



Lessons Learned from Okta

A Security-first Approach to Mitigating Identity Provider Risk





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Cast of Characters



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Okta

- Identity & Access Management
- San Francisco, CA



Sitel/Sykes

- Managed Service Provider
- Miami, FL

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- Threat Actor
- South American (Brazil?) based.



Okta's Published Timeline

- **January 20, 2022**
 - Okta Discovers Intrusion
- **March 17, 2022**
 - Okta receives report from Sitel indicating breach
- **March 22, 2022**
 - LAPSUS\$ shares screenshots online
 - Okta publishes blog announcing breach

<https://support.okta.com/help/s/article/Frequently-Asked-Questions-Regarding-January-2022-Compromise>
<https://www.okta.com/blog/2022/03/oktas-investigation-of-the-january-2022-compromise/>



Intrusion Timeline

Table 1 lists the major dates, associated events, and the applicable attack phase for the intrusion. All timestamps in this report are in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), unless otherwise noted. For a detailed description of each attack phase, refer to **Appendix A: Targeted Attack Lifecycle**.

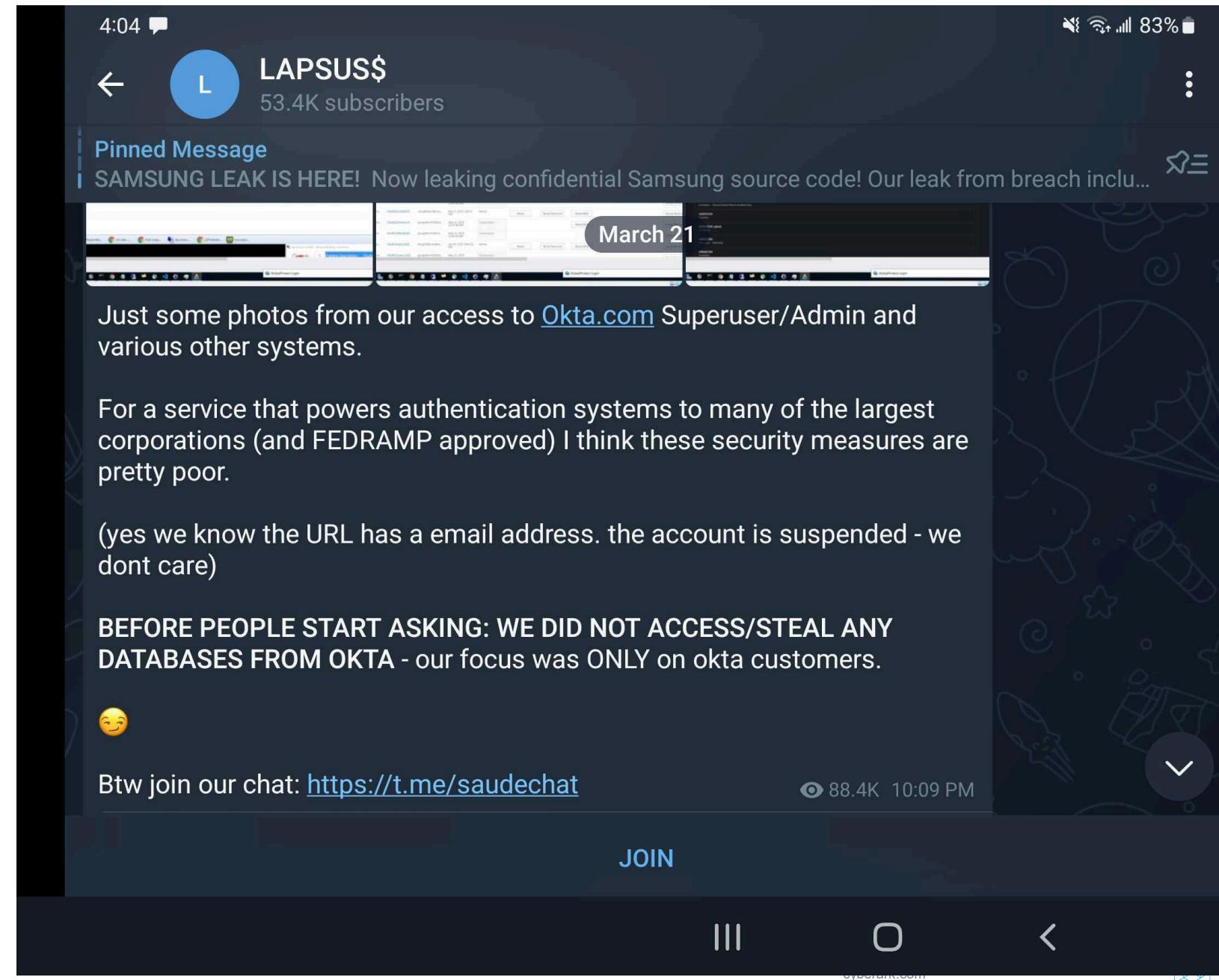
Date (UTC)	Event	Attack Phase
2022-01-16 00:33:23	First logon event from [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]. Logon to [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED] from [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED] (10.112.137.64)	Initial Compromise
2022-01-19 19:19:47	RDP logon by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED] from LOCAL to [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Initial Compromise
2022-01-19 19:45:39	Bing search for Privilege escalation tools on Github by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-19 19:47:58	UserProfileSvcEop.exe downloaded from hxxps://github.com by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 18:31:19	Account [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED] created on [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Maintain Presence
2022-01-20 18:32:32	RDP logon by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED] from LOCAL to [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Move Laterally
2022-01-20 18:39:43	Bing search for Process Explorer by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Internal Recon
2022-01-20 18:40:04	Process Explorer executed by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Internal Recon
2022-01-20 18:43:51	Bing search for Process Hacker by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Establish Foothold
2022-01-20 18:44:01	Process Hacker downloaded from hxxps://github.com by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Establish Foothold
2022-01-20 18:44:17	Process Hacker execution by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Establish Foothold
2022-01-20 18:46:22	FireEye Endpoint Agent service terminated on [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Establish Foothold
2022-01-20 18:46:55	Bing search for Mimikatz by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 18:48:28	Mimikatz downloaded from hxxps://github.com by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 18:50:10	Mimikatz executed by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED] on [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 18:55:29	C:\Windows\System32\sam.hiv created on [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 18:55:41	C:\sam.hiv created on [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges

2022-01-20 18:56:00	C:\system.hiv created on [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 18:57:17	C:\Users\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]\Documents\mimikatz_trunk\x64\hash.txt	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 18:58:05	hxxps://pastebin.com/E30i24r by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 19:06:43	RDP logon by [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED] from [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]	Move Laterally
2022-01-20 19:53:31	Bing search for Process Hacker by [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Establish Foothold
2022-01-20 19:55:37	Process Hacker downloaded from hxxps://objects.githubusercontent.com	Establish Foothold
2022-01-20 19:55:58	Bing search for Mimikatz by [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 19:57:07	Mimikatz downloaded from hxxps://github.com by [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Escalate Privileges
2022-01-20 20:58:31	RDP disconnect from [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED] by [SYSTEM NAME REDACTED]\[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Move Laterally
2022-01-20 23:02:41	First malicious logon by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com to O365	Initial Compromise
2022-01-21 00:05:15	[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com accessed hxxps://[INTERNAL URL REDACTED]/personal/[INTERNAL USER NAME REDACTED]/Documents/Projects/ryk/DomAdmins-LastPass.xlsx via SecureLink	Internal Recon
2022-01-21 05:29:50	[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED] account created by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com	Maintain Presence
2022-01-21 05:29:51	[ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED] added to TenantAdmins group by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com	Maintain Presence
2022-01-21 05:39:13	Malicious Email Transport rule to forward to BCC all mail to the accounts [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com and [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]	Establish Foothold
2022-01-21 14:11:38	Last malicious logon by [ACCOUNT NAME REDACTED]@sykes[.]com to O365	Complete Mission



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- Uses Telegram instead of dark web (.onion) sites
- Posts news and updates
- Bit-torrents to data dumps





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AWS Account
Federation...



Okta Learning
Portal



OK8 SU - APAC Cell
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Atlassian Cloud Jira
SAML



Google Workspace
Mail (Gmail)



Atlassian Cloud
Confluence SAML



Google Workspace
Calendar (Gcal)



Zoom.us



Okta Sales Org



Crayon



Splunk Cloud (main)



Okta Certification
Program

My | Okt | EU1 | ok7 | ok7 | ok7 | ok7 | Inst | [OK] | [OK] | Inbc | Okt | Laur | ok1 | ok7 | ok7 | ok7 | TAG | Okt | Nev | Inst | TAG | +

app.slack.com/client/T6WPNMPFU/browse-channels/thread/C024A9Q59S6-1642721633.271500

Search: new user

Okta Channel browser Create Channel

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8,686 channels

8,686 results Sort: A to Z Filter

#00529577 0 members

#00530994 1 member

#00531239-albertsons 1 member

#00552747-doordash 0 members

#00574416_expedia 0 members - Discuss expedia issue 00574416

#00583991_horizonph 0 members - Discuss Horizon Pharma escalated issue

#00592949 1 member

#00647243_splunk 0 members

#00655206 0 members - 00655206

#00681365 0 members

Thread @sykes-mfa-devices

Chris... Today at 5:33 PM Tengo el caso: 01292780, eso lo ve M&M?? che 5 replies mae si, Chris acaba de pasar un caso igual mas bien creo que es un duplicate vea la vara : hay tres iguales del mismo mae 01292738,01292739 3 hours ago ciemelo duplicate

Reply... + @ Aa Also send to @sykes-mfa-devices

Fit to Window Disconnect

Your work | Projects | Filters | Dashboards | People | Apps | Create

Add a comment...
Pro tip: press **M** to comment

Edit · Delete · ⚙

June 2, 2021, 9:19 PM

>create an app instance for us to make sure

Can you elaborate on it? Are you asking to remove the "Microsoft ADFS (MFA)" app once and create the same app and reconfigure everything again?

Edit · Delete · ⚙

MM June 2, 2021, 2:28 PM

Can you ask the customer to verify again? The changes we have applied seems to have been overridden, we are figuring out why it happened.
We have applied the app version again, so the customer should be able to test it out now.

Could you also ask them to create an app instance for us to make sure the issuer modes are set properly in the database?

Edit · Delete · ⚙

MM June 1, 2021, 6:09 PM ⚙

We are checking to see if the applied changes are still in place.

Edit · Delete · ⚙

HH June 1, 2021, 6:06 PM

Analysed the latest har file. I see the issuer in the idtoken is set to https://zen2dev.okta.com when its expected to be https://login.zen2dev.jp

Resolved · ✓ Done

Details

Assignee: MM

Reporter: HH

Components: Team: EEP, Team: EnterpriseAuth, Team: Federation

Development: ↗ Create Branch, 1 pull request

Labels: Support_EEP, home_handoff

Affected Customer(s): [redacted]

Reason if JIRA is blocked: not currently blocked

Support Ticket ID: 01050881

Eng Mgr Review of Regression: None

Root Cause: None



Home

Work



Cell 3

My App | Instance | Slack | [OKTA-] | [OKTA-4] | Inbox | Okta - C | Launch | ok12-oi | ok7-okt | TAG WE | Okta He | New Tab | Instance | TAG WE | +

ok7-okta.okta.com/su/org/00o71fx230j8jQJBF356?fromLogin=true

System Log Event log threshold Edit

For adjusting the type and volume of events in system log. (Requires feature flag "LOG_LEVEL" to be turned on for the org.)

Events log threshold INFO

Users, Applications & Groups

Users Applications Groups Group App Assignments

Search Show 10 ▾

Name	Login	ID	Email	Updated	Status	Reset Password	Send Temp Password	Reset MFA	Grant Temp Sign On	Disconnect from AD	Group Reconcile	Execute Rules
Svc questaweb-import	questaweb-import@cloudflare...	00u95h5gb8QM4...	questaweb-import@cloudflare...	May 4, 2021 2:18:04 PM	Active	<button>Reset</button>	<button>Temp Password</button>	<button>Reset MFA</button>			<button>Group Reconcile</button>	<button>Execute Rules</button>
Google FI Master 2 (Travel Accounts)	googlefimaster2@...	00u9k2n3qf15IBu4...	googlefimaster2@...	May 21, 2021 12:46:42 AM	Deactivated						<button>Group Reconcile</button>	<button>Execute Rules</button>
CloudflareTV1	cloudflaretv1@clou...	00u9927uxBQ87f...	cloudflaretv1@clou...	May 5, 2021 11:26:15 PM	Active	<button>Reset</button>	<button>Temp Password</button>	<button>Reset MFA</button>			<button>Group Reconcile</button>	<button>Execute Rules</button>
Google FI CN 100	googlefincn100@clo...	00u9k23mk4wUG...	googlefincn100@clo...	May 21, 2021 12:37:46 AM	Deactivated			<button>Reset MFA</button>			<button>Group Reconcile</button>	<button>Execute Rules</button>
Google FI CN 101	googlefincn101@clo...	00u9k28l82kjRipP...	googlefincn101@clo...	May 21, 2021 12:42:01 AM	Deactivated						<button>Group Reconcile</button>	<button>Execute Rules</button>
BK SG 101	bksg101@cloudflar...	00u9vuhjdHqI0Z...	bksg101@cloudflar...	Jun 16, 2021 8:44:52 PM	Active	<button>Reset</button>	<button>Temp Password</button>	<button>Reset MFA</button>			<button>Group Reconcile</button>	<button>Execute Rules</button>
Google FI CN 102	googlefincn102@clo...	00u9k2cytpwc2dZ...	googlefincn102@clo...	May 21, 2021	Deactivated						<button>Group Reconcile</button>	<button>Execute Rules</button>

Fit to Window Disconnect

in system log. (Requires feature flag "LOG_LEVEL" to be turned on for this user)

Reset Password X

Are you sure you want to reset [REDACTED] /'s password?

A password reset link is sent to this user's primary and secondary email address. The user can't log in until they change their password. The password reset link expires 7 days after it is sent.

Reset PasswordCancel

Group App Assignments

ID	Email	Updated	Status	Reset Password	Send Temp Password	Reset MFA	Grant Temp Sign On	Disconnect from AD
00uf0ckowj6FEUC...	oxana@cloudflare...	Dec 3, 2021 12:41:51 PM	Active	Reset	Temp Password	Reset MFA		

... or to retrieve additional results



Immediate actions if you
suspect your IdP is
compromised.



Check your logs

- New MFA devices or changes
- MFA configuration changes
- Identity Provider (IdP) configuration changes
- Password and MFA reset attempts
- Permission and role changes and the creation of new users.

Okta-specific configurations

user.account.reset_password
user.mfa.factor.update
system.mfa.factor.deactivate
user.mfa.attempt_bypass
user.session.impersonation.initiate



severity	event_type	display_message	timestamp	outcome.result	outcome.reason	actor.id
INFO	user.mfa.factor.deactivate	Reset factor for user	2022-03-10T00:53:02.836Z	SUCCESS	User reset OKTA_SOFT_TOKEN factor	00ucbibecrz2cS8CL1t7
INFO	user.mfa.factor.deactivate	Reset factor for user	2022-02-17T17:37:48.078Z	SUCCESS	User reset DUO_SECURITY factor	00uj5svjyiG8Yj8LG1t7
INFO	user.mfa.factor.deactivate	Reset factor for user	2022-01-04T05:29:21.681Z	SUCCESS	User reset OKTA_SOFT_TOKEN factor	00ulg3d1aU3n7dIN1t7
INFO	user.mfa.factor.deactivate	Reset factor for user	2021-10-14T06:14:03.616Z	SUCCESS	User reset OKTA_SOFT_TOKEN factor	00ui8yhlfmASENQ2L1t7
INFO	user.mfa.factor.deactivate	Reset factor for user	2021-10-25T12:11:26.153Z	SUCCESS	User reset OKTA_SOFT_TOKEN factor	00ujqcxvey4P3NZcg1t7



Confirm your AD integrations

The screenshot shows the Okta dashboard with the 'Directory Integrations' section highlighted in the sidebar. The main area displays a list of three active directory integrations, each represented by a blue 'Active Directory' icon and a blurred domain name. A red box highlights this list. To the right, there are sections for 'Directories', 'Importing People', and 'Active Directory', along with a button to 'Add AD Domain/Agent'. A search bar and navigation icons are at the top.

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Search...

?

Add Directory

Active · 3 Inactive · 1

Active Directory

Active Directory

Active Directory

Directories

Directories allow you to import people from existing sources.

Importing People

You can automatically import people from Active Directory as well as select apps.

Active Directory

Importing people from Active Directory gives you the ability to synchronize changes to Okta and sign-in using your Windows network credentials.

Add AD Domain/Agent

LDAP Interface

The LDAP Interface allows cloud-based LDAP authentication against Okta's Universal Directory instead of an on-premises LDAP server or Active Directory.

cyberark.com

Review your directory sources

The screenshot shows the CyberArk Identity Admin Portal interface. The left sidebar includes links for Requests, Organizations, Apps (Web Apps, Mobile Apps), Widgets, Endpoints, Downloads, Settings (Customization, Endpoints, Authentication, Network, Users), and Online help. The main content area is titled "Directory Services" and contains instructions: "Use these settings to add LDAP or Google as a directory service. Directory services are listed in order of lookup." Below this are four buttons: "Add LDAP Directory", "Add Google Directory", "Add Azure Active Directory", and "Change Lookup Order". A table lists the current directory services:

Type	Name
CyberArk Cloud Directory	CyberArk Cloud Directory
Active Directory	[REDACTED]
Active Directory	[REDACTED]
Federated Directory	Federated Directory Service

Look for advanced attack methods

The screenshot shows two sections of a web-based configuration interface:

LOGIN

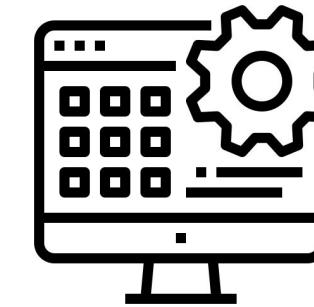
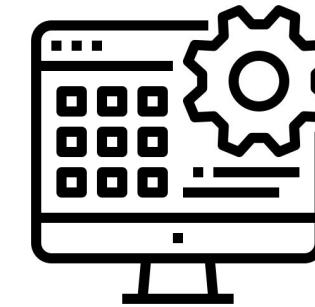
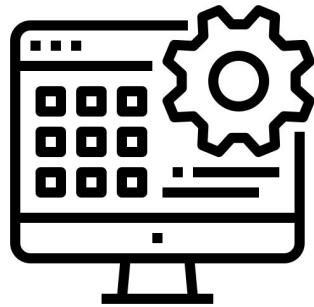
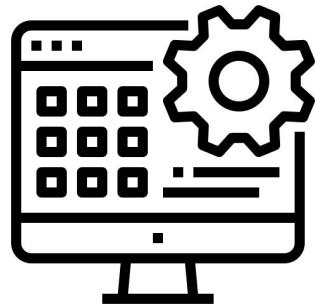
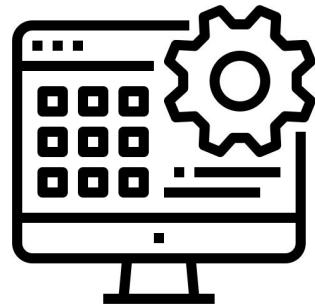
- Login redirect URIs**: `http://localhost:8888/my-app/signin.html/`
- Logout redirect URIs**
- Login initiated by**: App Only
- Initiate login URI**

Client Credentials

- Client ID**: A red box highlights this field, which contains a blurred value.
- Description**: Public identifier for the client that is required for all OAuth flows.



Verify your apps



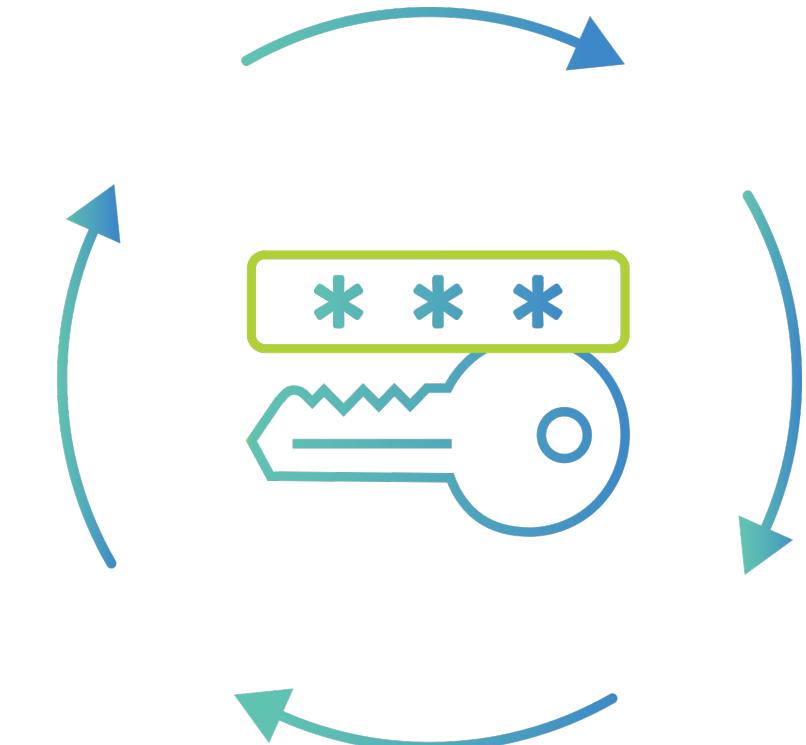
Implement Least Privilege

- Just-in-Time
- Dynamic elevation capabilities
- MFA Policies



Rotate credentials

- Rotate ALL privileged accounts
- Strong Credentials
 - Complex
 - Unique
 - Frequently changing

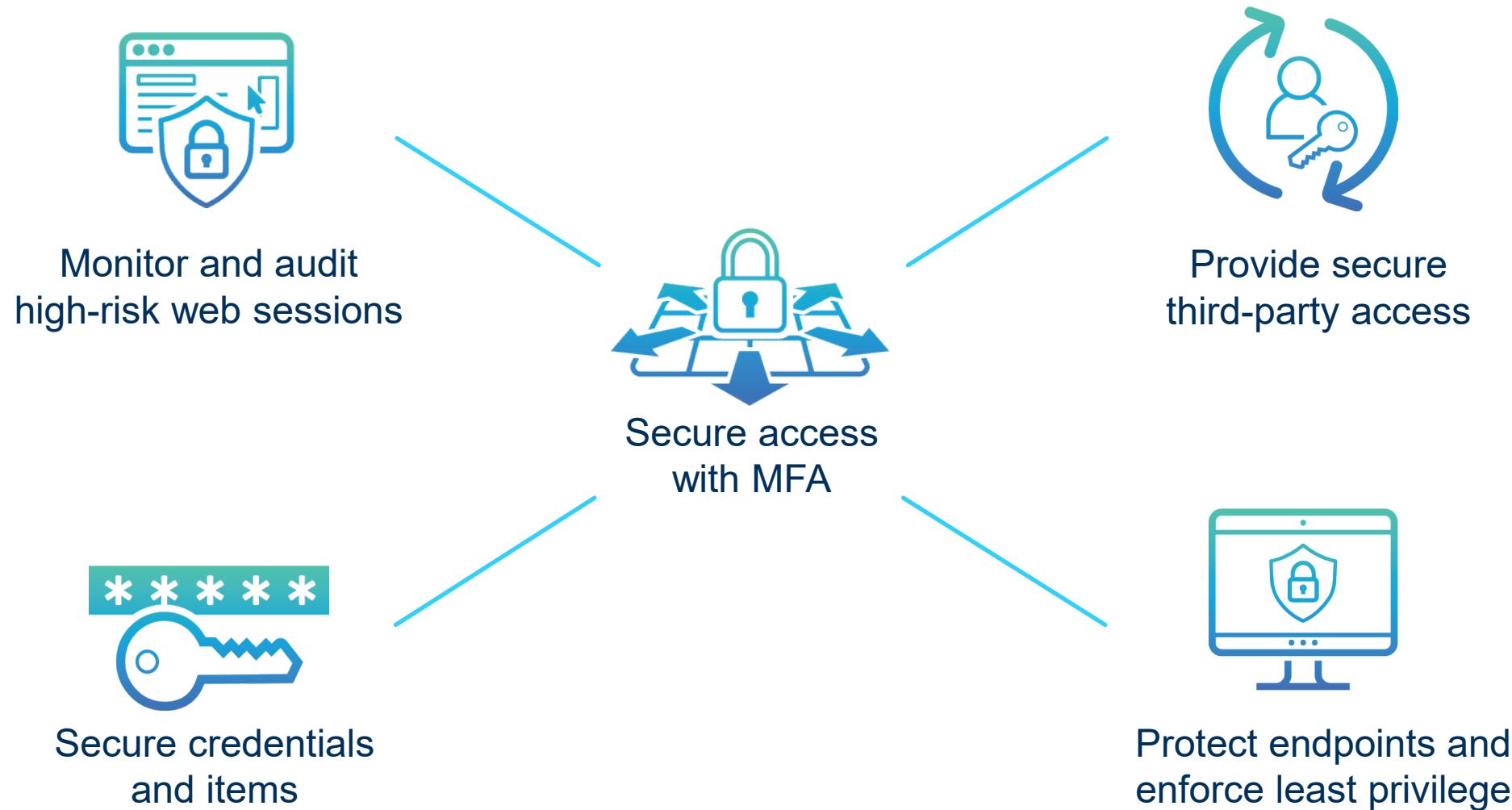


Restrict Access

- Specific managed devices
- Management subnets
- Privileged Access Management (PAM) solutions



Multi-layered approach to Identity Security



Key Takeaways



Six actions for success in Identity Security

ONE: Enforce Least Privilege

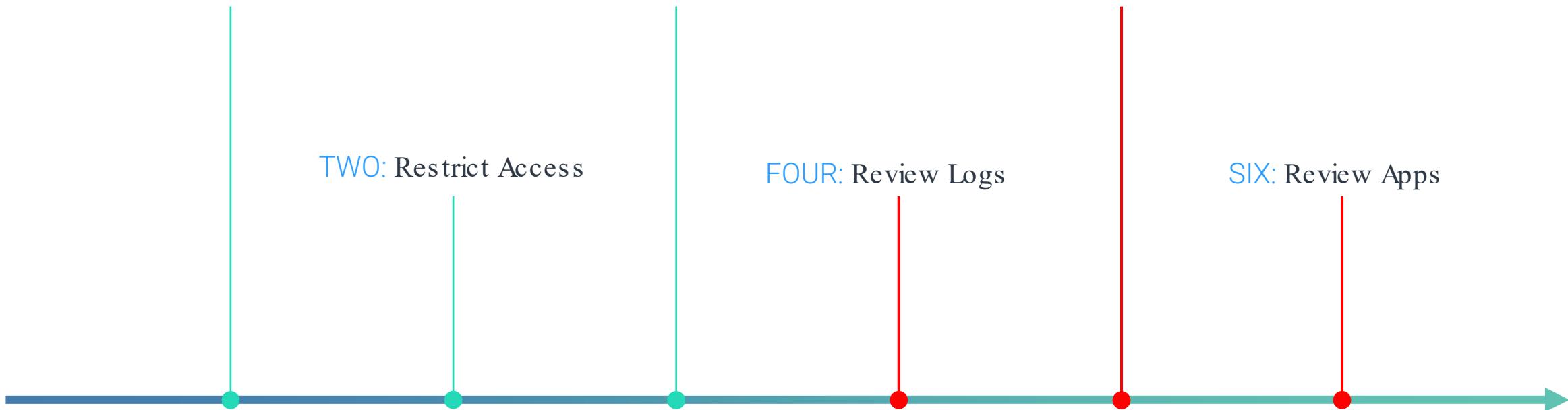
THREE: Rotate Credentials

FIVE: Assess IdP Configs

TWO: Restrict Access

FOUR: Review Logs

SIX: Review Apps



Next steps



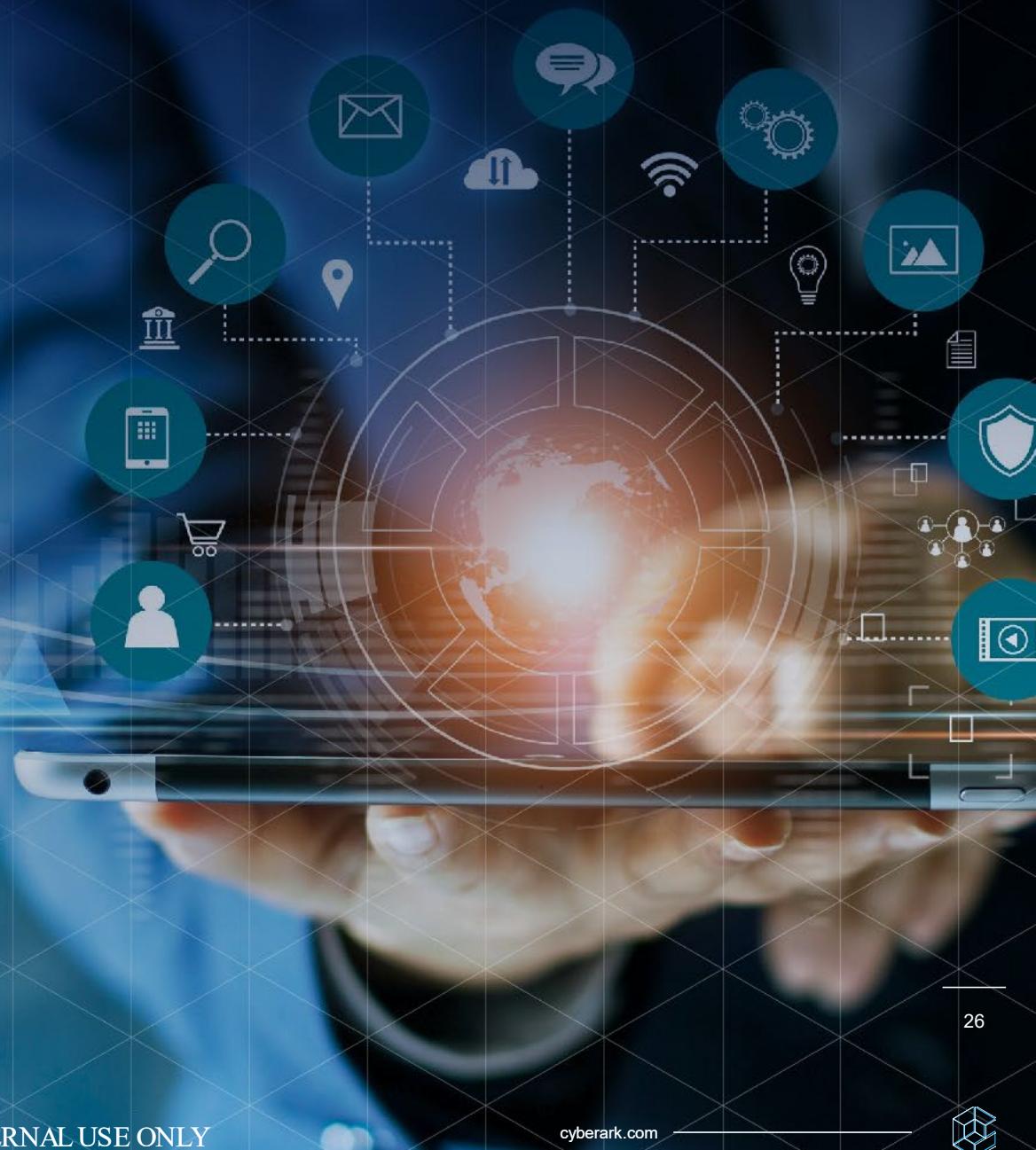
Evaluate your IT landscape and existing controls



Prioritize access controls to Tier-0 infrastructure and high-risk applications



Understand how defense-in-depth can close security gaps and provide additional assurances



More Information

- Visit Okta-LAPSUS\$ resources page
- Contact CyberArk remediation services
- Sign-up for our defense-in-depth webinar

