

Compare FusionAuth to Active Directory

Active Directory and FusionAuth are different solutions to different problems. Active Directory was originally developed for centralized domain management within Windows networks with hundreds of users. Over time they layered additional identity-themed services on the core hierarchical structure. In contrast, FusionAuth was designed from day-one as a user management solution for applications with thousands to millions of customers. This shift in focus is a significant difference between Identity & Access Management (IAM) solutions and a more specific Customer Identity & Access Management (CIAM) solution. Read more about IAM and CIAM in [this post by our friends at Inversoft](#).

Use the chart below to compare all the features of FusionAuth and Active Directory, and get complete details from our [API documentation](#).



	Azure Active Directory	FusionAuth
FREE for Unlimited Users		✓
Unrestricted Users and Groups	✓	✓
Authentication for web and mobile applications	✓	✓
OAuth Token & API Key Management	✓	✓
Authorization and Permissions	✓	✓
Multiple Applications	✓	✓
User Search	✓	✓
User Management Interface	✓	✓
Multi-Factor Authentication	✓	✓
On-Prem and Private Cloud Deployment Options	✓	✓
Reporting and Analytics	✓	✓
Audit Logs	✓	✓
Log Retention	✓	✓
Custom User Data		✓
User Segmentation		✓
Email Templates		✓
Webhooks and Events		✓
Skinnable Login and Single Sign-On		✓

Brute-Force Hack Detection		✓
Password Strength		✓
Localization		✓
Always Single-Tenant		✓
New Feature Development as Needed		✓

About FusionAuth

FusionAuth was designed and built by security and identity experts with over 50 combined years experience developing software for Fortune 500 companies. It installs in minutes and delivers Customer Identity and Access Management including login, registration, SSO, MFA, emails, localization, reporting and powerful user management features.

FusionAuth has been battle-tested in high-volume industries from finance to gaming and deployed on servers around the globe. For more information, visit fusionauth.io or follow us on Twitter @FusionAuth.