

Mac-nificent How Platform SSO empowers security and usability



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I will spend 30 minutes coding to automate a task that would otherwise take 5 minutes of manual clicking in the Intune portal.



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macOS & Intune – Where are we today?



Enrollment

Local primary account (preview)

Create a local primary account *

Yes

Prefill account info ⓘ

Yes

Not configured

Primary account name * ⓘ

{{partialupn}}

Supported variables: {{partialupn}}

Primary account full name * ⓘ

{{username}}

Supported variables: {{username}}

Restrict editing ⓘ

Yes

Not configured

User Affinity & Authentication Method

User affinity * ⓘ

Enroll with User Affinity

Authentication Method ⓘ

Setup Assistant with modern authentication

⚠ For devices running macOS 10.15 and later. You must deploy Company Portal to users as a required app to allow for device registration with Microsoft Entra ID.

Management Options

Await final configuration ⓘ

Yes

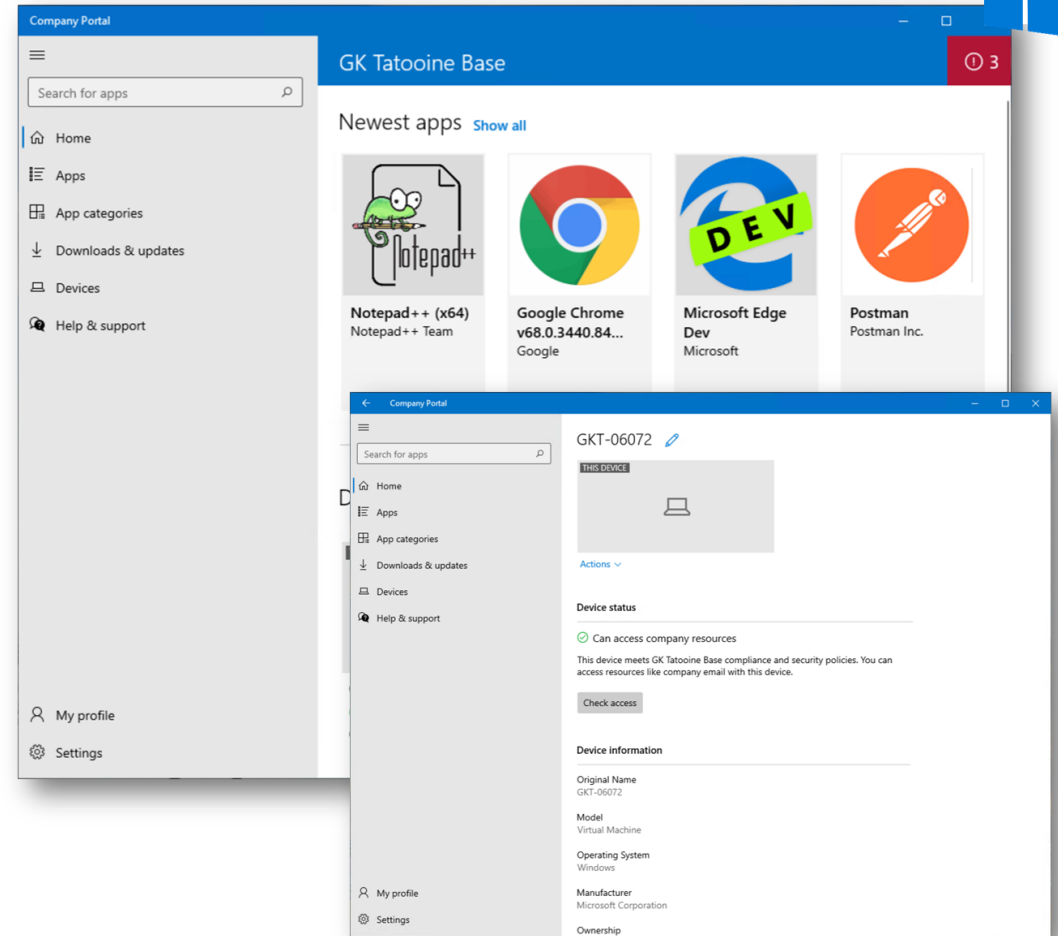
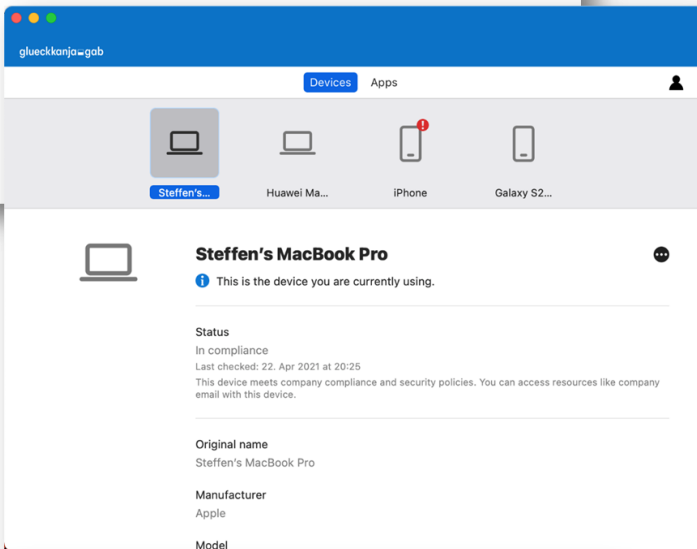
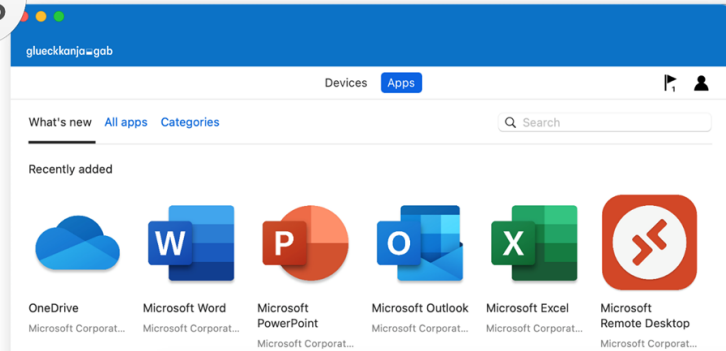
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Locked enrollment * ⓘ

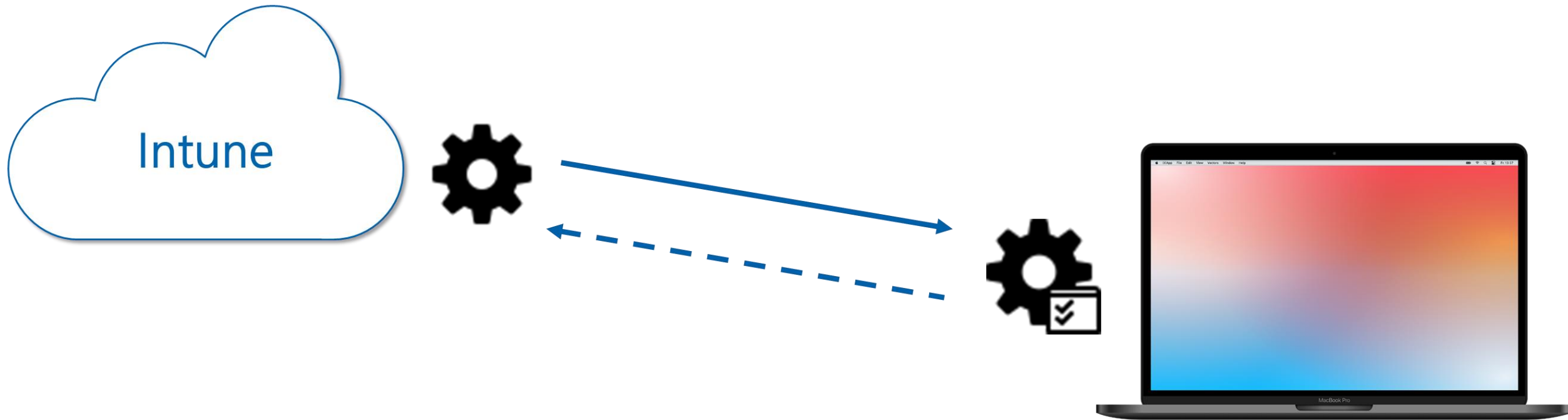
Yes

Company Portal

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OS



Declarative Device Management



Windows vs. macOS in Intune



I'm a PC.

Autopilot

ESP

Bitlocker

LAPS/EPM

TPM

Automated Device Enrollment

Not really (3rd Party)

FileVault

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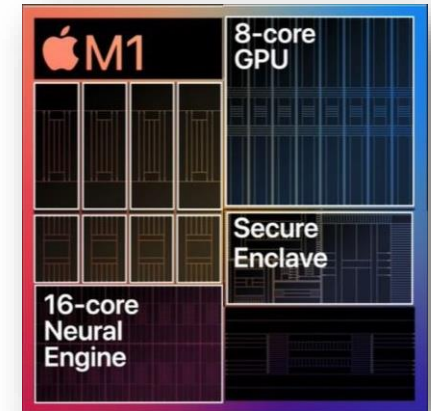
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I'm a Mac.

Secure Enclave – dedicated subsystem

- Use Secure Enclave to protect a private key.
- Hardware-based key manager that's isolated from the main processor.
- You know a developer? Tell him to use Secure Enclave.
- Hardware requirements
 - Intel Mac computers with T1 or T2 Chip
 - All Mac computers with Apple silicon (M1, M2, M3 ...)
 - iPad, iPhone, HomePod, Apple TV
 - **Secure Enclave is the new default**



More about Secure Enclave:

<https://support.apple.com/en-gb/guide/security/sec59b0b31ff/web>

Windows vs. macOS in Intune



I'm a PC.

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Windows Hello for Business

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FileVault

Not really (3rd Party)

Secure Enclave

Platform Credential (Passkey)



I'm a Mac.

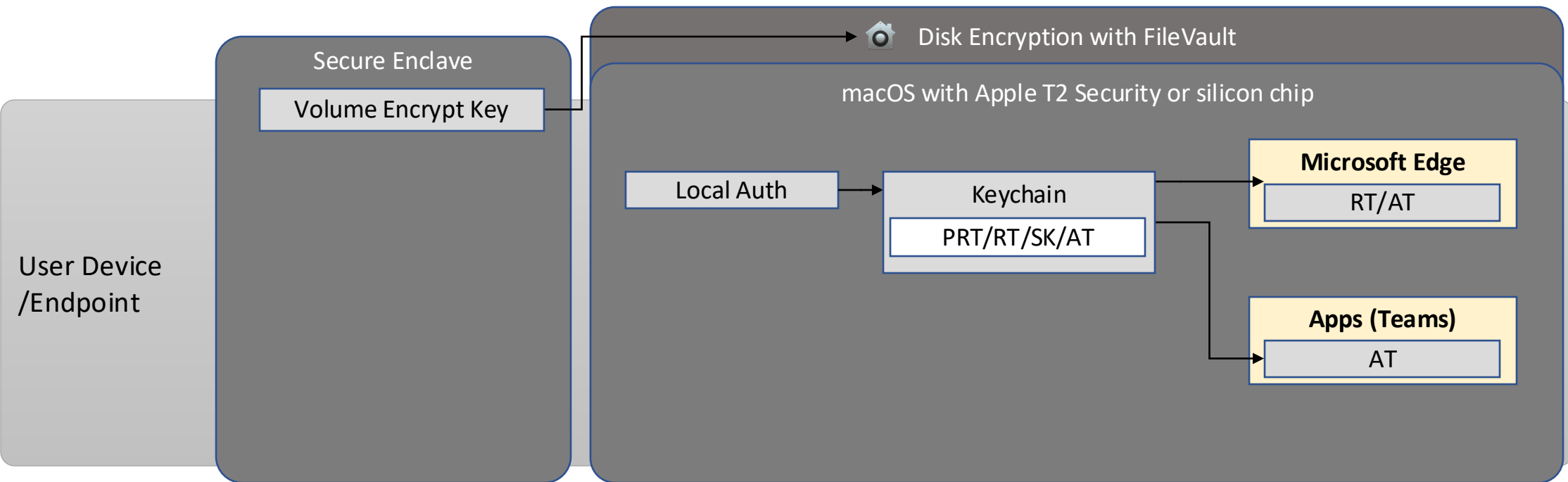
Hot take-aways:

- 1. macOS Management is very close to what we already know from Windows Management.**
- 2. Before PSSO we had no Phishing Resistant Authentication**

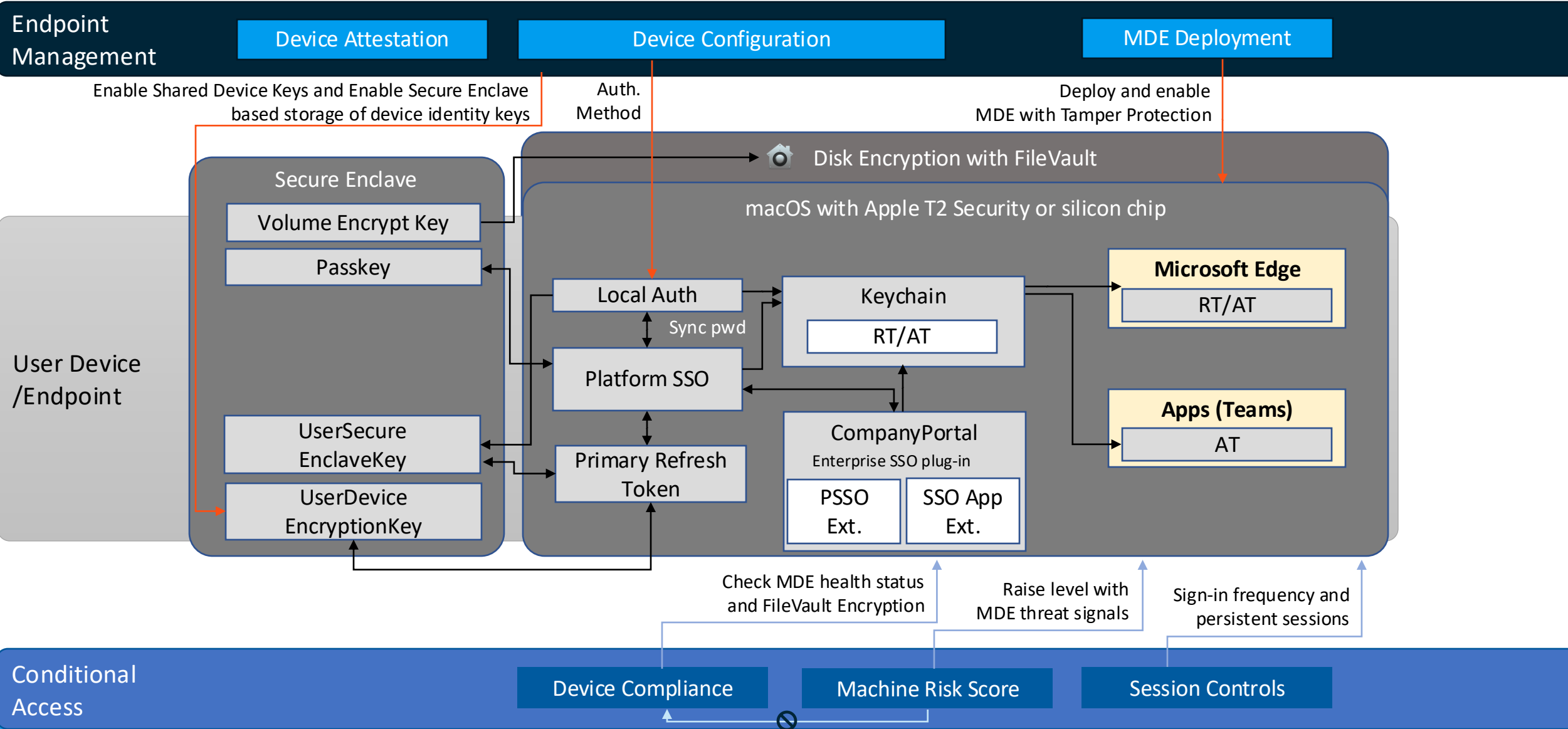
How SSO works on macOS



macOS SSO on unmanaged devices



macOS SSO with Platform SSO



Summary of macOS + Entra SSO options

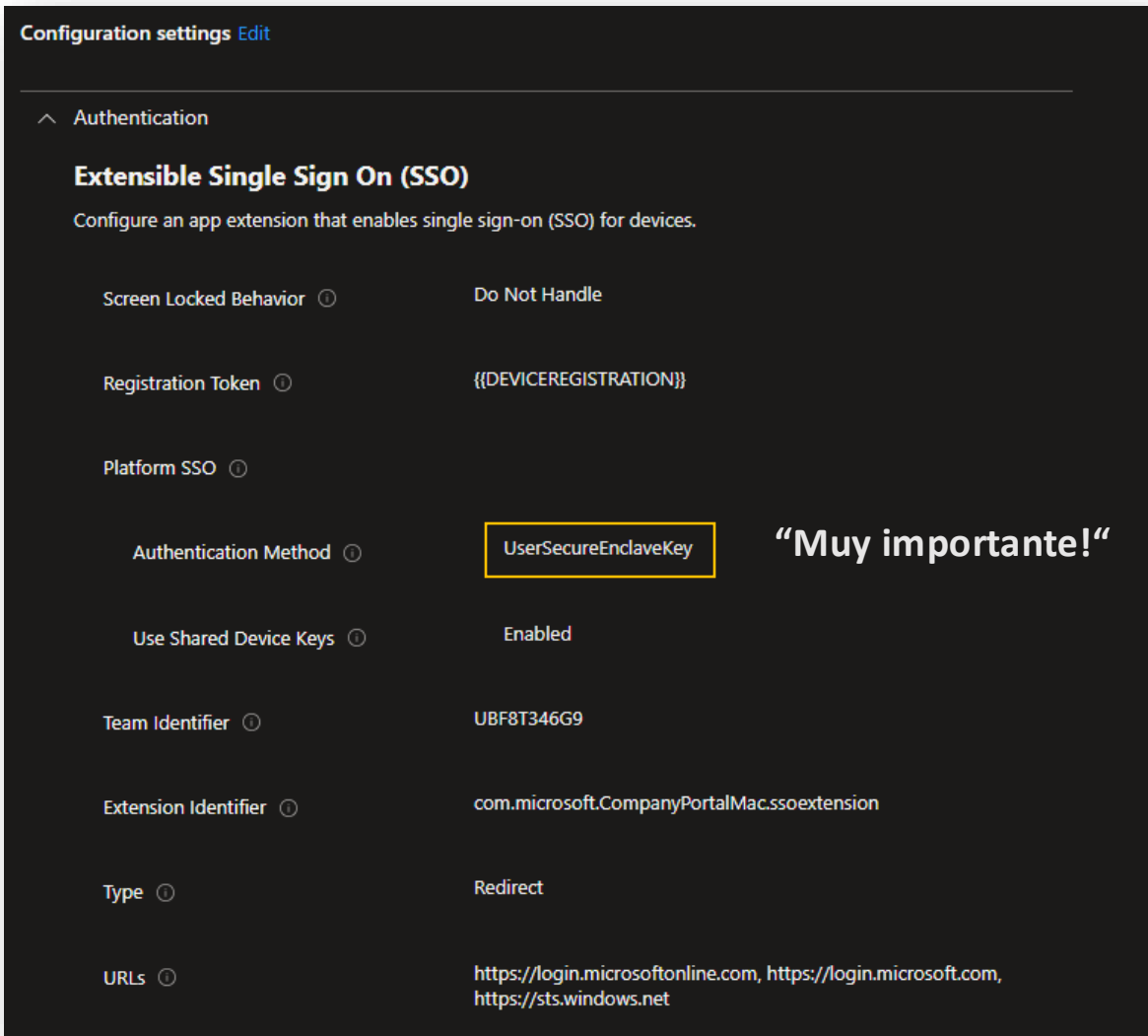


- SSO options on macOS with Microsoft Entra
 - Unmanaged device with Edge profile sign-in (Device Registration)
 - Allow SSO between selected Microsoft Apps (including Office 365)
 - Managed device with Intune and SSO extension (Device Registration)
 - SSO on Application-Level (requires MSAL)
 - Managed device with Intune and Platform SSO (Entra Join)
 - SSO on OS-Level and other integrations

Configuration and User Experience of PSSO



Configuration of PSSO



← Quick Start with these Settings

or ...

Import Policy →



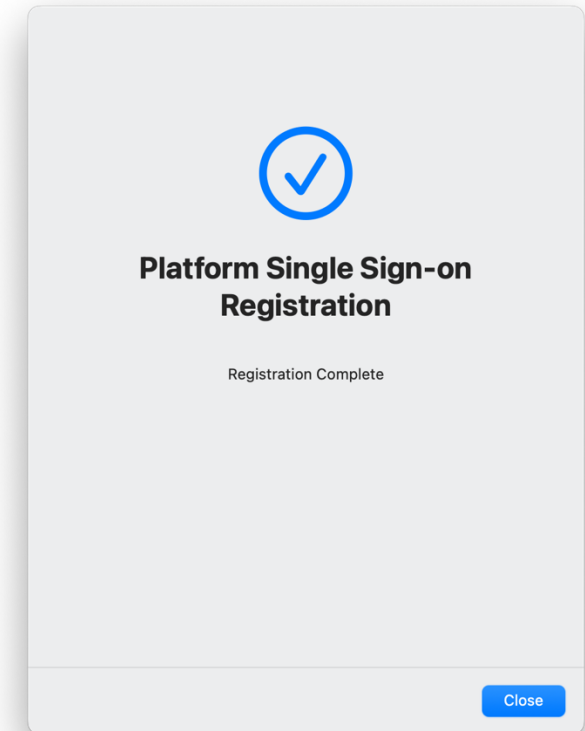
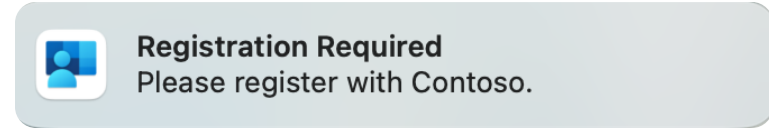
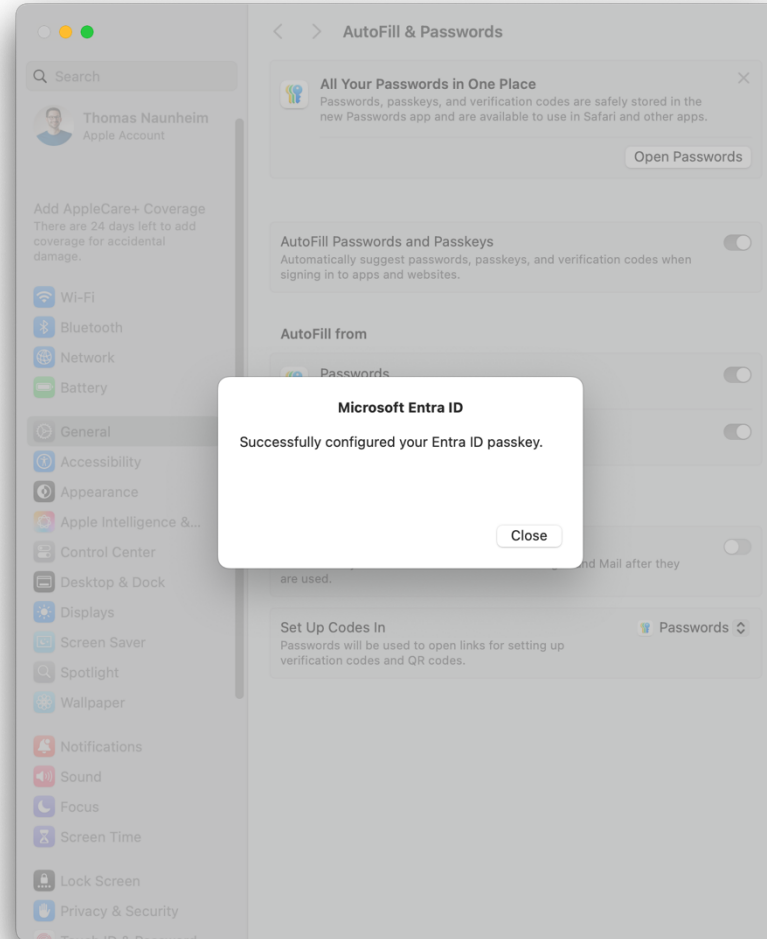
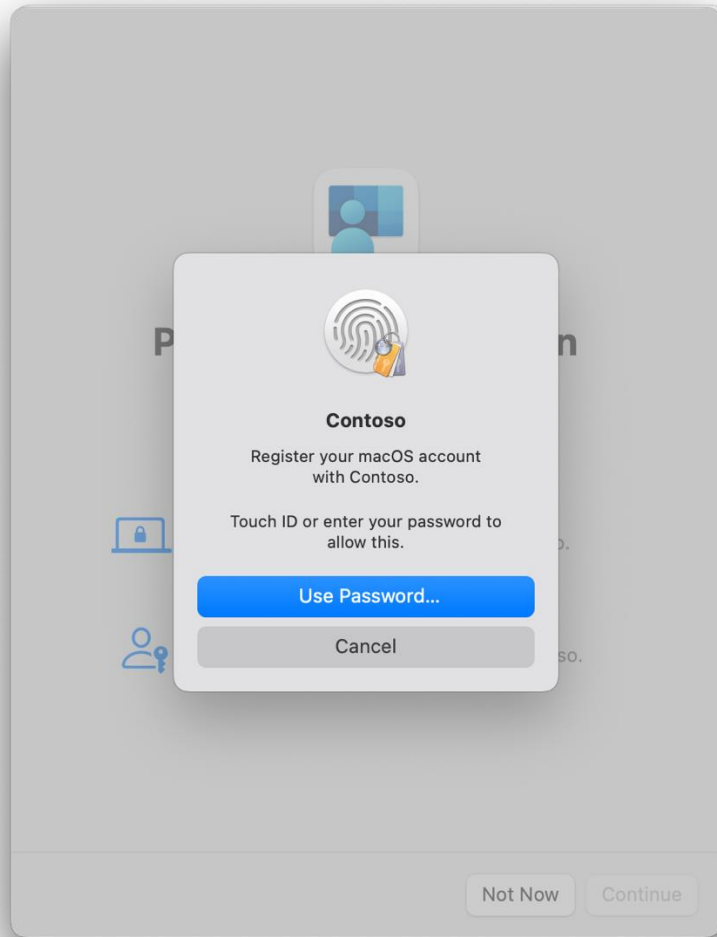
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Authentication options on macOS

	Good: Password	Better: SmartCard	Best: Secure Enclave
Local account password sync with Entra ID	✓	✗	✗
Federation support	✓	✓	✓
MFA required for registration	✗	✓	✓
Phishing resistant	✗	✓	✓
Phishing resistant via built-in Apple hardware	✗	✗	✓
Passkey usage	✗	✗	✓

UX migration from SSO Ext. to PSSO



macOS Platform credential



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Passkey (FIDO2) settings

...

Passkeys are not usable in the Self-Service Password Reset flow.

Enable and Target

Configure

GENERAL

Allow self-service set up

Yes

No

Enforce attestation

Yes

No

KEY RESTRICTION POLICY

Enforce key restrictions

Yes

No

Restrict specific keys

Allow

Block

☒ Microsoft Authenticator (Preview) ⓘ

[Add AAGUID](#)

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Platform SSO

Device configuration profile

Authentication

Extensible Single Sign On (SSO)

Configure an app extension that enables single sign-on (SSO) for devices.

Authentication Method (Deprecated) ⓘ

UserSecureEnclaveKey

Screen Locked Behavior ⓘ

Do Not Handle

Registration Token ⓘ

{{(DEVICEREGISTRATION)}}

Platform SSO ⓘ

Authentication Method ⓘ

UserSecureEnclaveKey

Use Shared Device Keys ⓘ

Disabled

Team Identifier ⓘ

UBF8T346G9

Extension Identifier ⓘ

com.microsoft.CompanyPortalMac.ssoextension

macOS Platform credential



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Montgomery Scott | Authentication methods

User

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+ Add authentication method | Reset password | Require re-register multifactor authentication

Overview

Audit logs

Sign-in logs

Diagnose and solve problems

Custom security attributes

Assigned roles

Administrative units

Groups

Applications

Licenses

Devices

Azure role assignments

Authentication methods

New support request

Authentication methods are the ways users sign into Microsoft Entra ID and perform self-service password reset (SSPR). The user's "default sign-in method" is the first one shown to the user when they are required to authenticate with a second factor - the user always can choose another registered, enabled authentication method to authenticate with. [Learn more](#)

Default sign-in method (Preview) | Microsoft Authenticator notification

Usable authentication methods

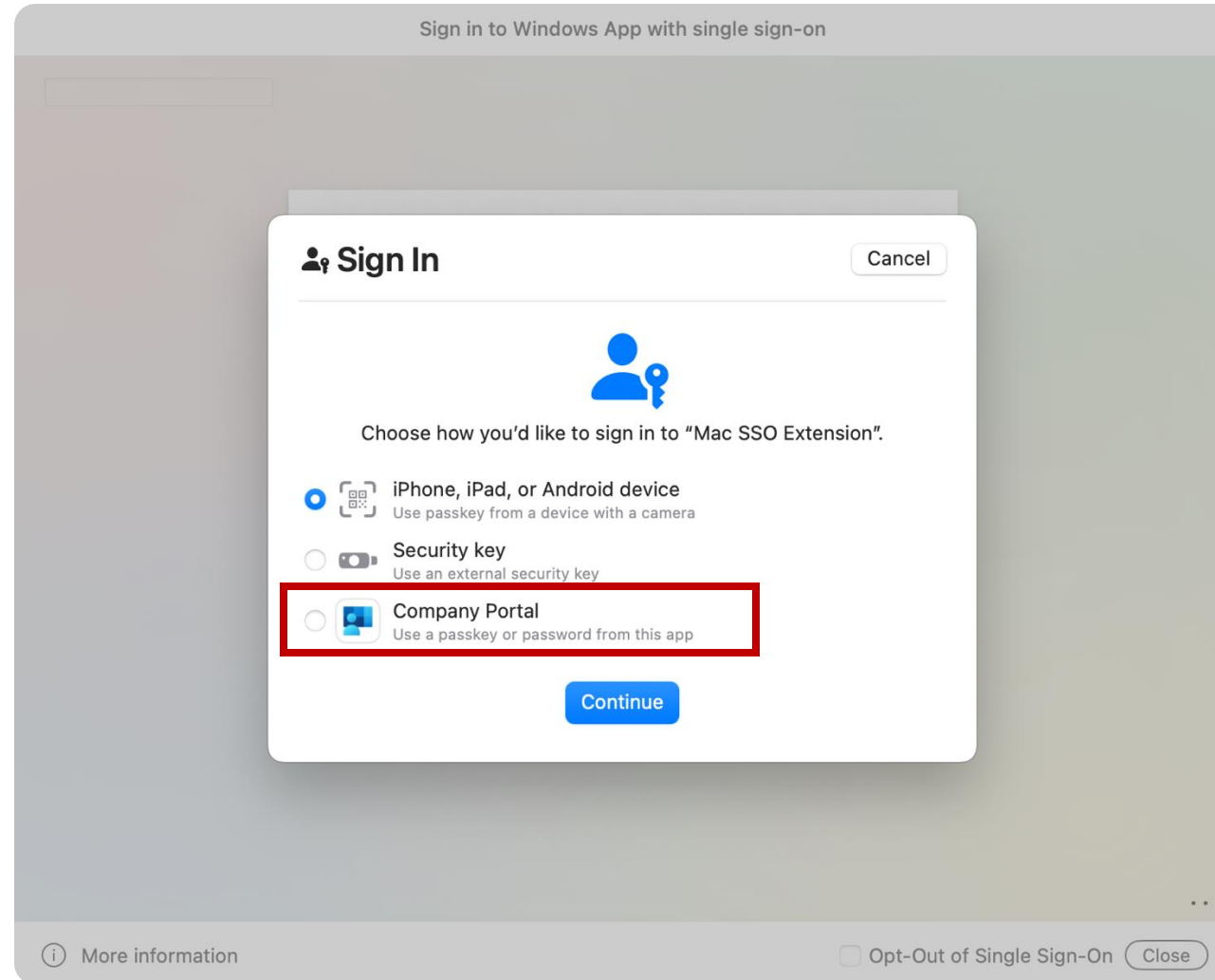
Authentication method	Detail
Phone number	Primary mobile: +49
Email	thomas@naunheim.net
Passkey	Authenticator - iOS
Passkey	YubiKey 5Ci
Windows Hello for Business	CLV1
Platform credential	macOS, Scotty's Mac
Windows Hello for Business	

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macOS Platform credential

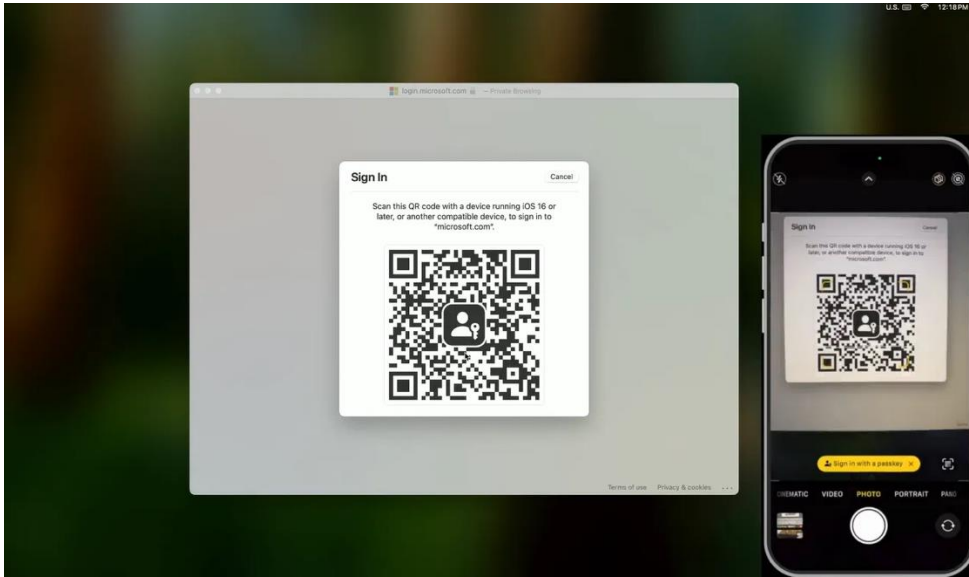


Benefits, limitations and security considerations



UX limitations

- No Passkey support during MDM Enrollment → TAP



- Password is still required after reboot (dependency to FileVault)
- The local account username isn't changed and stays as-is

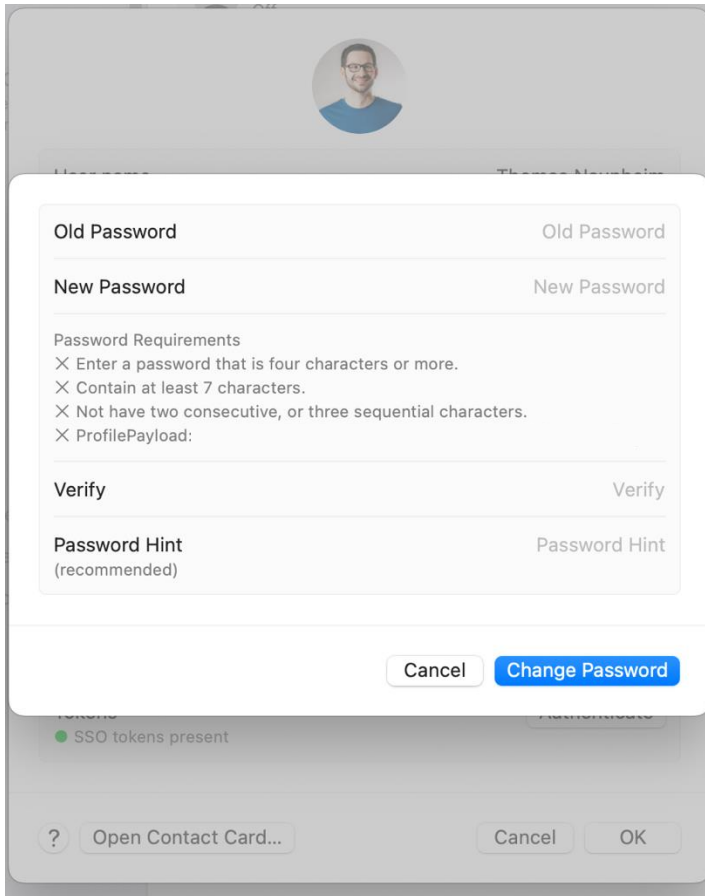
UX benefits and limitations



- Secure Enclave vs. Password Sync
 - Better Security vs. Better User Experience
- Password Sync: Synchronized password between local macOS and Entra ID account
- Cloud Kerberos Tickets (VPN, Intranet use-cases)
- Secure Enclave: No Password Synchronization
 - This is what you need if you want to use Passkeys
 - Password Policy with PIN enforcement feels like WHfB

One more thing...

■ Passcode instead of Password (WHfB PIN Experience)



Old Password

New Password

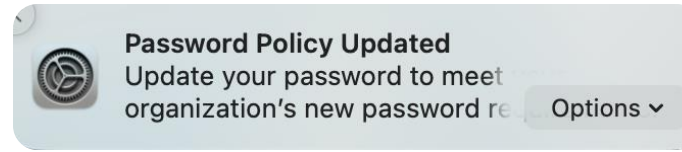
Password Requirements

- × Enter a password that is four characters or more.
- × Contain at least 7 characters.
- × Not have two consecutive, or three sequential characters.
- × ProfilePayload:

Verify

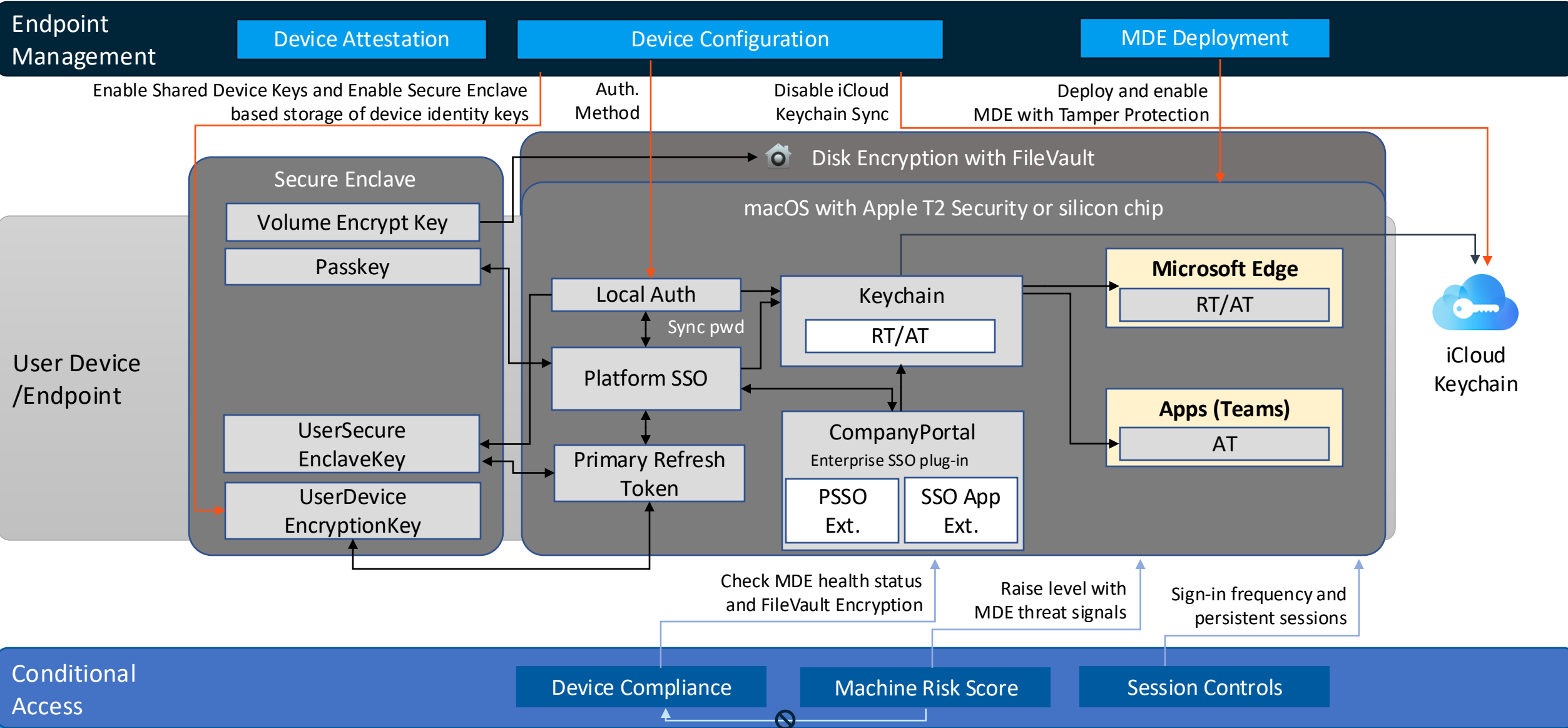
Password Hint
(recommended)

Cancel Change Password



Password Policy Updated
Update your password to meet organization's new password re Options ▾

Access/Refresh Tokens in Keychain



Platform SSO sign-ins vs. dedicated sessions



▶ Run query



Last 30 days ▾



Save ▾



Share link

^ Query

```
1  AADSignInEventsBeta
2  | where AccountUpn == "scotty@corp.cloud-architekt.net" and DeviceName == "Scotty's Mac"
3  | where ClientAppUsed != "Browser"
4  | join kind=inner (
5  |     union AADNonInteractiveUserSignInLogs, SigninLogs
6  |     | project AuthenticationDetails, AuthenticationMethodsUsed, AuthenticationProcessingDetails,
7  |     |     | CorrelationId, RequestId = OriginalRequestId
8  | ) on CorrelationId, RequestId
9  | extend SignIns = bag_pack(tostring(TimeGenerated),
10 |     SessionId, LogonType, CorrelationId, RequestId,
11 |     Application, ResourceDisplayName, UserAgent, ClientAppUsed,
12 |     EndpointCall, Browser, AuthenticationDetails)
13 | summarize SignIns = make_list(SignIns), Applications = make_set(Application),
14 |     UserAgent = make_set(UserAgent), count() by SessionId, ClientAppUsed, Browser
15 | extend AuthBroker = iff((SignIns contains "Microsoft Authentication Broker"), "Yes", "No")
16 | extend SsoExtension = iff((UserAgent contains "Mac%20SSO%20Extension/"), "Yes", "No")
```

Platform SSO sign-ins vs. dedicated sessions



SessionId	Browser	SignIns	Applications	UserAgent	count_	AuthBroker
> 7f8f4c4b-f032-427...		[{"2025-01-21T15:20:20....	["ZTNA Policy Service Cli...	["Mac%20SSO%20Exten...	54	Yes
> 001eb379-0c64-7...		[{"2025-02-01T08:00:55....	["Microsoft Teams", "Micr...	["Mac%20SSO%20Exten...	47	Yes
> 00138fe9-31c8-3b...		[{"2025-01-28T12:38:53....	["ZTNA Policy Service Cli...	["Mac%20SSO%20Exten...	261	Yes
> 00131ab9-4a1a-b...		[{"2025-01-25T11:31:02....	["Windows App - macO...	["Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh...	62	Yes
> 00131ab9-8c6f-5e...		[{"2025-01-25T12:53:46....	["Microsoft Teams", "ZTN...	["Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh...	95	Yes
> 00131ab9-4a1a-b...	Safari 18.2	[{"2025-01-25T12:38:58....	["Microsoft Azure CLI"]	["Mozilla/5.0 (Macintosh...	1	No
> 0012f3a9-43dc-dc...		[{"2025-01-24T15:15:17....	["Microsoft Edge", "ZTNA...	["Mac%20SSO%20Exten...	24	Yes
> 0012f3a9-51ff-78b...		[{"2025-01-24T15:33:37....	["Microsoft Edge", "Micro...	["Mac%20SSO%20Exten...	6	Yes
> 00131ab9-b910-9...		[{"2025-01-25T11:10:00....	["Microsoft Edge", "Micro...	["Mac%20SSO%20Exten...	39	Yes
> 00131ab9-52de-7...		[{"2025-01-25T11:33:31....	["Microsoft Authenticati...	["AppSSOAgent/1 CFNe...	4	Yes
✓ 00131ab9-4a1a-b...	Python Requests 2.32	[{"2025-01-25T12:39:01....	["Microsoft Azure CLI"]	["python-requests/2.32....	2	No
SessionId	00131ab9-4a1a-b6c8-b738-da5a383e488e					
Browser	Python Requests 2.32					
SignIns	[{"2025-01-25T12:39:01.0625993Z": "00131ab9-4a1a-b6c8-b738-da5a383e488e", ["nonInteractiveUser\"]: "e9f87d00-da63-4c98-a823-ee258356164f					
Applications	["Microsoft Azure CLI"]					
UserAgent	["python-requests/2.32.3"]					
count_	2					
AuthBroker	No					

Security considerations and limitations



- Applications are still caching their own tokens in Keychain
- Universal CAE in Global Secure Access is not supported on macOS
- Availability of Token Protection
(announcement for Public Preview in 2025)
 - Will mitigate some of the shown token replay scenarios from KeyChain
- Users can reset the local password via Apple ID,
other local admin user or an admin recovery key
 - Breaks SSO trust to Entra, reconfiguration of PSSO required

Session feedback
available in home feed
of the app after the
session



Thank you!





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