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# Securing identities in Microsoft 365

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# Agenda

What we will learn from today's session

- Phishing demo 🦹‍♂️
- Why passwords are bad?
- Defender for Office 365
- Azure MFA (additional context)
- Azure AD Password protection
- How to disable Legacy Authentication?
- Risk based Conditional Access (demo)
- Azure AD Identity Protection
- Cloud App Security (demo)
- Passwordless





# “Identity is the new perimeter”

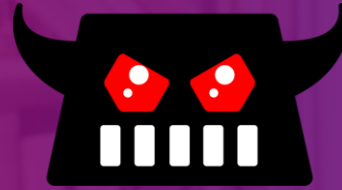
Zero Trust

# Why passwords are bad?

We cannot rely on passwords (alone)

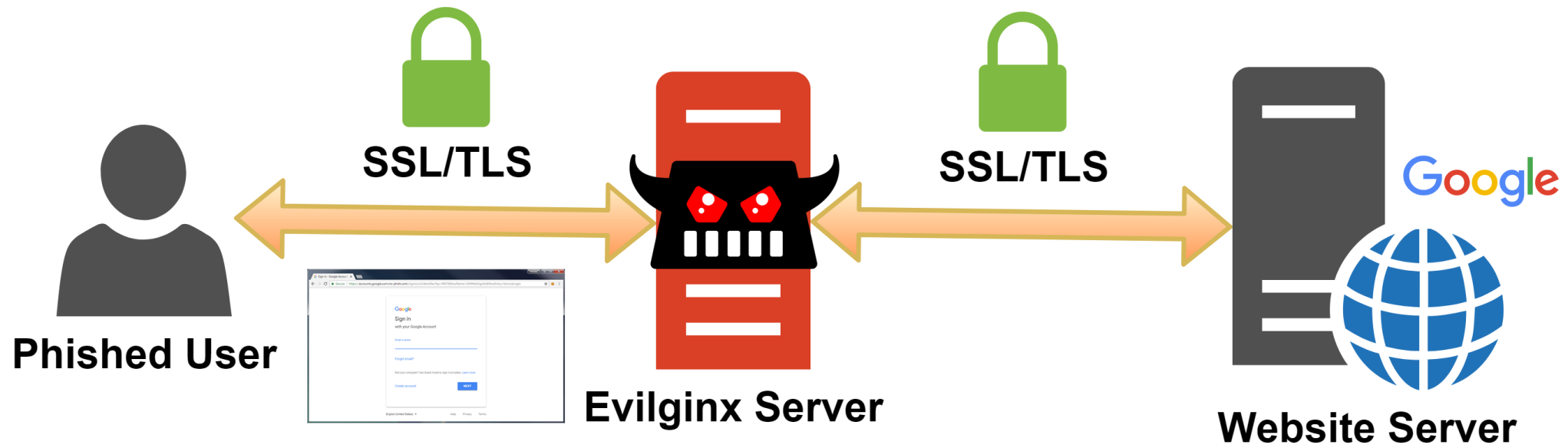
- Humans are bad in making up good passwords
- Password re-use
- Passwords get stolen all the time
- Lack of Single Sign On = a gazillion passwords for day-to-day use
- Password reset policies make passwords weaker

# Phishing demo



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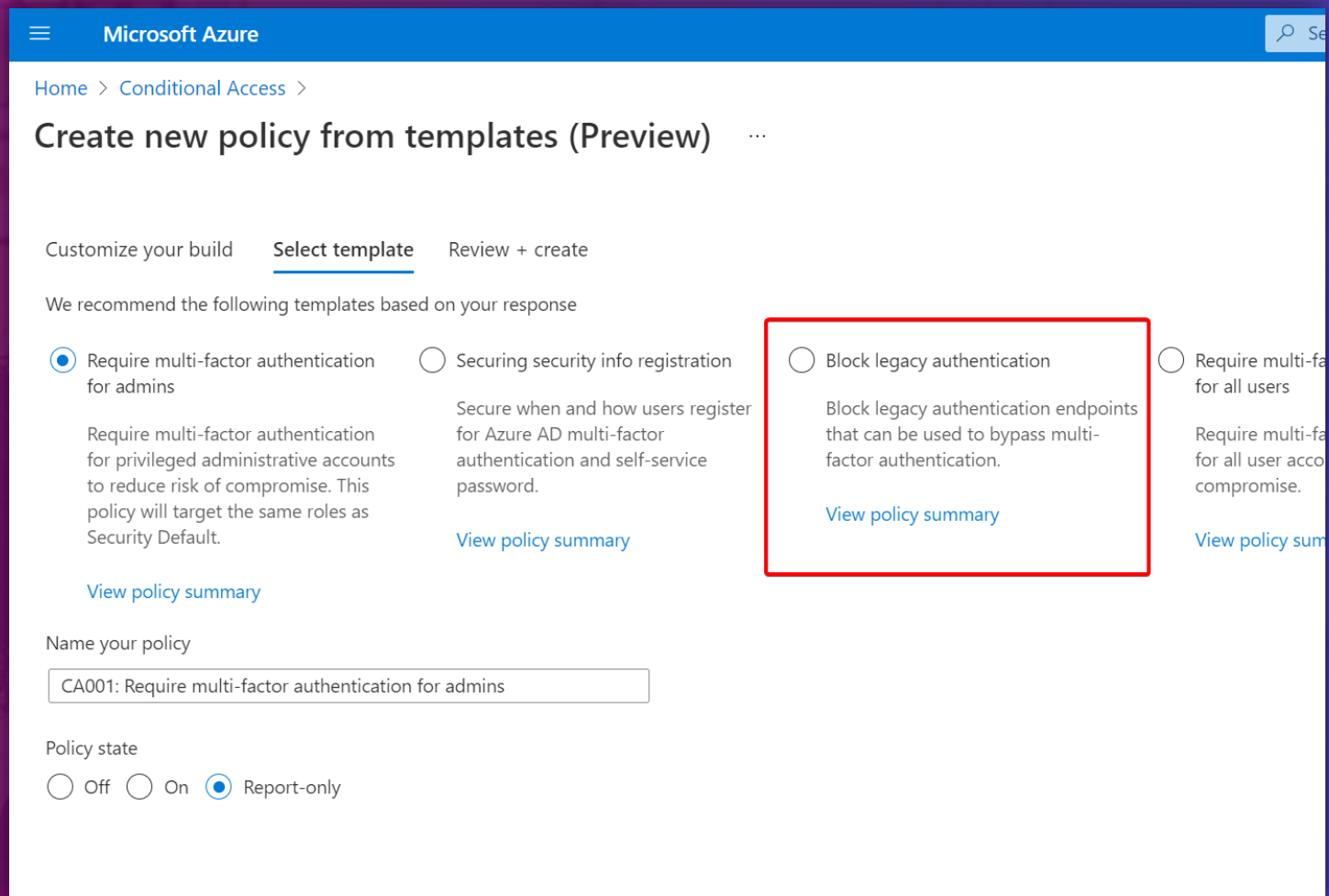
# 10 tips to increase identity security

With Microsoft 365

# TIP 1 – Block legacy authentication

Security Defaults  
Conditional Access

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Home > Conditional Access >

## Create new policy from templates (Preview) ...

Customize your build Select template Review + create

We recommend the following templates based on your response

☒ Require multi-factor authentication for admins

Require multi-factor authentication for privileged administrative accounts to reduce risk of compromise. This policy will target the same roles as Security Default.

[View policy summary](#)

☐ Securing security info registration

Secure when and how users register for Azure AD multi-factor authentication and self-service password.

[View policy summary](#)

☐ Block legacy authentication

Block legacy authentication endpoints that can be used to bypass multi-factor authentication.

[View policy summary](#)

☐ Require multi-factor authentication for all users

Require multi-factor authentication for all user accounts to reduce risk of compromise.

[View policy summary](#)

Name your policy

CA001: Require multi-factor authentication for admins

Policy state

☐ Off ☐ On ☒ Report-only



# TIP 2 – Do not expire passwords

Use Azure AD password protection instead

## Password expiration policy

Choose the number of days before a user's password will expire, and the number of days before they're notified about an upcoming password expiration. The policy applies to everyone in your organization.

[Learn more about password policy recommendations](#)

☐ Set user passwords to expire after a number of days



Microsoft Azure

Home > Contoso > Security > Authentication methods

### Authentication methods | Password protection

Contoso - Azure AD Security

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**Manage**

- Policies
- Password protection**
- Registration campaign

**Monitoring**

- Activity
- User registration details
- Registration and reset events
- Bulk operation results

**Custom smart lockout**

Lockout threshold ① 10

Lockout duration in seconds ① 60

**Custom banned passwords**

Enforce custom list ① Yes No

Custom banned password list ①

Don't Use!! These Passwords Everrr! ✓

**Password protection for Windows Server Active Directory**

Enable password protection on Windows Server Active Directory ① Yes No

Mode ① Enforced Audit

# TIP 3 – Turn on user risk / sign-in risk policy

- Azure AD Identity Protection
- Risk based Conditional Access
- Security Defaults

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## Identity Protection | Overview

Search (Ctrl+/) << Learn more Refresh Got feedback?

Overview

Diagnose and solve problems

Protect

User risk policy

Sign-in risk policy

MFA registration policy

Date range = 30 days

New risky users detected ⓘ

|     |
|-----|
| 1   |
| 0.9 |
| 0.8 |

# General tip: use Named/Trusted Locations to avoid false positives!

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## Trusted locations

Administrators can name locations defined by IP address ranges to be trusted named locations.

Sign-ins from trusted named locations improve the accuracy of Azure AD Identity Protection's risk calculation, lowering a user's sign-in risk when they authenticate from a location marked as trusted. Additionally, trusted named locations can be targeted in Conditional Access policies. For example, you may [restrict multi-factor authentication registration to trusted locations](#).

# TIP 4 - Enable password hash sync

- Leaked credentials detection for hybrid accounts

';--have i been pwned?

Check if your email or phone is in a data breach

## PROVISION FROM ACTIVE DIRECTORY



### Azure AD cloud sync

This feature allows you to manage sync configurations from the cloud, in addition to syncing Active Directory users and groups from disconnected forests.

[Manage Azure AD cloud sync](#)

### Azure AD Connect sync

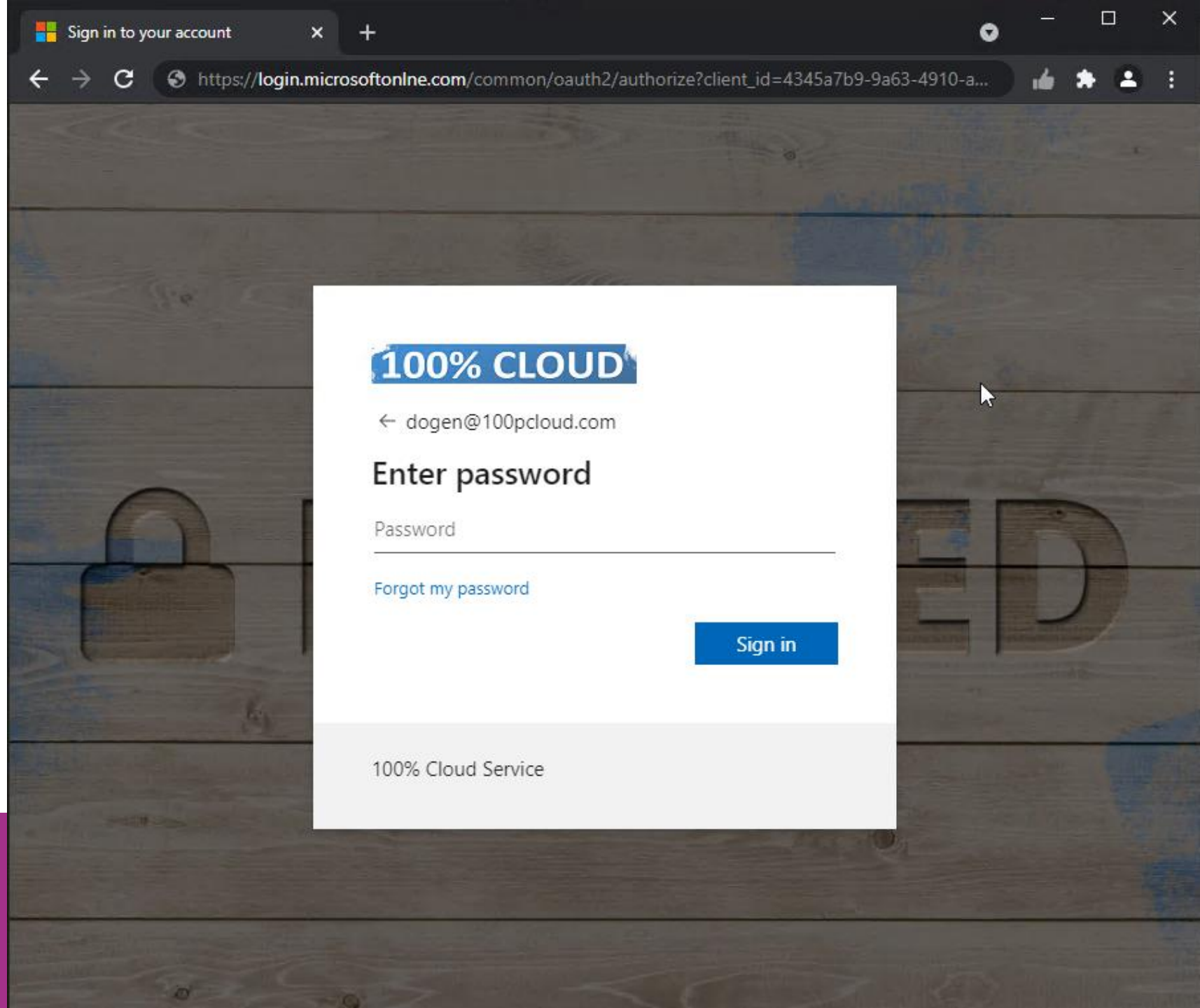
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|--------------------|----------------------|
| Sync Status        | Enabled              |
| Last Sync          | Less than 1 hour ago |
| Password Hash Sync | Enabled              |



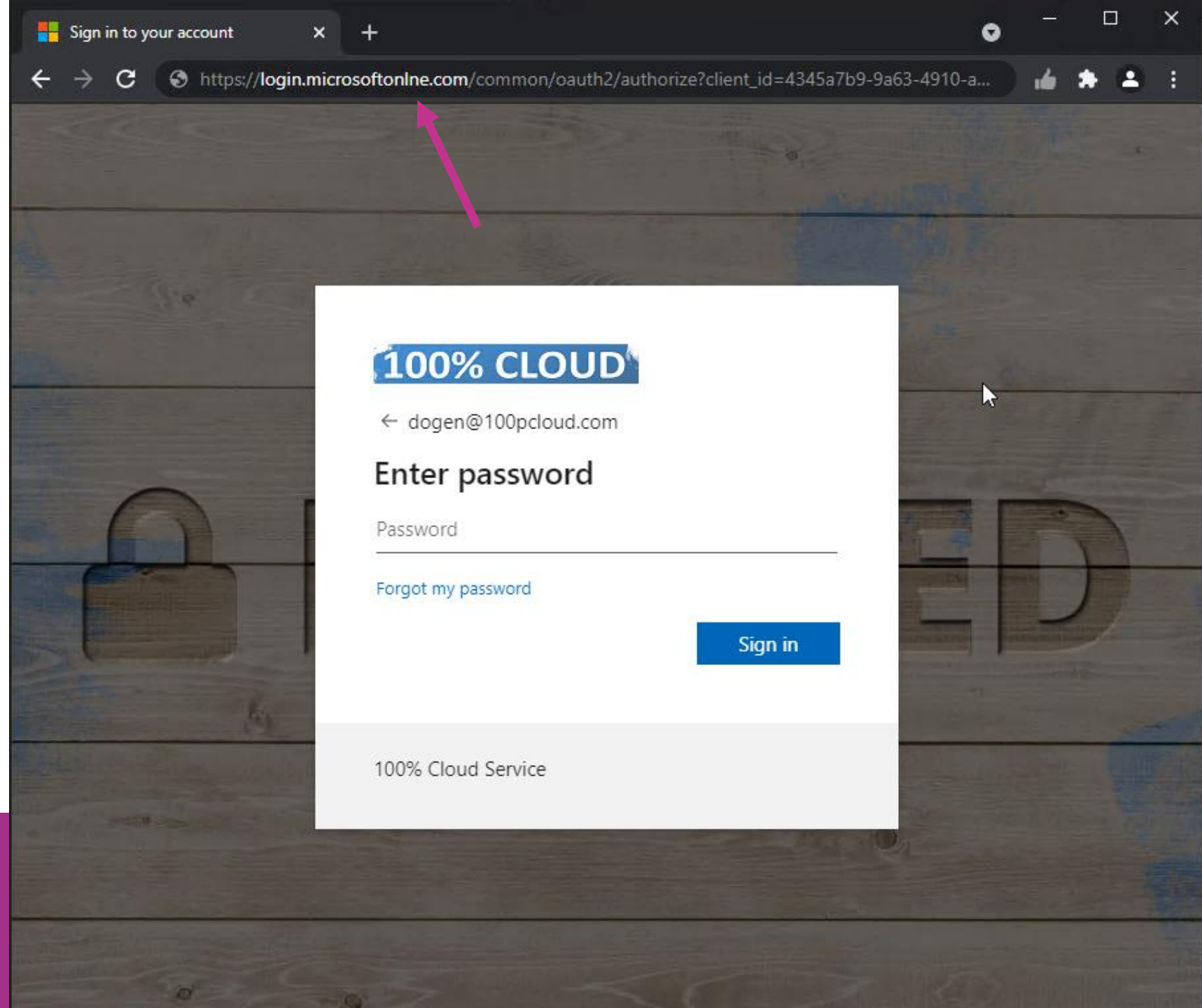
# TIP 5 – Pink thumb extension

- Browser extension to prevent phishing

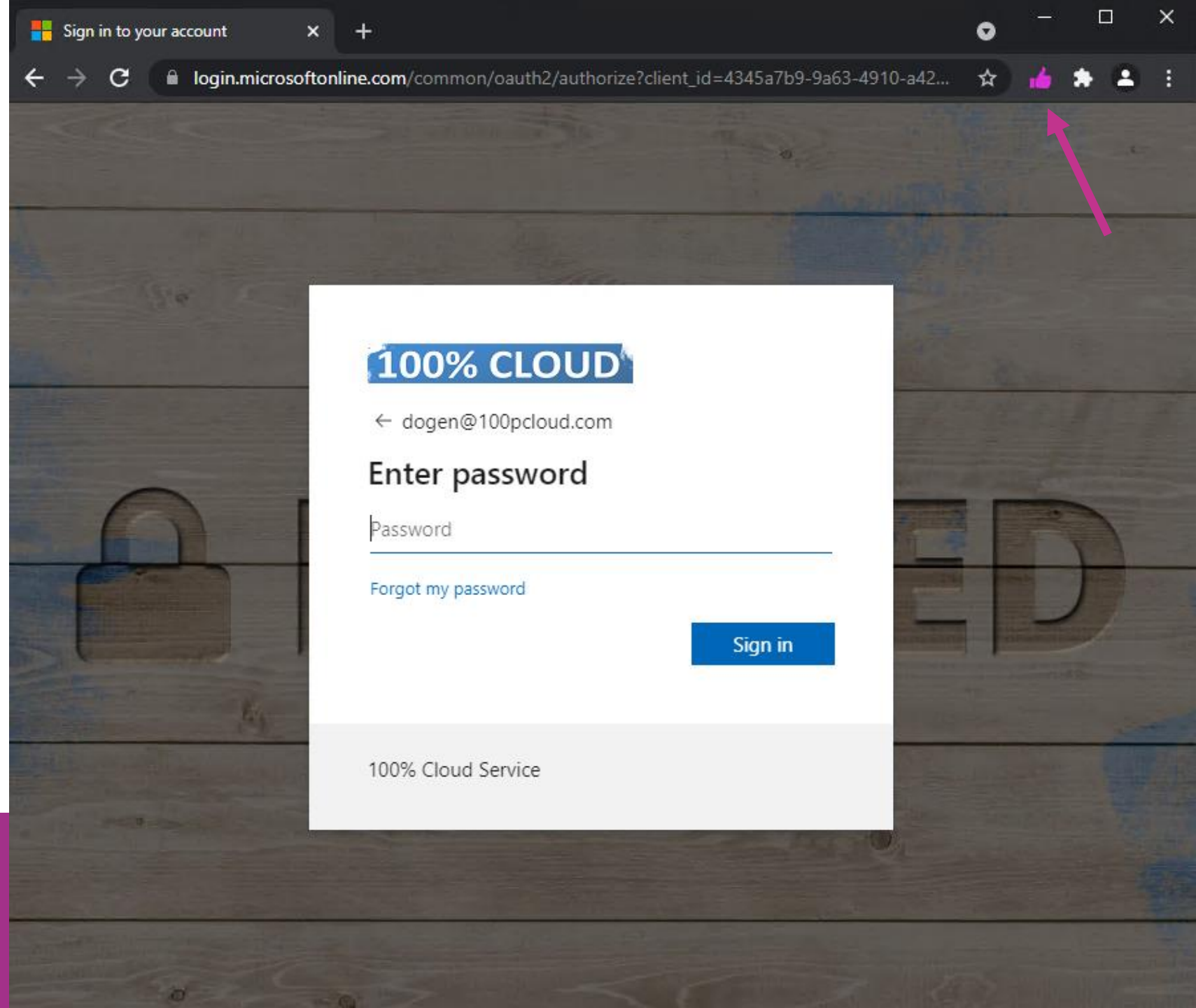
# What's wrong with this page?



**What's  
wrong  
with this  
page?**



Can you  
see the  
pink  
thumb  
icon?

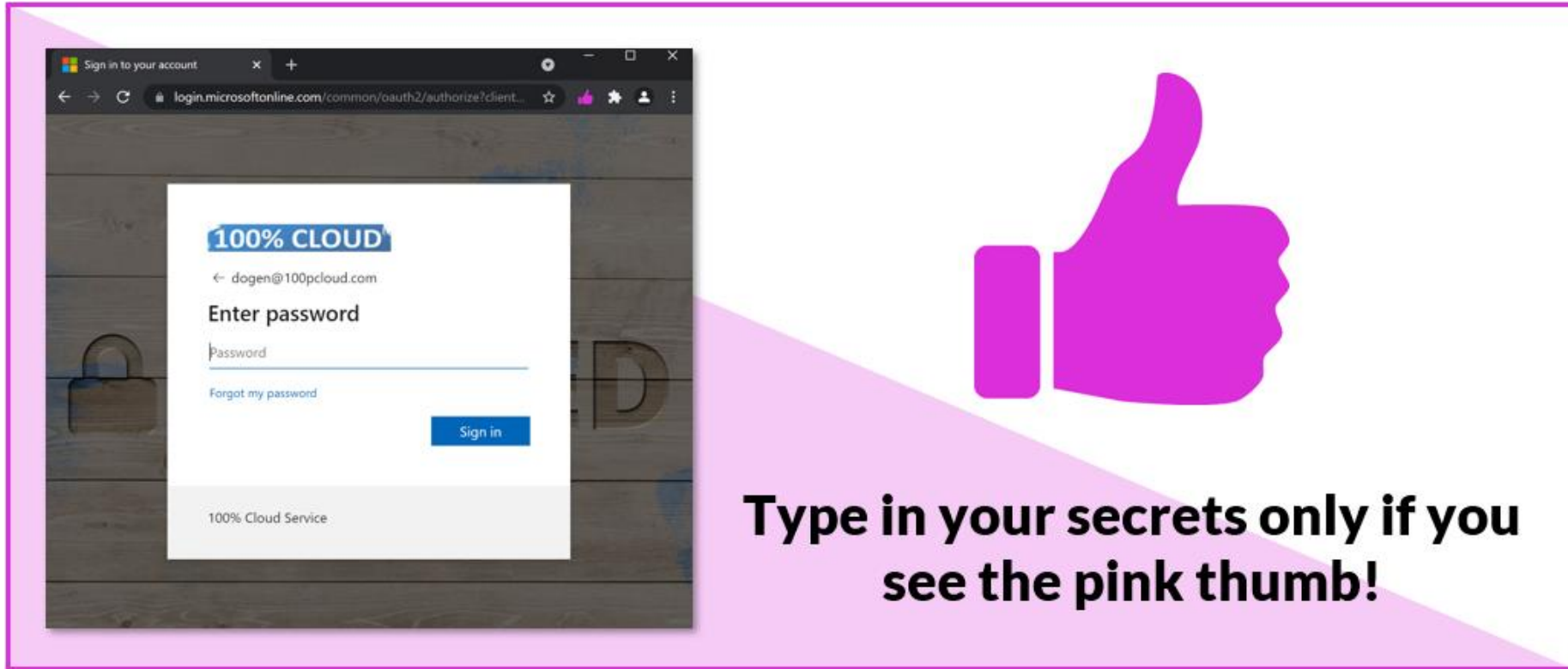




# PINK THUMB

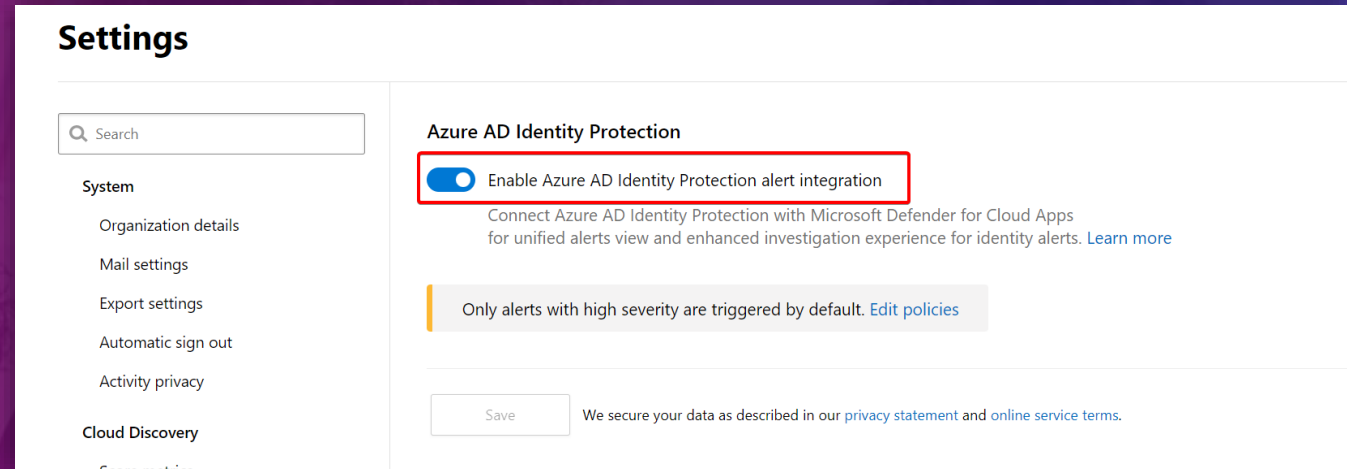
[Pink Thumb | \(emptydc.com\)](https://emptydc.com)

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# TIP 6 – Defender for Cloud Apps

- Integration with Identity Protection



|                                     |         |  |
|-------------------------------------|---------|--|
| Suspicious inbox manipulation rules | Offline | This detection is discovered by <a href="#">Microsoft Defender for Cloud Apps</a> . This detection profiles your environment and triggers alerts when suspicious rules that delete or move messages or folders are set on a user's inbox. This detection may indicate that the user's account is compromised, that messages are being intentionally hidden, and that the mailbox is being used to distribute spam or malware in your organization. |
| Password spray                      | Offline | A password spray attack is where multiple usernames are attacked using common passwords in a unified brute force manner to gain unauthorized access. This risk detection is triggered when a password spray attack has been performed.   |
| Impossible travel                   | Offline | This detection is discovered by <a href="#">Microsoft Defender for Cloud Apps</a> . This detection identifies two user activities (is a single or multiple sessions) originating from geographically distant locations within a time period shorter than the time it would have taken the user to travel from the first location to the second, indicating that a different user is using the same credentials.                                    |
| New country                         | Offline | This detection is discovered by <a href="#">Microsoft Defender for Cloud Apps</a> . This detection considers past activity locations to determine new and infrequent locations. The anomaly detection engine stores information about previous locations used by users in the organization.  |
| Activity from anonymous IP address  | Offline | This detection is discovered by <a href="#">Microsoft Defender for Cloud Apps</a> . This detection identifies that users were active from an IP address that has been identified as an anonymous proxy IP address.   |
| Suspicious inbox forwarding         | Offline | This detection is discovered by <a href="#">Microsoft Defender for Cloud Apps</a> . This detection looks for suspicious email forwarding rules, for example, if a user created an inbox rule that forwards a copy of all emails to an external address.  |
| Azure AD                            | Offline | This risk detection type indicates sign-in activity that is unusual for the given user or is consistent  |

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# | Demo

Defender for Cloud Apps

<http://aka.ms/mcasportal>

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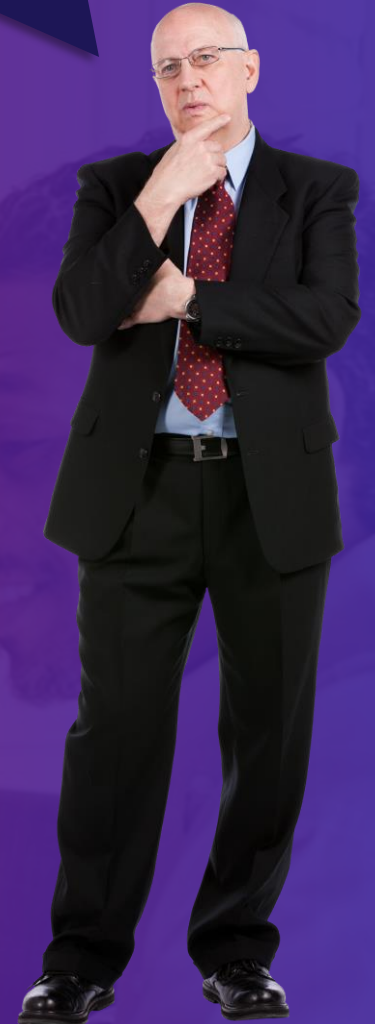


Can we prompt our users with MFA every 8 hours, or even better: every single time they sign-on?

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## TIP 7 – Azure MFA additional context & Sign-in frequency

- Avoid MFA fatigue and mindless approvals of pop-ups.



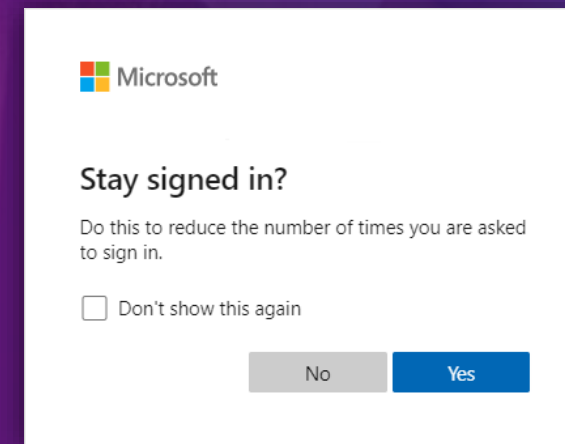
# Azure AD premium

- Enable Seamless SSO
- Use Sign-in frequency (Conditional Access) if you require reauthentication
- Non managed = non persistent, or: less risk = longer session duration

Don't use both!

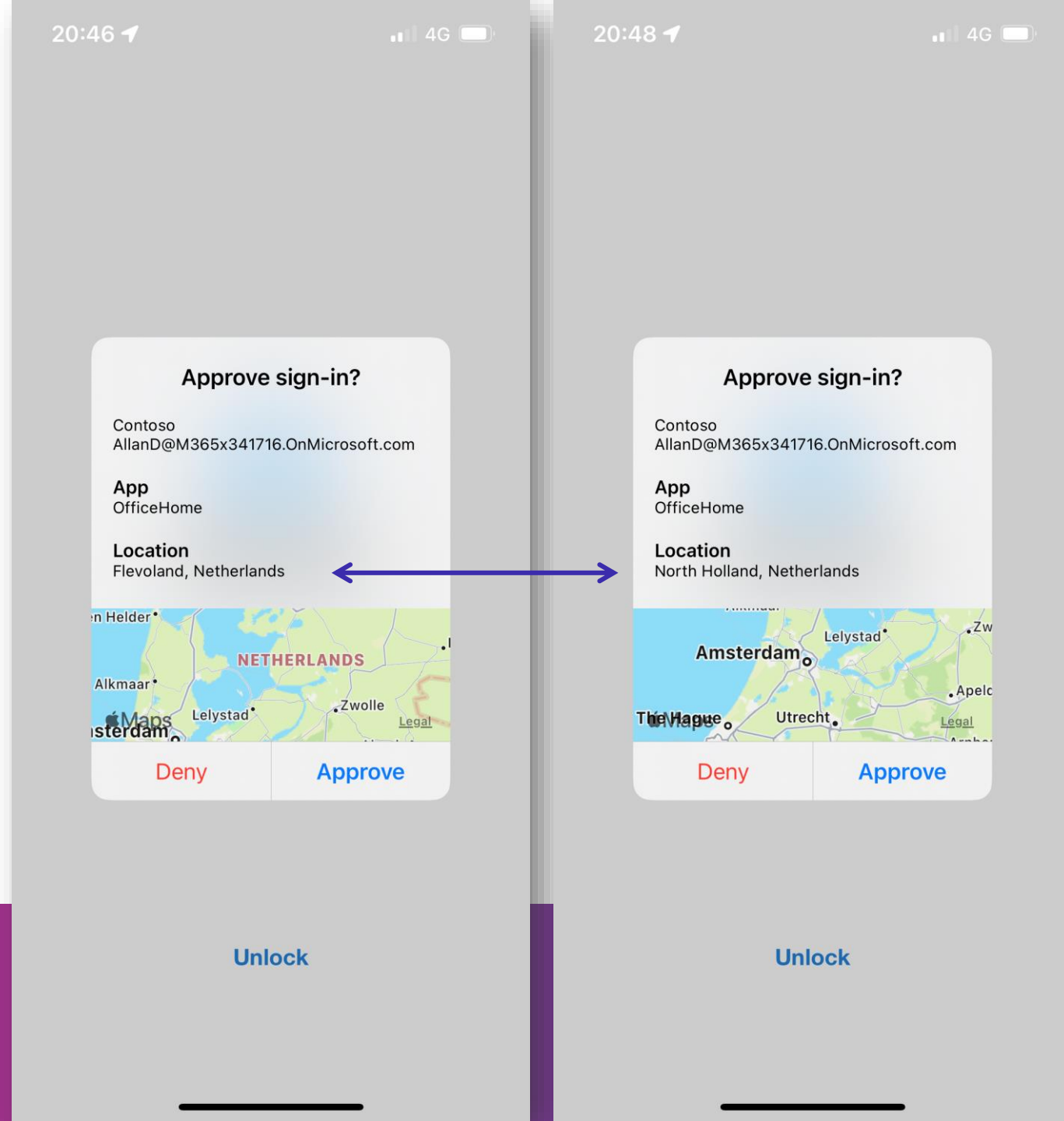
# Azure AD free

- Enable Seamless SSO
- Keep the Remain signed-in option enabled, and guide your users to accept it.



# Additional Context in Azure MFA notifications






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# TIP 8 – Defender for Office 365

- Attack Simulator
- Smart Links
- Anti phishing policies

## Policies

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
|    | Anti-phishing    |
|    | Anti-spam        |
|    | Anti-malware     |
|    | Safe Attachments |
|  | Safe Links       |



# Attack simulation training in Defender for Office 365

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The screenshot displays the Microsoft 365 Defender interface for Contoso Electronics. The left-hand navigation pane includes sections for Threat analytics, Secure score, Learning hub, and Trials. Under the 'Email & collaboration' section, 'Attack simulation training' is highlighted with a red box. The main content area is titled 'Attack simulation training' and features tabs for Overview, Simulations (selected), Payloads, Simulation automations, Payload automations, Settings, and End-user notifications. A summary bar shows simulation counts: Draft (0), Scheduled (0), In progress (0), Completed (1), Failed (0), and Cancelled (0). A toggle for 'Show excluded simulations' is present. Below this is a table with one simulation, 'Simulation 1', which is a Social Engineering attack via Email, launched on 12/10/2021 and ending on 12/12/2021. The table also shows 0 actual compromises and 20 predicted compromises.

Contoso Electronics Microsoft 365 Defender

Threat analytics  
Secure score  
Learning hub  
Trials

Email & collaboration

Investigations  
Explorer  
Submissions  
Review  
Campaigns  
Threat tracker  
Exchange message trace  
**Attack simulation training**  
Policies & rules

## Attack simulation training

Overview **Simulations** Payloads Simulation automations Payload automations Settings End-user notifications

A list of all your simulations and their status.

Draft 0 Scheduled 0 In progress 0 Completed 1 Failed 0 Cancelled 0 ☐ Show excluded simulations

[+ Launch a simulation](#) 1 item Refresh Search [Customize columns](#)

| Simulation Name | Type               | Platform | Launch Date            | End Date               | Actual Compromise R... | Predicted Compromis... | Created |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| Simulation 1    | Social Engineering | Email    | 12/10/2021, 4:14:31 PM | 12/12/2021, 4:14:31 PM | 0                      | 20                     | admin@  |

# Educate your users

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# Anti-phishing

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The screenshot displays the Microsoft 365 Defender interface for Contoso Electronics. The left sidebar contains navigation links: Trials, Email & collaboration, Investigations, Explorer, Submissions, Review, Campaigns, Threat tracker, Exchange message trace, Attack simulation training, Policies & rules, Reports, Audit, Health, Permissions & roles, Settings, More resources, and Customize navigation. The main area shows the 'Policies & rules > Threat policies > Anti-phishing' path. A text block explains that Microsoft 365 includes built-in features for protection and allows for custom policies. A summary bar indicates '0 impersonated domain(s) and user(s) over the past 7 days'. Below this, a table lists policies with columns for Name and status. The 'Office365 AntiPhish Default (Default)' policy is selected. A settings pane on the right shows the following configuration: Description (empty), Phishing threshold & protection (1 - Standard), Impersonated user protection (Off - 0 sender(s) specified), Impersonated domain protection (Off for owned domains, Off - 0 domain(s) specified), Trusted impersonated senders and domains (Off), Mailbox intelligence (On), Mailbox intelligence for impersonations (Off), and Snarf intelligence (Off). A 'Close' button is at the bottom of the settings pane.

Contoso Electronics Microsoft 365 Defender

Policies & rules > Threat policies > Anti-phishing

By default, Microsoft 365 includes built-in features that help protect your protection. For example, you can refining the settings to better detect and all users within the organization. You can create custom, higher priority policies

0 impersonated domain(s) and user(s) over the past 7 days. View impersonations

+ Create ↓ Export ↻ Refresh ⋮ More actions

| ✓ Name                                  |
|---|
| ✓ Office365 AntiPhish Default (Default) |

**Office365 AntiPhish Default (Default)**  
● Always on | Priority Lowest | Wed Dec 01 2021

Description  
-

Phishing threshold & protection  
Phishing threshold  
1 - Standard

Impersonated user protection  
● Off - 0 sender(s) specified

Impersonated domain protection  
● Off for owned domains  
● Off - 0 domain(s) specified

Trusted impersonated senders and domains  
● Off

Mailbox intelligence  
● On

Mailbox intelligence for impersonations  
● Off (Mailbox intelligence must be turned on to access this)

Snarf intelligence

Close

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# Safe links

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Contoso Electronics Microsoft 365 Defender

Policies & rules > Threat policies > Safe links

Safe Links helps prevent your users from following links in email and documents that determine how all or specific users in your organization interact with Safe Links. [Learn more](#)

+ Create ↓ Export ↻ Refresh 📄 Reports ⚙️ Global settings ⋮ More

| ✓ Name                      |
|-----------------------------|
| ✓ Safe Links Default Policy |

**Safe Links Default Policy**

● Policy on | Priority 0

⏻ Turn off 🗑️ Delete policy

**Description**

-

[Edit description](#)

**Users and domains**

**Included users**

admin@M365x341716.OnMicrosoft.com

[Edit users and domains](#)

**Protection settings**

**Action on unknown or potentially malicious URLs in messages**

● On - URLs will be rewritten and checked against a list of known malicious links when user clicks on the link.

**Action on unknown or potentially malicious URLs within Microsoft Teams**

● On - Microsoft Teams will check against a list of known malicious links when user clicks on a link; URLs will not be rewritten.

**Apply real-time URL scanning for suspicious links and links that point to files**

● On

Close

For  
Exchange  
Online  
and  
Teams!

# Preset security policies

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## Preset security policies

### Built-in protection



Built-in Microsoft Office 365 security applied to all users in your organization to protect against malicious links and attachments.

- ✓ Attachment protection with Safe Attachments
- ✓ Link protection with Safe Links
- ✓ Enabled by default and applied to entire organization

**Note:** Built-in protection is enabled only for paid Microsoft Defender for Office 365 tenants.

[Add exclusions \(Not recommended\)](#)

### Standard protection



A baseline protection profile that protects against spam, phishing, and malware threats.

- ✓ Balanced actions for malicious content
- ✓ Balanced handling of bulk content
- ✓ Attachment and link protection with Safe Links and Safe Attachments

☐ Disabled

[Manage](#)

### Strict protection



A more aggressive protection profile for selected users, such as high value targets or priority users.

- ✓ More aggressive actions on malicious mail
- ✓ Tighter controls over bulk senders
- ✓ More aggressive machine learning

☐ Disabled

[Manage](#)

Let me fix that for you, I have  
Global Admin rights!

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# TIP 9 – Privileged Identity Management

- Reduce standing access for admin roles
- MFA and approval before role is activated
- Access Reviews

## Role setting details - Cloud Application Administrator

Privileged Identity Management | Azure AD roles

 Edit

### Activation

| Setting                                  | State     |
|--|-----------|
| Activation maximum duration (hours)      | 8 hour(s) |
| Require justification on activation      | Yes       |
| Require ticket information on activation | No        |
| On activation, require Azure MFA         | Yes       |
| Require approval to activate             | No        |
| Approvers                                | None      |

Practice what you preach! Start out with your personal Microsoft account!

# TIP 10 – Go Passwordless!

- Windows Hello for Business
- Microsoft Authenticator App
- FIDO 2 keys

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[The passwordless future is here for your Microsoft account - Microsoft Security Blog](#)

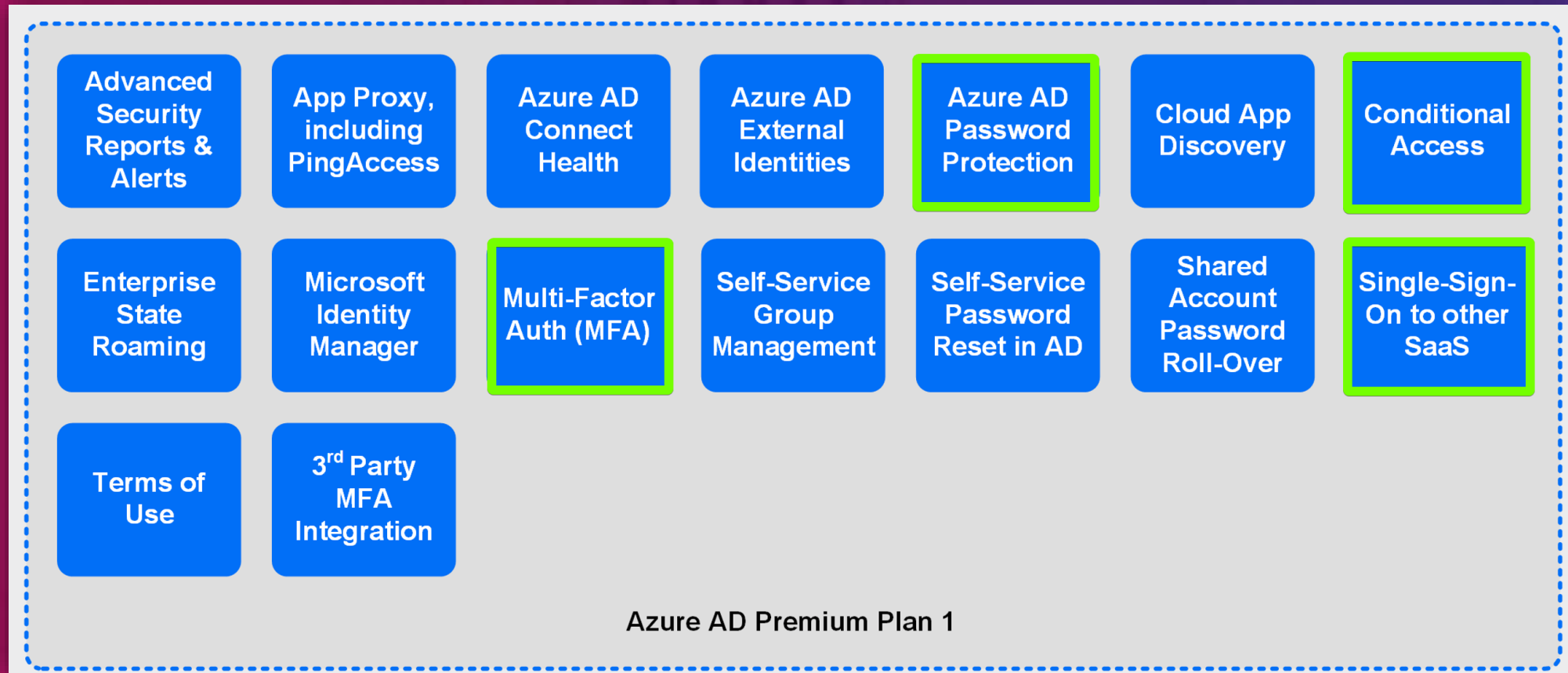


Enable Combined Registration portal first!



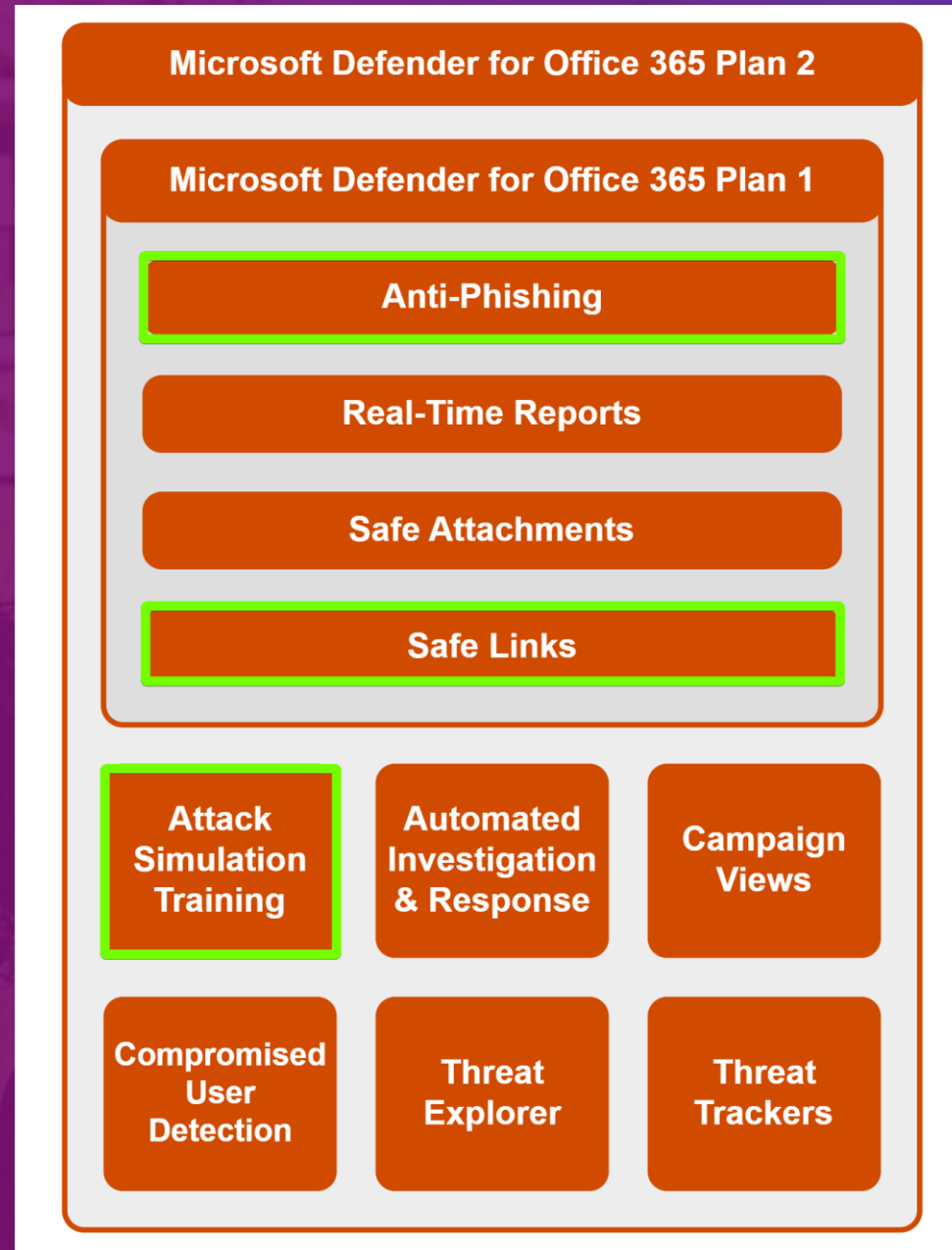
# Azure AD Premium Plan 1

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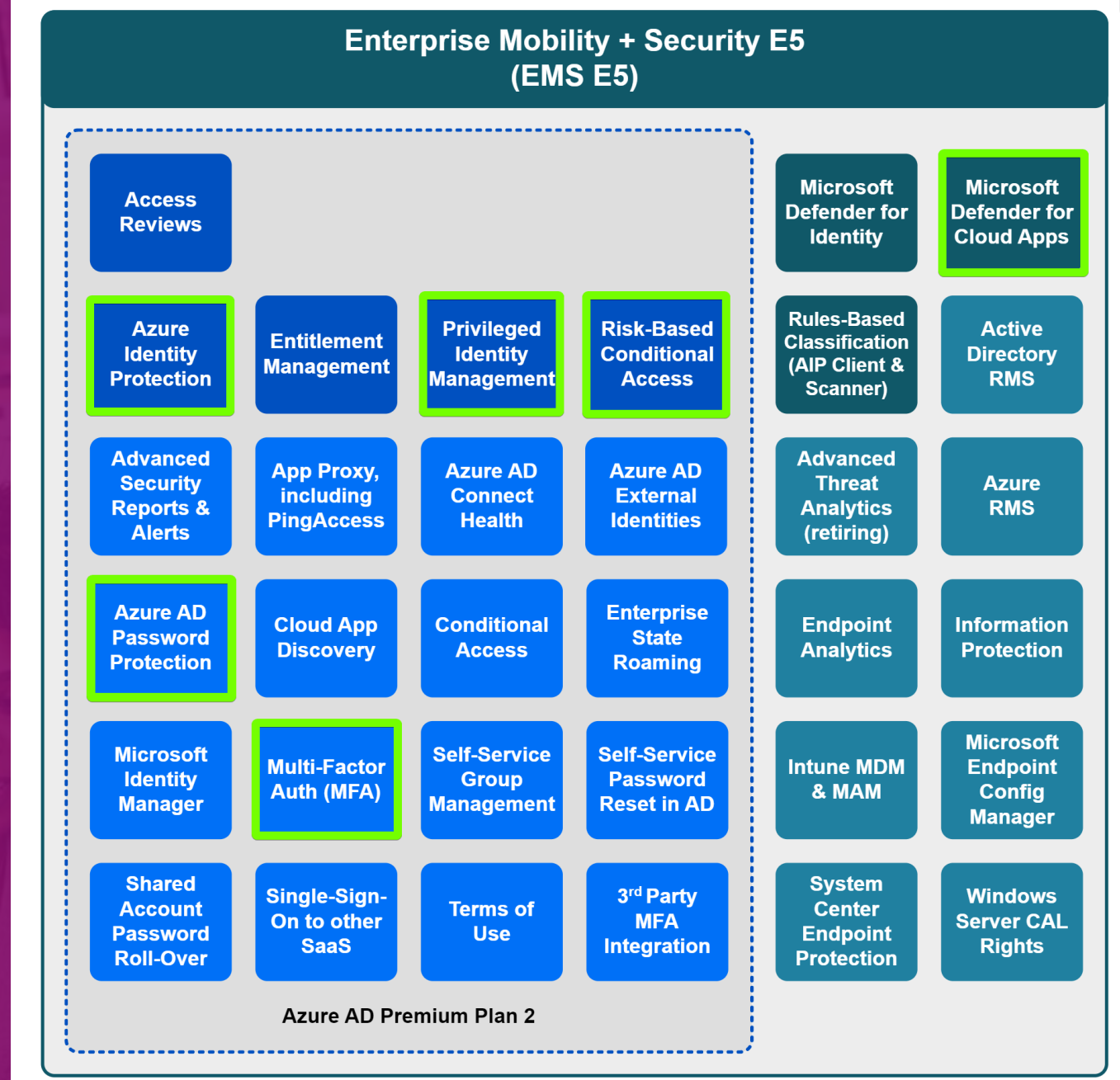


# Prevent phishing

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# Security & Alerts



A woman with dark, curly hair and glasses is smiling and looking off to the side. The background is a blurred office or meeting room with windows and some framed pictures on the wall.

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# THANK YOU!

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Questions?