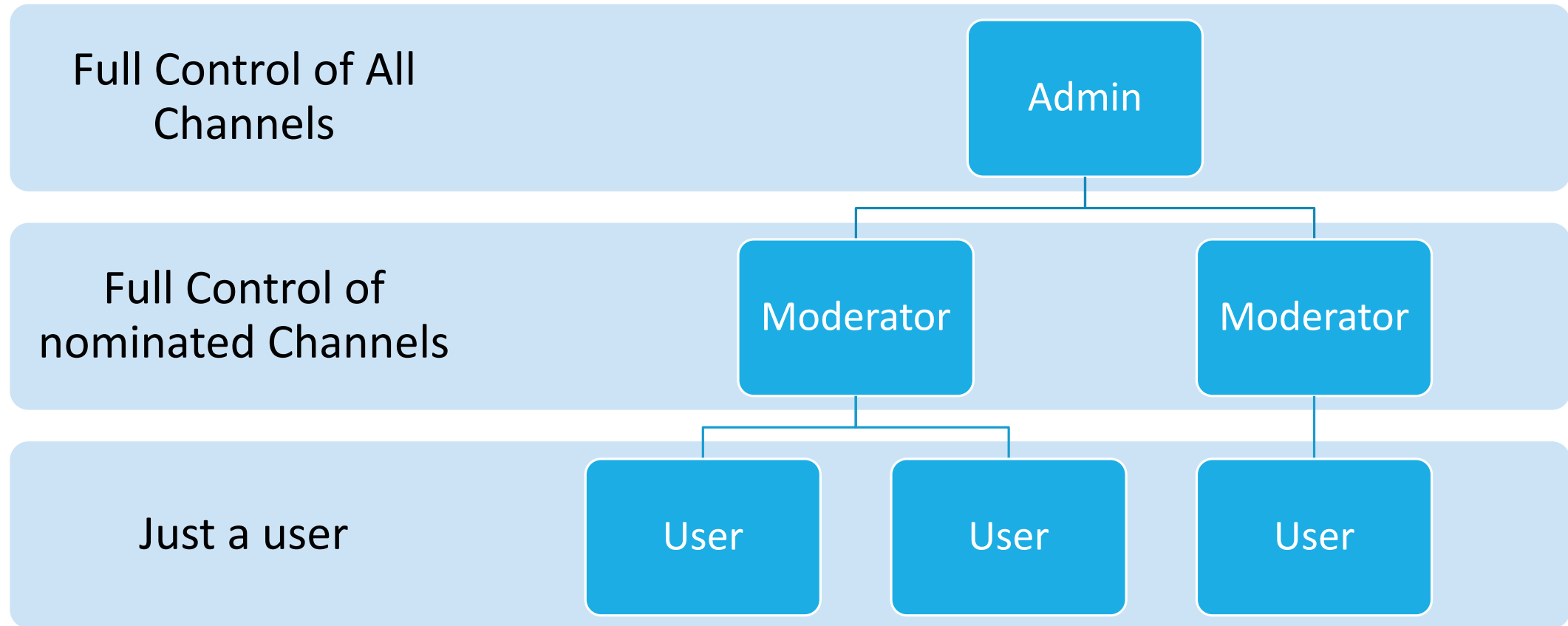
- Australian
- Online gaming and media community website
- Est 2005 as “PSPgo”
- Over 50,000 members
- Forums and news stuff
- Completely custom built.

Meet MMGN's sites (Channels)



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- wii.mmgn.com
- answers.mmgn.com
- gallery.mmgn.com
- pc.mmgn.com
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- apple.mmgn.com
- apb.mmgn.com
- psp.mmgn.com
- yougettheidea.mmgn.com
- Therearealotofsubdomains.mmgn.com

Meet MMGN's Privilege Structure



Where Doles is

Full Control of All Channels

Admin

Moderator Doles

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retro.mmgn.com

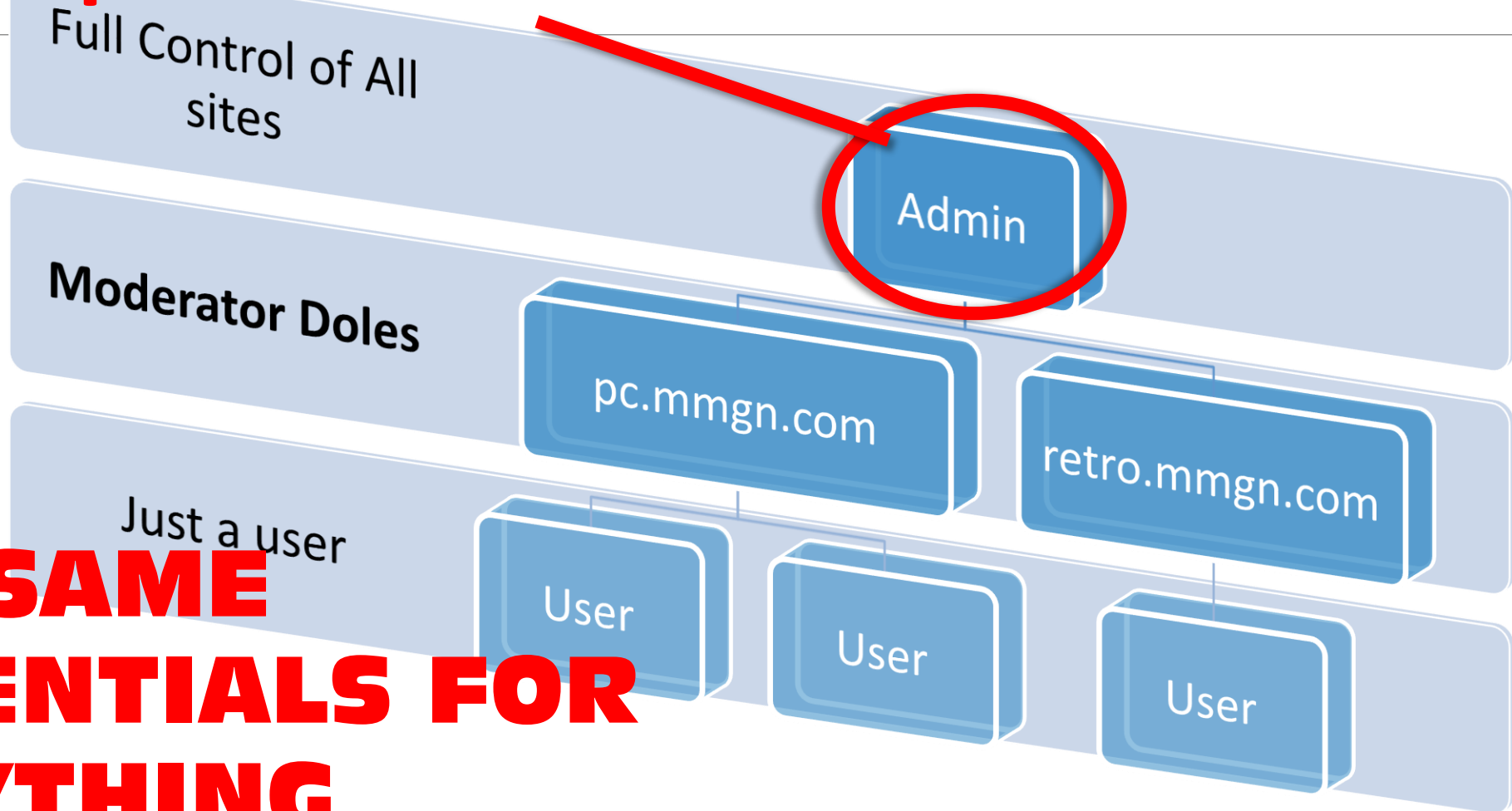
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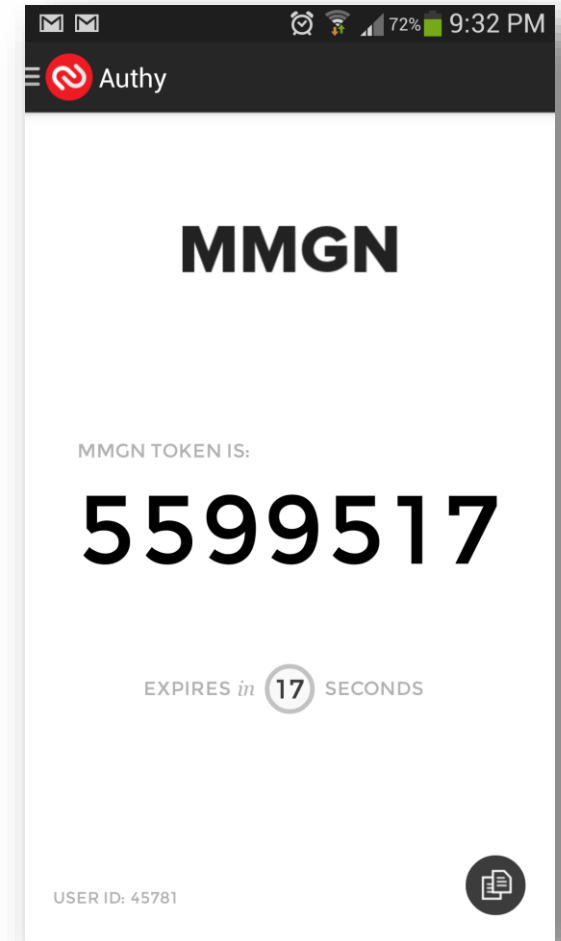
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**USES SAME
CREDENTIALS FOR
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Introduce 2FA to mitigate compromise



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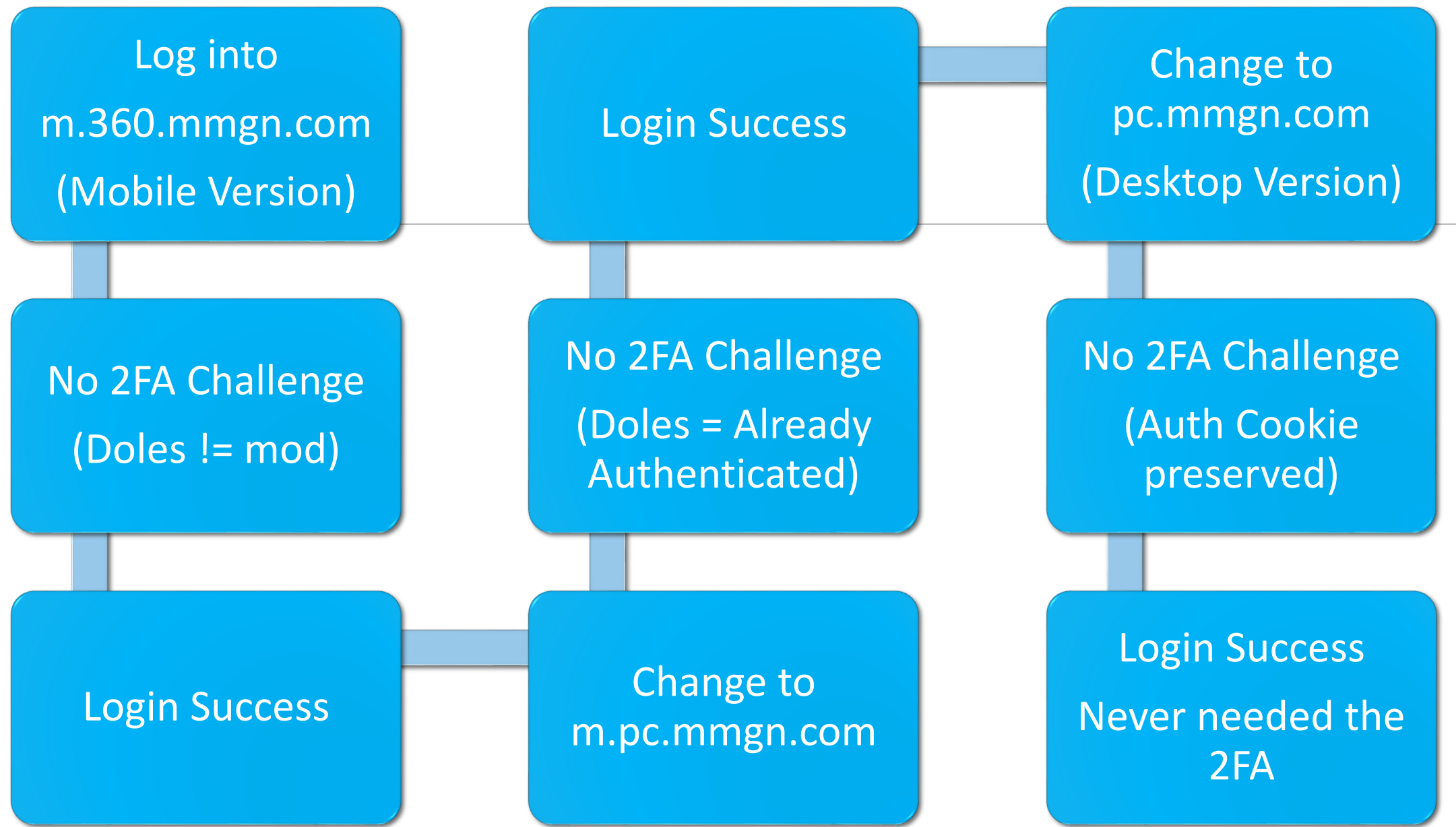
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Bypassing 2FA

- Extremely Simple
- Issue fixed within a week of reporting (Oct 2013)
- Not enough documentation taken at the time ☹️



Why did that work?

- Again, not enough documentation taken
- Mobile site shares Post-Authenticated session with desktop site
- Not asked to re-auth when changing to a mod-enabled site
- Different Channels don't require 2FA – depending on Moderator

What would have fixed it

- 2FA required for any user who is a moderator on any site.
- Global Authentication across mobile/desktop – either share the auth system or don't share the cookies

Thoughts for Attackers

- More consideration of the mobile version
- Is there a way around the 2FA?
- When are you NOT asked for the token?

Thoughts for Defenders

- 2FA not a blanket solution
- 2FA poorly implemented = no 2FA at all
- Needs to be tested properly

Thanks!



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