

# SECURING YOUR APPS & IDENTITIES

WITH AZURE AD CONDITIONAL ACCESS

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# AZURE AD MONTHLY ACTIVE USERS

SHIFT TO CLOUD AUTHENTICATION

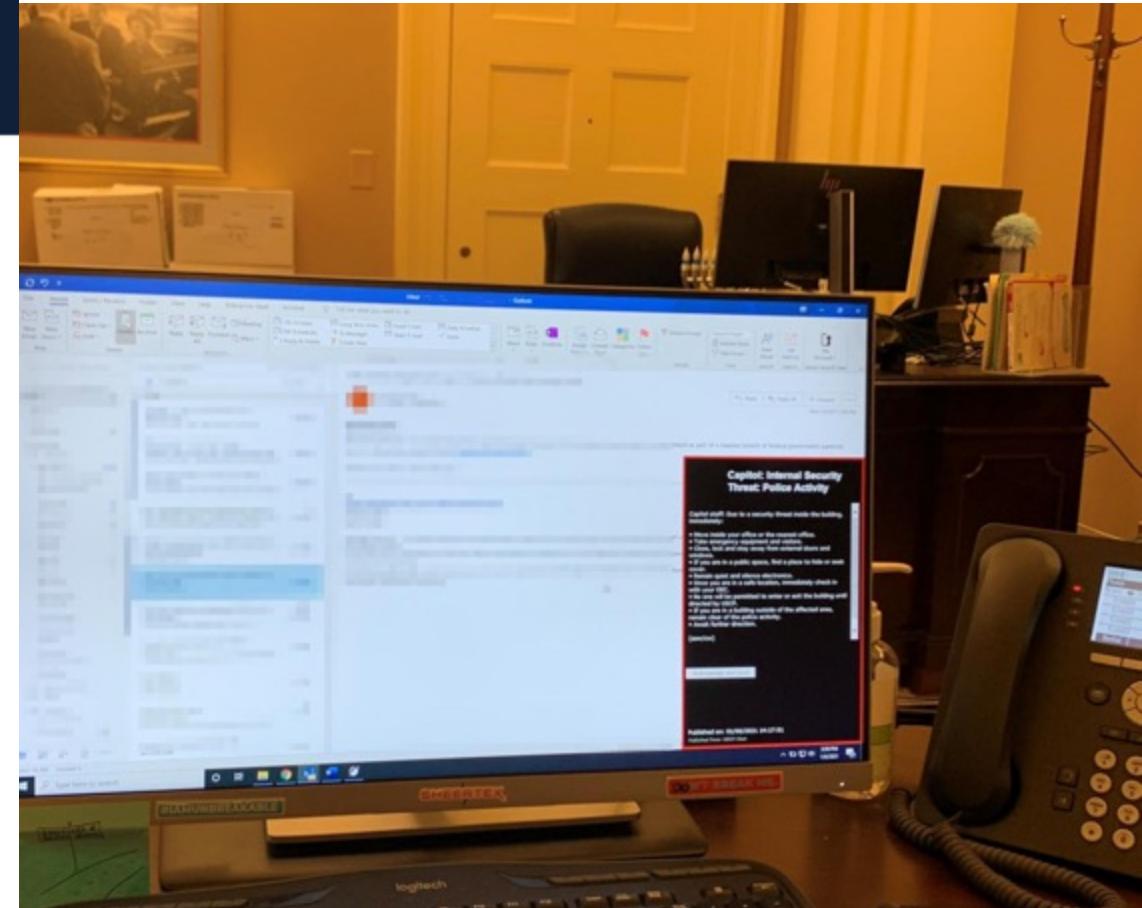
Source: ["Azure Active Directory: our vision and roadmap to help you secure remote access and boost employee productivity"](#)

# Law enforcement officials across the U.S. shocked by police failure to stop Capitol invasion

Ex-Seattle Police Chief Carmen Best said police shouldn't have been surprised by the actions of pro-Trump protesters given the heated rhetoric of 2020.



# U.S. CAPITOL BREACH & SECURITY PERIMETER

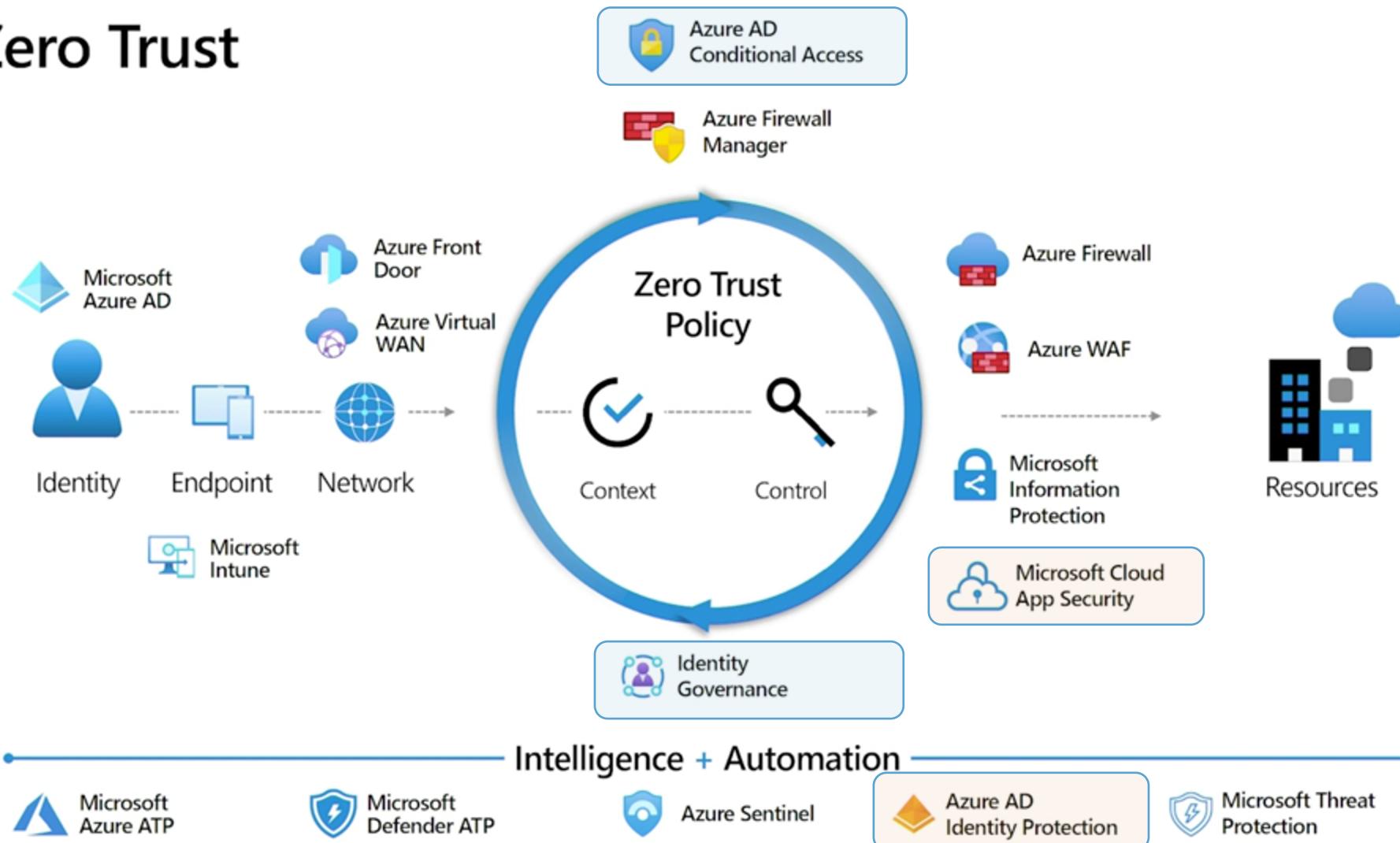


A scene from Toy Story featuring Woody and Buzz Lightyear. Woody, on the left, has a concerned expression and is looking towards the right. Buzz, on the right, is in his space ranger suit, holding a purple laser beam gun with three purple beams pointing upwards. He has a determined and slightly excited expression. The background is a dark, indoor setting.

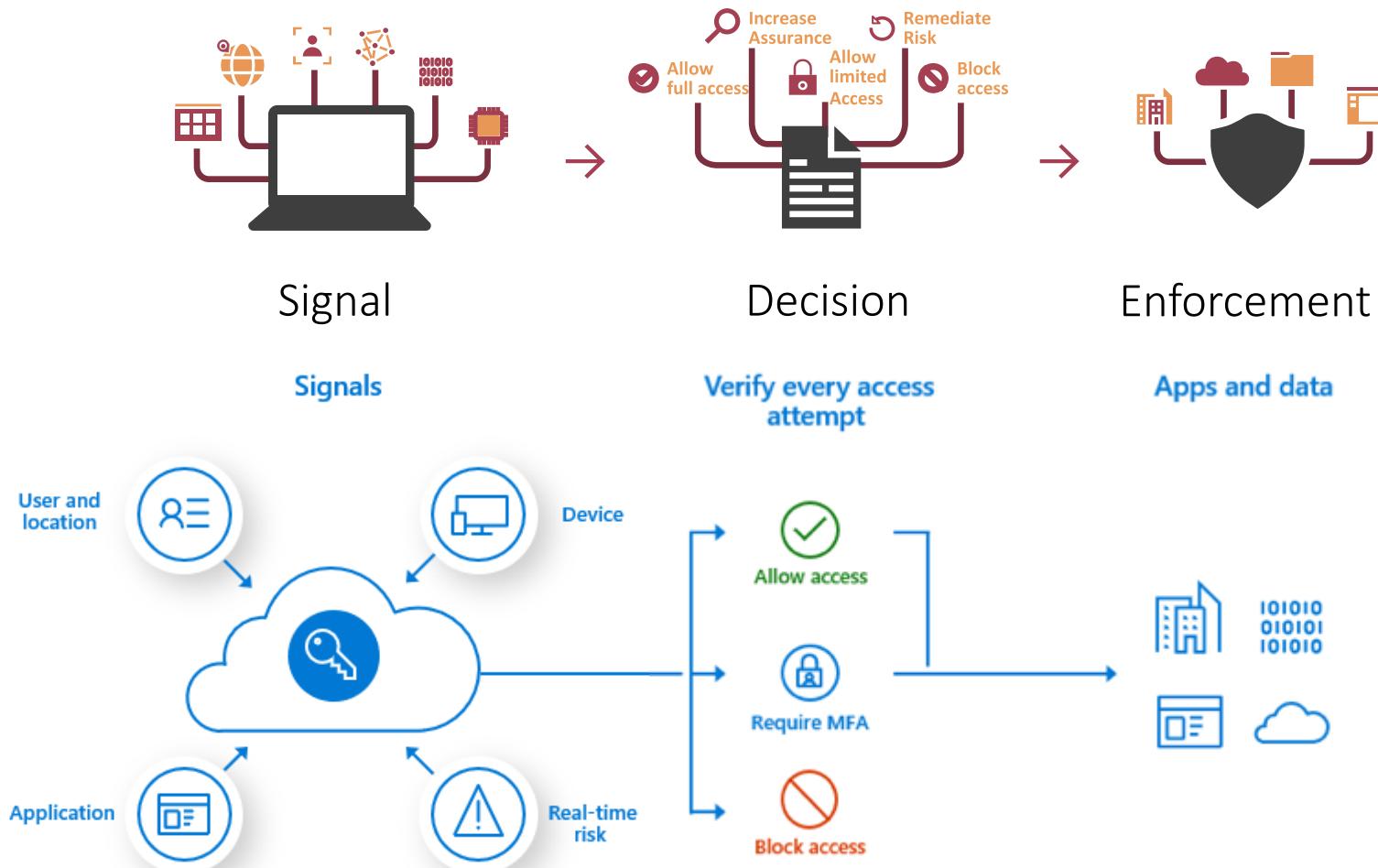
ZERO TRUST  
EVERYWHERE!

# NEVER TRUST, ALWAYS VERIFY

## Zero Trust

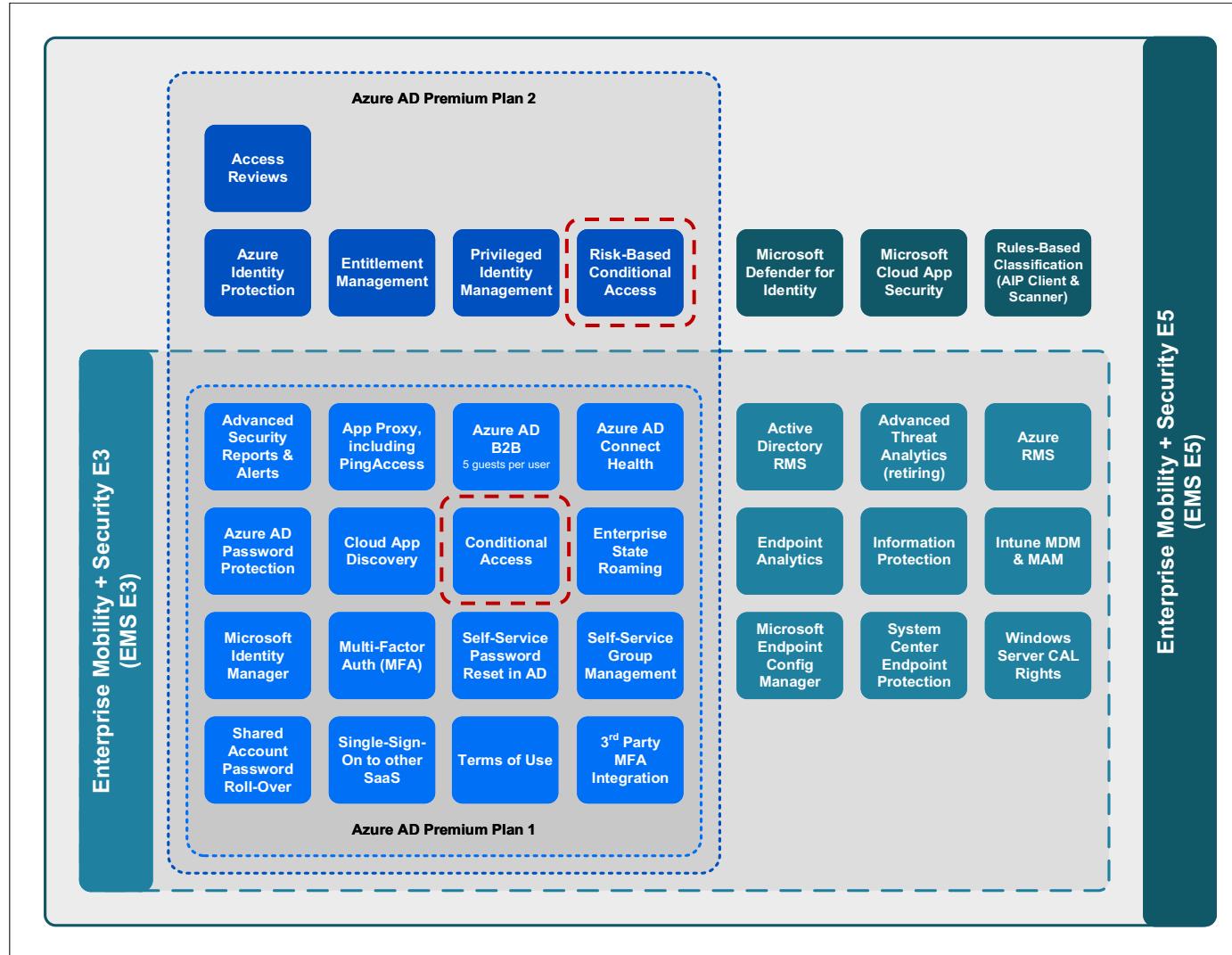


# ZERO TRUST MODEL AND POLICY ENGINE



# LICENSING FOR ZERO TRUST POLICIES

# (CLOUD) SECURITY COSTS MONEY?



Source: [Licensing Repository by Aaron Dinnage](#)

# AGENDA

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**Design and Implementation**



**Management and Monitoring**



Identity Protection & MCAS:  
**Advanced Integration**



Use Case:  
**Access from External Identities**



Use Case:  
**Securing Privileged Access**

**A**

**B**

**C**

**D**

**E**



# DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CA POLICIES

PRACTICES AND CONSIDERATIONS

# SECURITY (BY) DEFAULTS?

The screenshot shows the 'Directory properties' page in the Azure portal. On the left, there's a navigation menu with items like Overview, Getting started, Groups, Users, Groups, Organizational relationships, Roles and administrators, Enterprise applications, Devices, App registrations, Identity Governance, Application proxy, Licenses, Azure AD Connect, Custom domain names, Mobility (MDM and MAM), Password reset, Company branding, User settings, Properties (highlighted with a red box), and Notifications settings. The main area shows directory properties for 'Contoso'. A callout box points to the 'Enable Security defaults' section, which has 'Yes' selected and is highlighted with a red box. At the bottom, there's a 'Manage Security defaults' button also highlighted with a red box.

recommended by Microsoft. When enabled, these recommendations will be automatically enforced in your organization. Administrators and users will be better protected from common identity related attacks.  
[Learn more](#)

Enable Security defaults

Yes  No

- Replacement of “Baseline”-Policies

Create your own policies and target specific conditions like Cloud apps, Sign-in risk, and Device platforms [→](#)

| POLICY NAME   | ENABLED | ... |
|---|---------|-----|
| Baseline policy: Require MFA for admins                       | ✓       | ... |
| Baseline policy: End user protection (Preview)                |         | ... |
| Baseline policy: Block legacy authentication (Preview)        |         | ... |
| Baseline policy: Require MFA for Service Management (Preview) |         | ... |

- No extra costs or AAD license required (available for all tenant, enabled by default)
- Minimal security baseline by enforced policies
- *“Security defaults provide secure default settings that (Microsoft) manages on behalf of organizations to keep customers safe until they are ready to manage their own identity security story.”*

[Quote from Alex Weinert’s Blog post](#)

# M365 “GOLDEN CONFIG”

## Common identity and device access policies

| Protection level | Device type        | Azure AD Conditional Access policies  |  | Azure AD Identity Protection user risk policy   | Intune device compliance policy                    | Intune app protection policies   |
|------------------|--------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| Baseline         | PCs                | Require multi-factor authentication (MFA) when sign-in risk is <i>medium or high</i>        |  | Block clients that don't support modern authentication                                | Require compliant PCs                              | High risk users must change password<br>This policy forces users to change their password when signing in if high risk activity is detected for their account. |
|                  | Phones and tablets | Require approved apps<br>This policy enforces mobile app protection for phones and tablets. |  | Clients that do not use modern authentication can bypass Conditional Access policies. | Define compliance policies (one for each platform) | Apply Level 2 App Protection Policies (APP) data protection (one for each platform)  |
| Sensitive        | PCs                | Require MFA when sign-in risk is <i>low, medium, or high</i>                                |  | Require compliant PCs and mobile devices  | Require compliant PCs and mobile devices           |  |
|                  | Phones and tablets |   |  | This policy enforces Intune management for PCs, phones, and tablets.                  |  |  |
| Highly regulated | PCs                | Require MFA <i>always</i><br>This is also available for all Office 365 Enterprise plans.    |  |   |  |  |
|                  | Phones and tablets |   |  |   |  | Apply Level 3 APP data protection  |

Source: [Microsoft](#) („Common identity and device access policies“)

# DESIGN YOUR CA POLICY BASELINE

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Ensure to protect every user and every app by minimal but strong baseline!

# DESIGN YOUR CA POLICY BASELINE

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- **Build strong baselines for users (hybrid, privileged and guests) and apps/APIs**
- Define a standard **naming** convention for policies

CA01 - Dynamics CRP: Require MFA for marketing When on external networks



- **Draft policies** (when this happens → do this)  

When this happens | Then do this
- **Microsoft Deployment Plan** for Conditional Access
- **Consider your environment** (types of apps, devices and authentication methods)!

# DRAFT, DESIGN AND CONFIGURATION

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1. Assignment of required licenses to all users?
2. All devices are under control of the company? BYOD Strategy?
3. External Collaboration Strategy? B2B/Guest users?
4. Trust on Network or Identity-Driven Perimeter (+ Modern Client Management)?
  1. Strong authentication (methods) for everyone (WHfB, Passwordless, MFA Enrollment)?
  2. Integration-Level of Endpoints (Hybrid Joined Devices, Compliance Status)?
5. Security Level on Personas? (Admins, CXO, R&D Engineers, Frontline Workers)?
6. Protection Level of Applications/Data or Enterprise Access Model?

# DRAFT, DESIGN AND CONFIGURATION

1. Draft: Scenarios of user access with expected result (= Test plan)

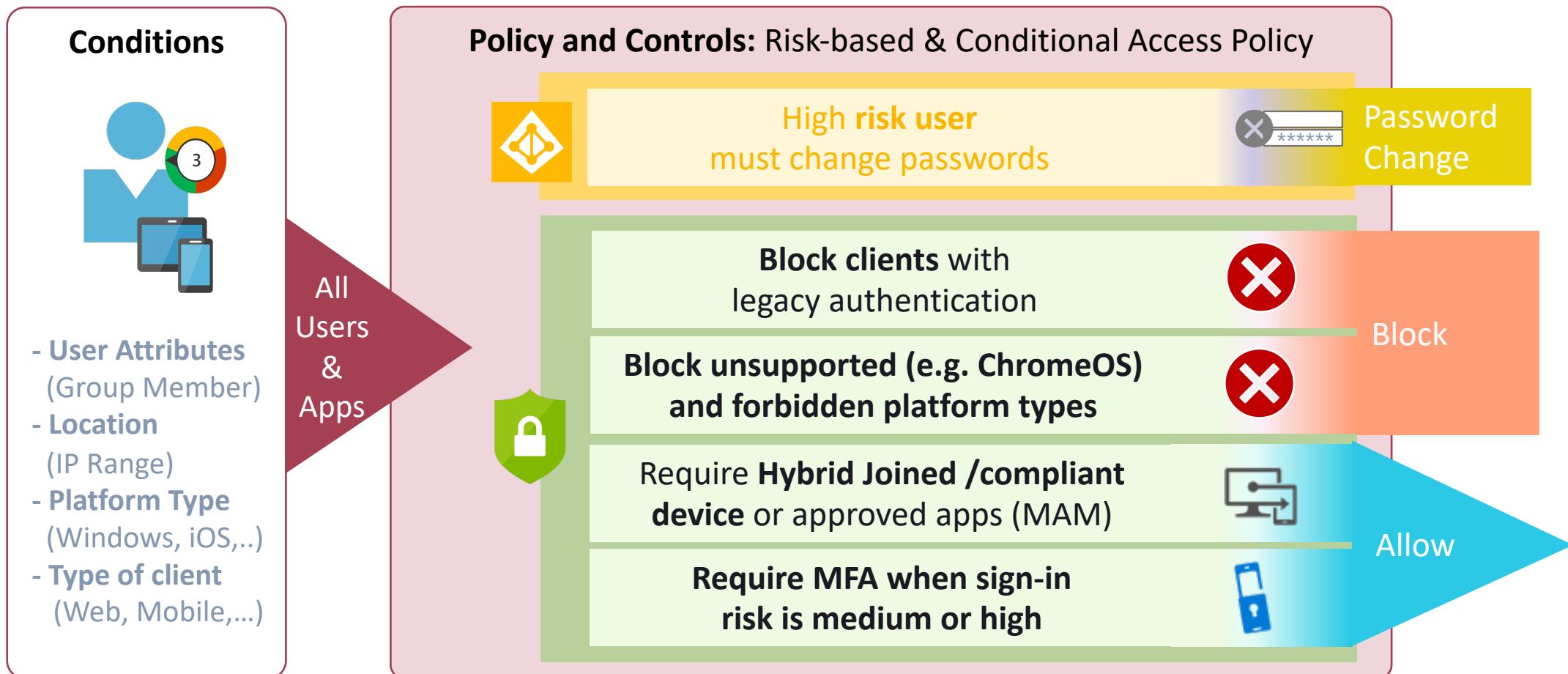
| When this happens  | Then do this                                 |
|--|--|
| An access attempt is made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To all cloud apps</li><li>• By synchronized users<br/>(= hybrid identities)</li></ul> | <u>Require Hybrid Azure AD Joined Device</u> |

***Result is a statement:*** Every synchronized users in my organization needs to be authenticated from a hybrid Azure AD joined device.

***Evaluation & Testing:*** What is the definition of hybrid AAD joined device (to pass this policy?)

2. Design the policy in your Dev/QA environment (Inter- vs. Intra-Tenant-Staging)
3. Evaluate a simulated sign-in with „What if“-tool, Test CA Policy (Report-only)
4. Staged deployment in „Rings“ and/or QA Tenant → Verification → Next Stage → ...

# SAMPLE OF CA POLICY BASELINE

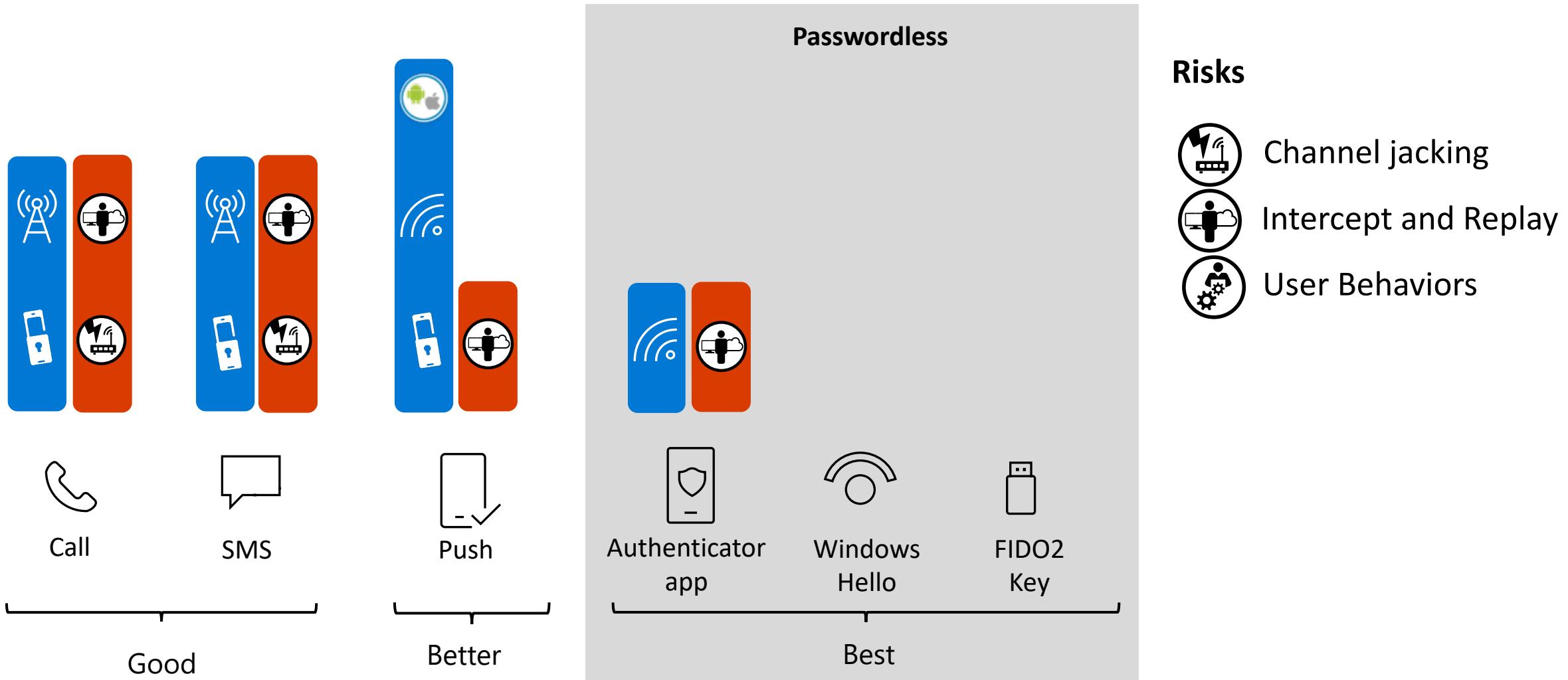


# **Design and Implementation of CA Policies**

## Attack Reduction and Base Protection

LIVE DEMO

# DEPENDENCIES & RISK OF AUTH. METHODS



# EMERGENCY OPTIONS (DISRUPTION)

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- Important part of your resilient access control management strategy
- Microsoft's Sample of **contingency policy**
  - EMnnn - ENABLE IN EMERGENCY: [Disruption][i/n] - [Apps] - [Controls] [Conditions]  
Example A - Contingency Conditional Access policy to restore Access to mission-critical Collaboration Apps
  - Sample: Trusted Device Status replaces Grant Control of Strong Authentication  
(in case of Azure MFA outage)
- Real-world example: Status of BitLocker isn't detected for Intune Device Compliance
  - What could be a contingency policy for this case?

# APP TARGETING: CLOSED ARCHITECTURE

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## 208 - ALL - Base protection - All apps: Require MFA

Conditional access policy



Control user access based on conditional access policy to bring signals together, to make decisions, and enforce organizational policies. [Learn more](#)

Name \*

208 - ALL - Base protection - All apps: Req...

Assignments

Users and groups ⓘ

All users included and specific users excluded

Cloud apps or actions ⓘ

All cloud apps

Conditions ⓘ

1 condition selected

Access controls

Grant ⓘ

3 controls selected

Control user access based on all or specific cloud apps or actions. [Learn more](#)

Select what this policy applies to

Cloud apps User actions
Include Exclude
 None

 All cloud apps

 Select apps


⚠ Don't lock yourself out! This policy impacts the Azure portal. Before you continue, ensure that you or someone else will be able to get back into the portal.

Disregard this warning if you are configuring persistent browser session policy that works correctly only if "All cloud apps" are selected.

- **Covered all (new) cloud apps automatically  
(approach of „Deny“ ZTN design)**

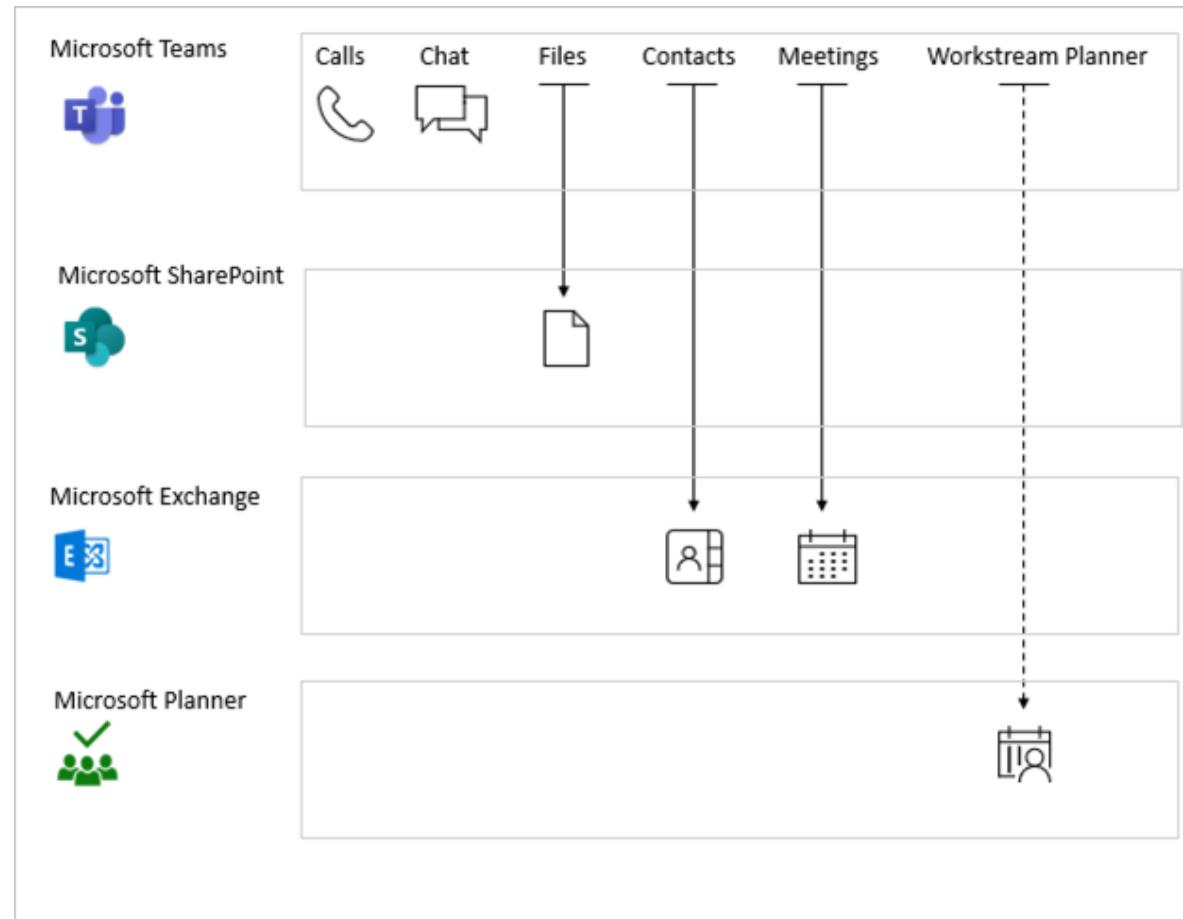
- **Covered all non-supported CA app  
(e.g. MyApps or EA Portal)**

- **Potential issues with „Device-based“  
Authentication Flows**

- ...

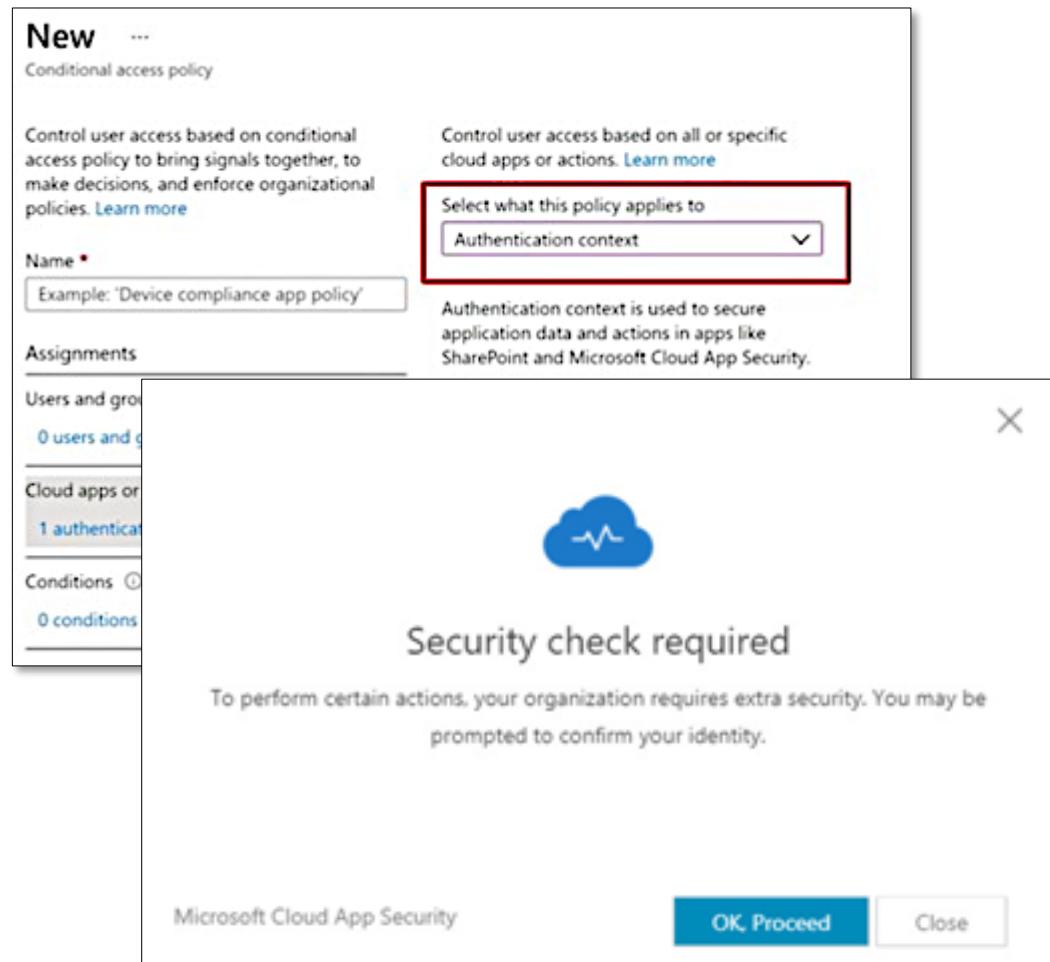
# SERVICE DEPENDENCIES

Policy enforcement:



DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CA POLICIES

# TARGETING ON AUTHENTICATION CONTEXT



- Granular policies based on user actions or the data they are trying to access
- Step up authentication based on what the user is trying to do within the app or data

A close-up photograph of a laptop screen displaying code and a hand typing on the keyboard.

# MANAGEMENT & MONITORING

LIFECYCLE & OPERATIONS AT SCALE

## USER (GROUP) TARGETING

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- Exclude Group for each CA Policy
- Azure AD access reviews to manage exclusions from policies
- Access Package to request (temporary) exclusions for specific CA Policies
- Who can manage CA Exclusions?  
All Delegated Roles with (Security) Group Management Permissions!

# **Automation & Lifecycle**

## Management of Permanent or Temporary Exclusions

LIVE DEMO

# DEPLOYMENT OF TEMPLATES

- “Conditional Access As Code” GitHub Project by Alex Filipin

**Policy repository**

A collection of conditional access policies in JSON format which are divided into the following categories:

- Admin protection
- Application protection
- Attack surface reduction
- Base protection
- Compliance
- Data protection

**Policy sets**

Policy sets are based on the policies in the repository and form complete policy sets depending on company maturity and licensing:

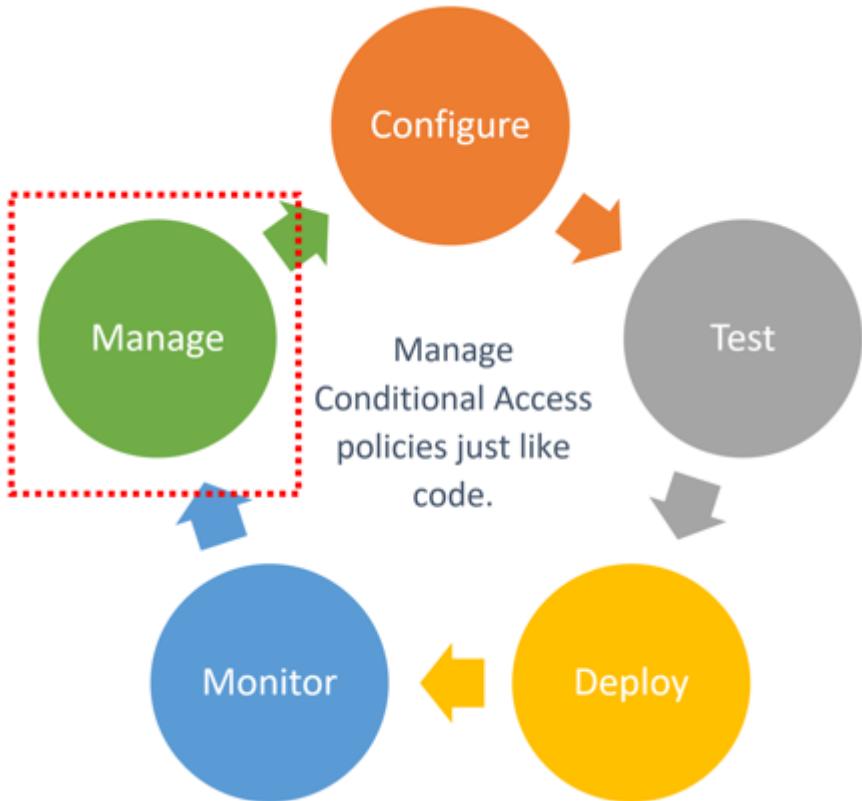
- Bare minimum
- Device trust with AADP1
- Device trust with AADP1 and AADP2
- Device trust with AADP2
- Network trust with AADP1
- Network trust with AADP1 and AADP2
- Network trust with AADP2
- Your custom policy set

**Automation solution**

A script based automation solution to deploy and update policy sets in environments.

Together, these three components enable an extremely fast deployment of conditional access concepts and their long-term maintenance, e.g. in the form of source control.

# AUTOMATION VIA MS GRAPH + LOGIC APP



- Samples for "Conditional Access as Code" by Microsoft:
  - [GitHub Repo includes Samples](#)
  - [Microsoft Docs: “Management of Lifecycle via API”](#)

The screenshot displays two main components:

- OneDrive Blueprint:** A screenshot of a OneDrive interface showing a "Blueprint" folder under "ConditionalAccess". A red curved arrow points from the "Deploy" circle in the diagram to this screen, with the text "Drag files here" overlaid on the folder icon.
- Power Automate Alert Card:** A screenshot of a Microsoft Teams or Power Automate interface showing an "Azure Active Directory" alert. The alert details an "Approval request to configure a new conditional access policy from Template within PPE". It includes fields for "Type", "Policy Name", and "Message", along with "Approve configuration from template" and "Reject this conditional access policy template" buttons.

# **Automation & Lifecycle**

## Microsoft Graph & Conditional Access “As Code”

LIVE DEMO

# AUTOMATED DOCUMENTATION

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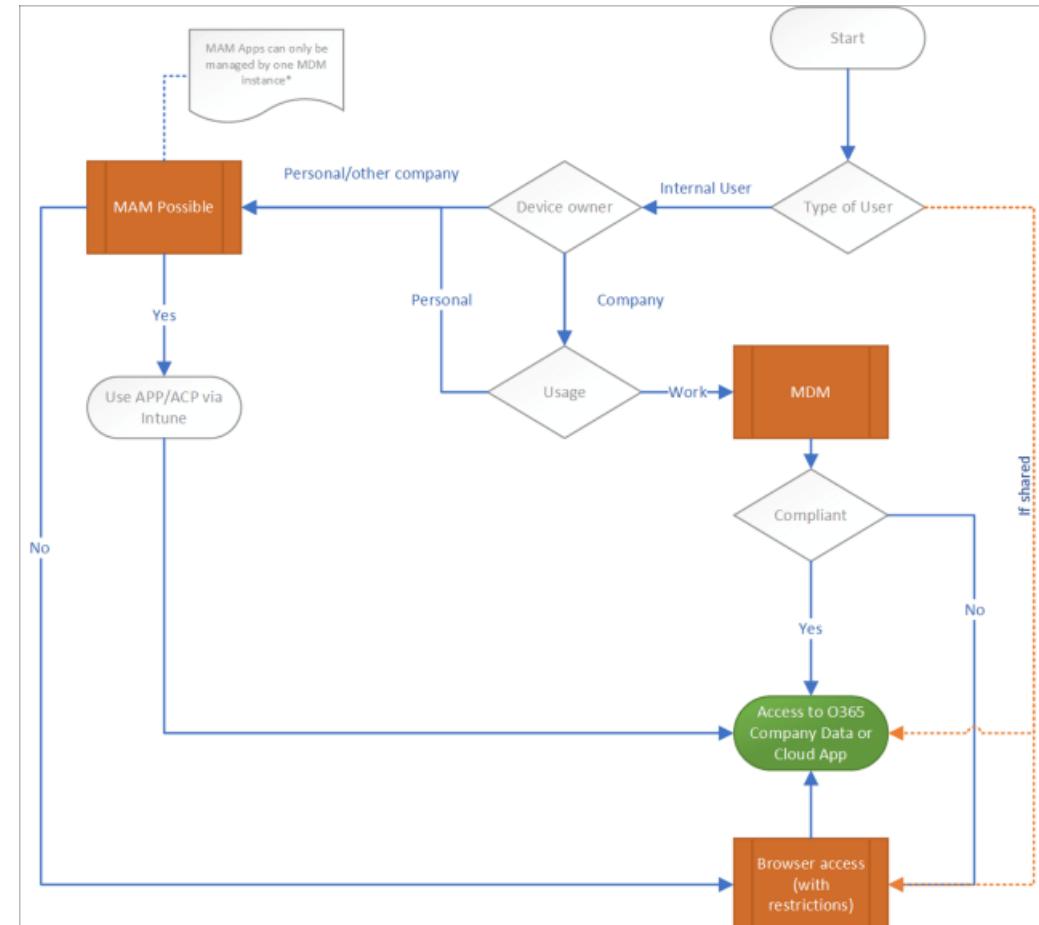
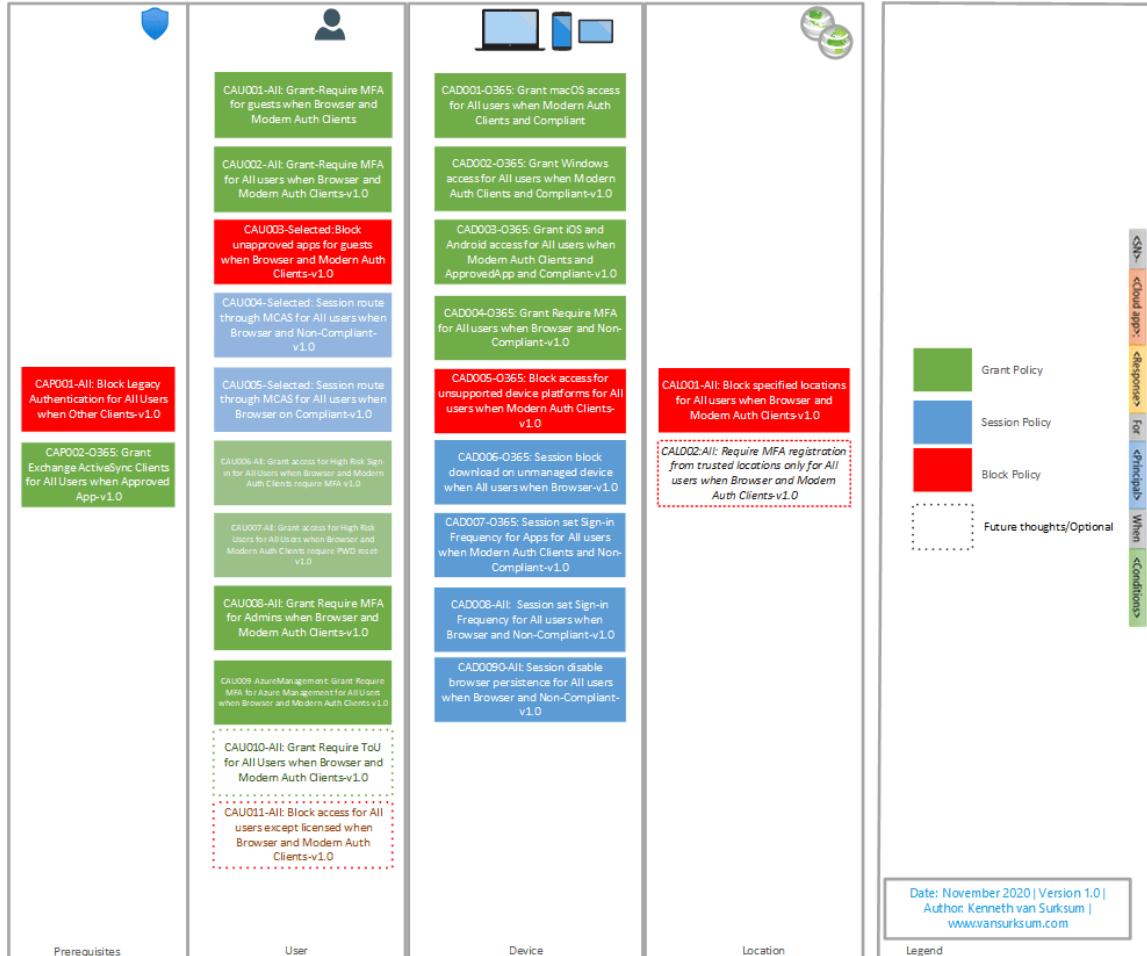
- Azure AD Conditional Access Policy Design Baseline by [Daniel Chronlund \("DCToolbox"\)](#)

| displayName   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> state | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> includeUsers | <input type="checkbox"/> excludeUsers | <input type="checkbox"/> includeGroups | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excludeGroups | <input type="checkbox"/> includeRoles | <input type="checkbox"/> excludeRoles | <input type="checkbox"/> includeApplications               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excludeApplications |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|
| BLOCK - Legacy Authentication                         | enabled                                   | All  |                                       |  | Excluded from CA                                  |                                       |                                       | All  |   |
| BLOCK - Unsupported Device Platforms                  | enabled                                   | All  |                                       |  | Excluded from CA                                  |                                       |                                       | All  |   |
| BLOCK - High-Risk Sign-Ins                            | enabled                                   | All  |                                       |  | Excluded from CA                                  |                                       |                                       | All  |   |
| BLOCK - Countries not Allowed                         | enabled                                   | All  |                                       |  | Excluded from CA                                  |                                       |                                       | All  |   |
| BLOCK - Service Accounts (Trusted Locations Excluded) | enabled                                   |  |                                       | Service Accounts                       | Excluded from CA                                  |                                       |                                       | All  |   |
| BLOCK - Explicitly Blocked Cloud Apps                 | enabled                                   | All  |                                       |  | Excluded from CA                                  |                                       |                                       | None   |   |
| BLOCK - Guest Access (Allowed Apps Excluded)          | enabled                                   | GuestsOrExternalUsers                            |                                       |  | Excluded from CA                                  |                                       |                                       | All  | Office365   |
| GRANT - Terms of Use                                  | enabled                                   | All  |                                       |  | Excluded from CA<br>Service Accounts              |                                       |                                       | All  |   |
| GRANT - MFA for All Users                             | enabled                                   | All  |                                       |  | Excluded from CA<br>Service Accounts              |                                       |                                       | All  | Microsoft Intu<br>Microsoft Intu                        |
| GRANT - Mobile Apps and Desktop Clients               | enabled                                   | All  |                                       |  | Excluded from CA<br>Service Accounts              |                                       |                                       | All  |   |
| GRANT - Mobile Device Access Requirements             | enabled                                   | All  |                                       |  | Excluded from CA<br>Service Accounts              |                                       |                                       | All  | Microsoft Intu<br>Microsoft Intu                        |
| SESSION - Block Unmanaged File Downloads              | enabled                                   | All  |                                       |  | Excluded from CA                                  |                                       |                                       | Office 365 Exchange Online<br>Office 365 SharePoint Online |   |

Source: „[Azure AD Conditional Access Policy Design Baseline with Automatic Deployment Support](#)“

# VISUALIZATION AND DOCUMENTATION

- Recommended default set of policies by Kenneth van Surksum



Source: [Conditional Access demystified: My recommended default set of policies](#)

# **Automation & Lifecycle**

## Azure Sentinel and Azure AD Workbooks

LIVE DEMO



# ADVANCED INTEGRATION

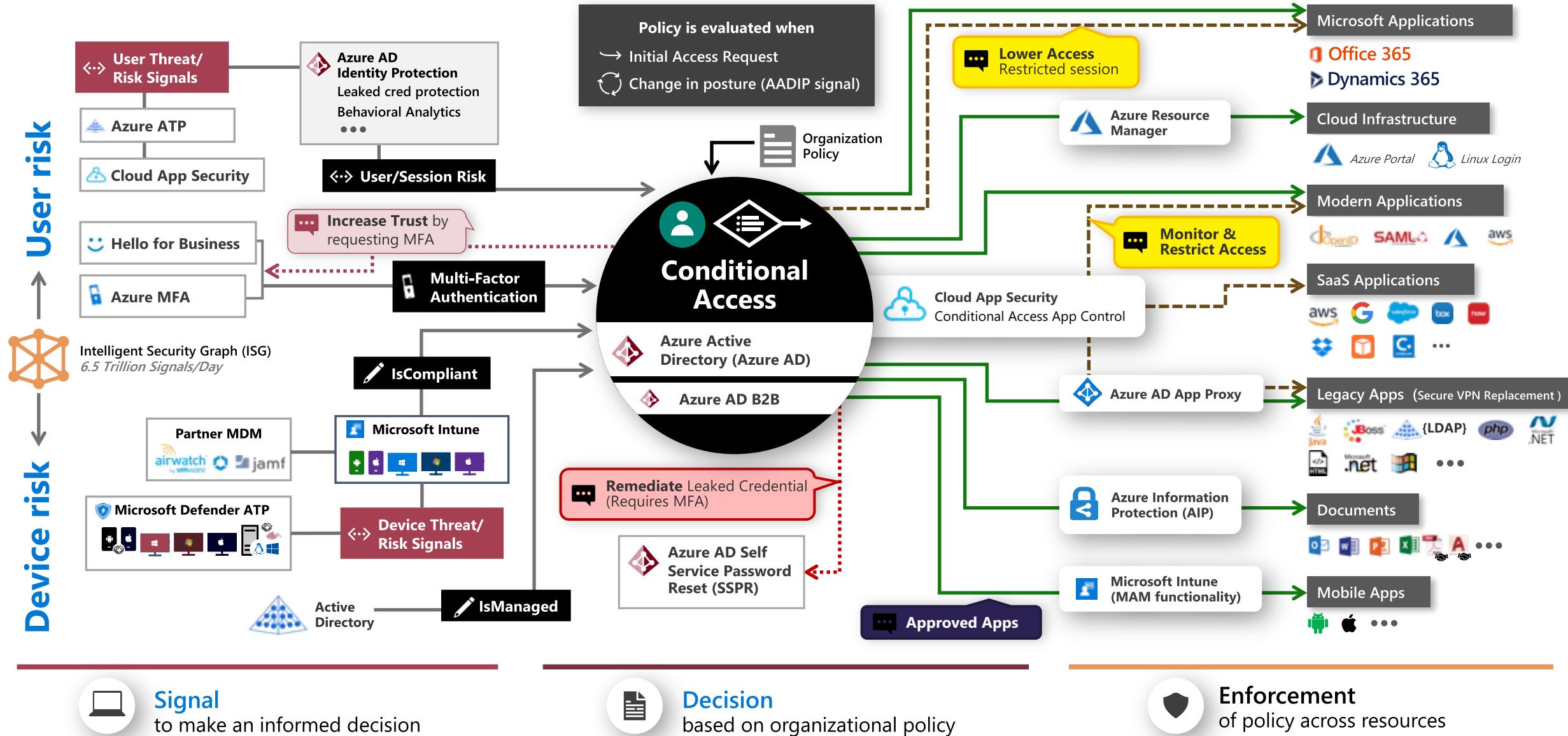
IDENTITY PROTECTION & MCAS

# ZERO TRUST POLICY ENGINE

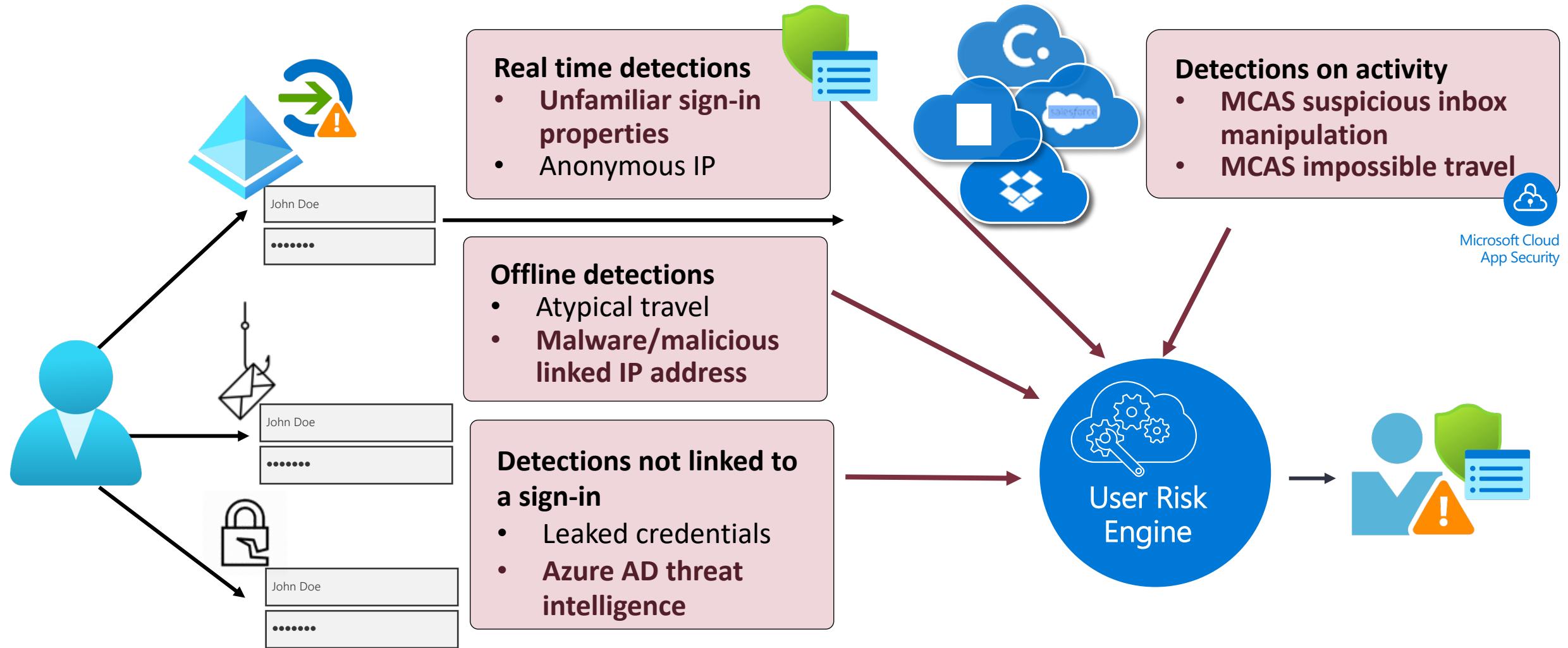
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**Legend**

- Full access (Solid green line)
- Limited access (Dashed green line)
- Risk Mitigation (Dotted red line)
- Remediation Path (Speech bubble icon)



# IDENTITY PROTECTION



# **Advanced Scenarios**

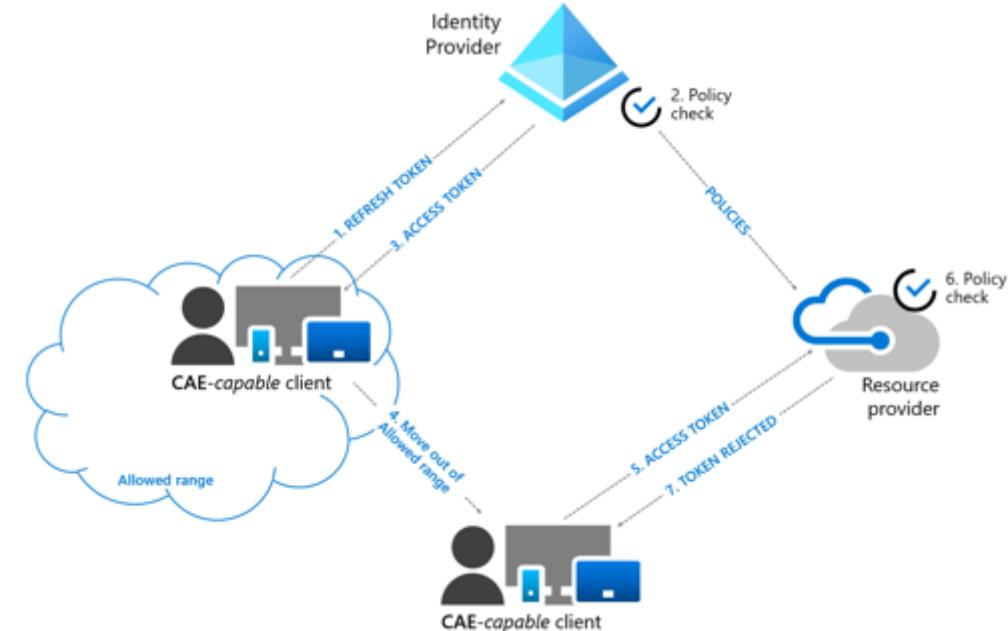
## **“Real-Time Detection of Sign-in Risk”**

LIVE DEMO

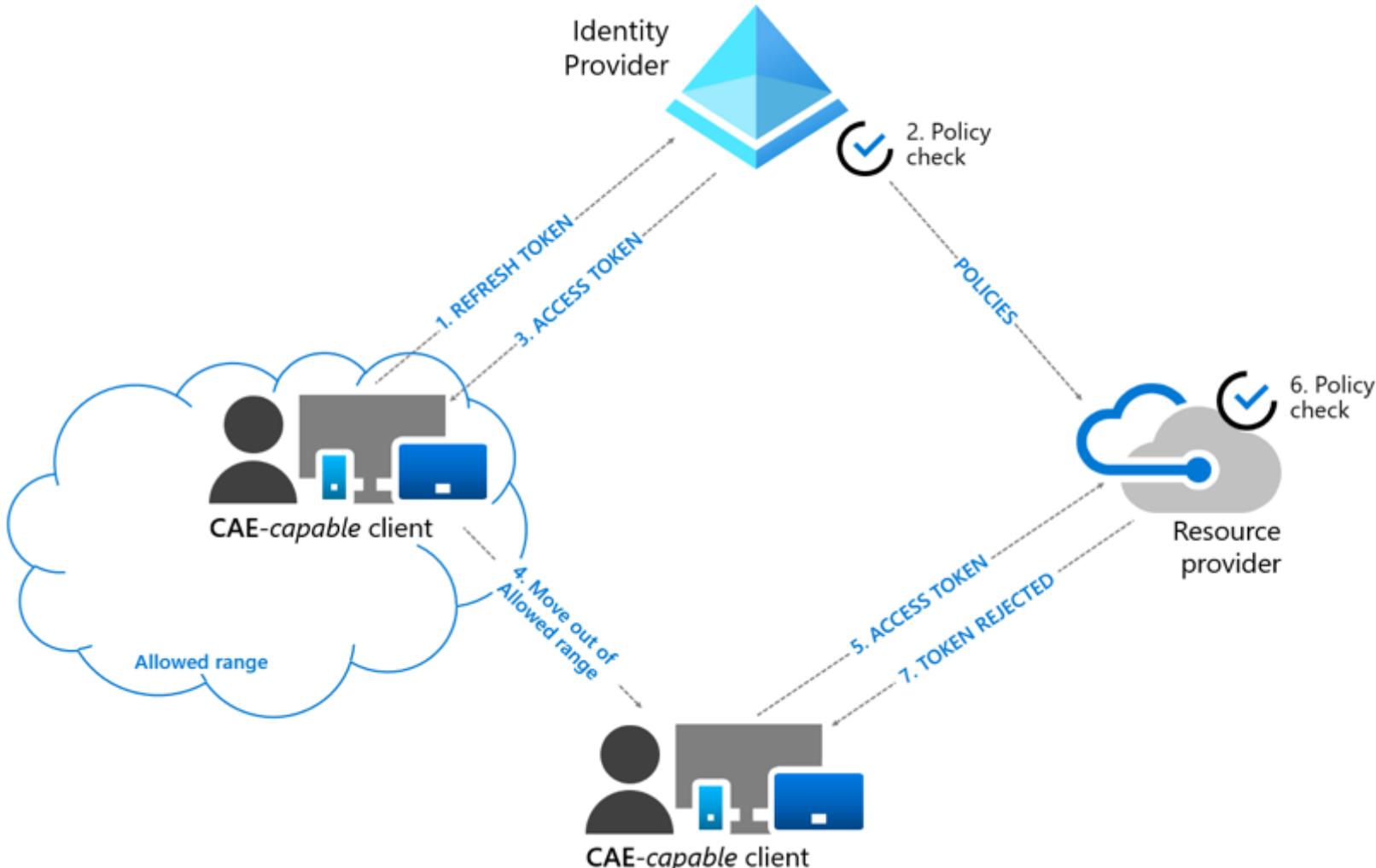
# CONTINUOUS ACCESS EVALUATION (CAE)

Reduce the lag between condition changes and policy (re)enforcement:

- Critical Event Evaluation (Examples):
  - Revocation all refresh tokens for a user (by Admin)
  - Client IP Address changes  
(outside of “Trusted Network”)
  - ...
- Current scenarios in public preview  
(resource provider support)
  - Exchange Online, SharePoint

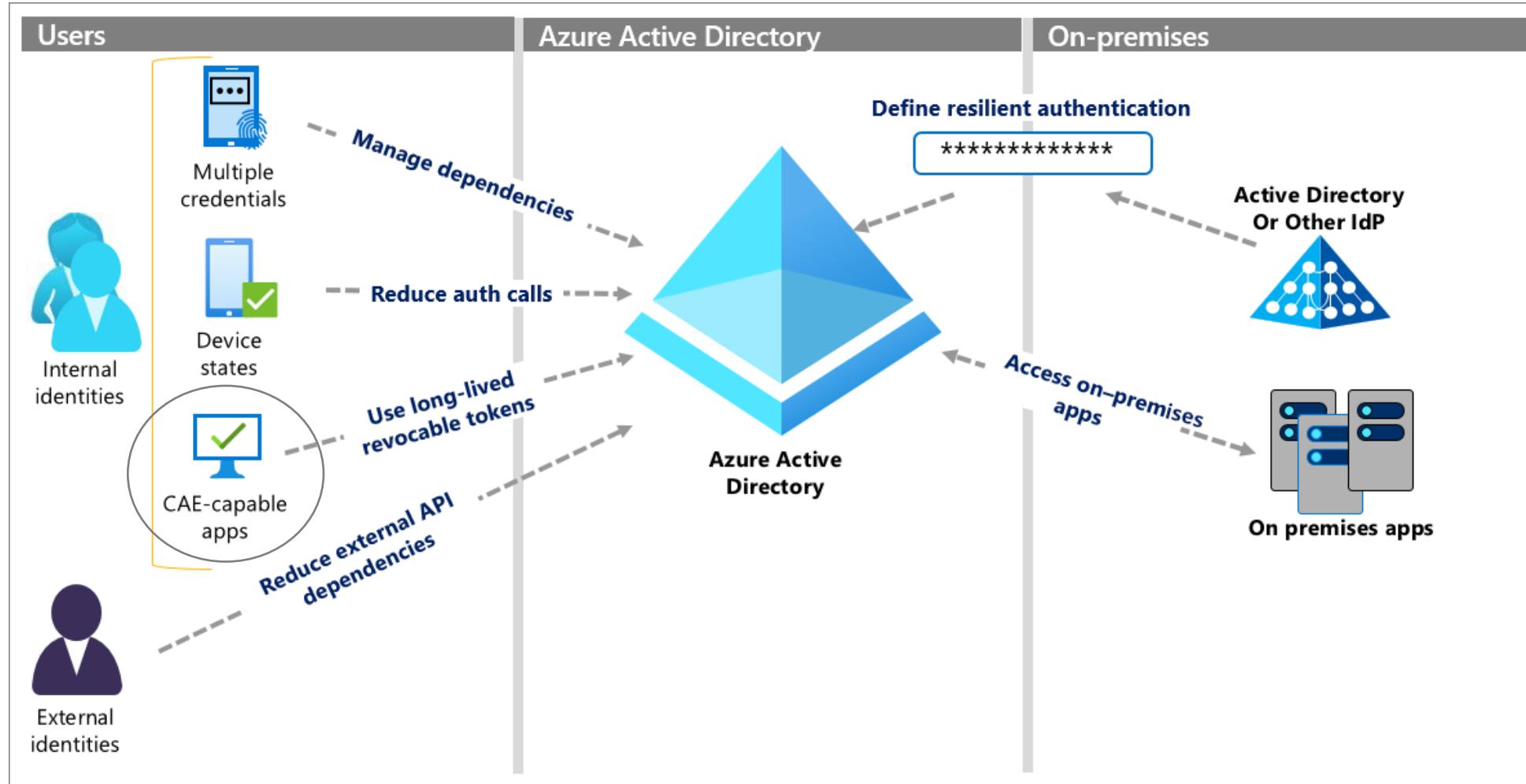


# CONDITIONAL ACCESS EVALUATION (CAE)



# ADVANCED INTEGRATION IN CONDITIONAL ACCESS

# RESILIENCY CONSIDERATIONS

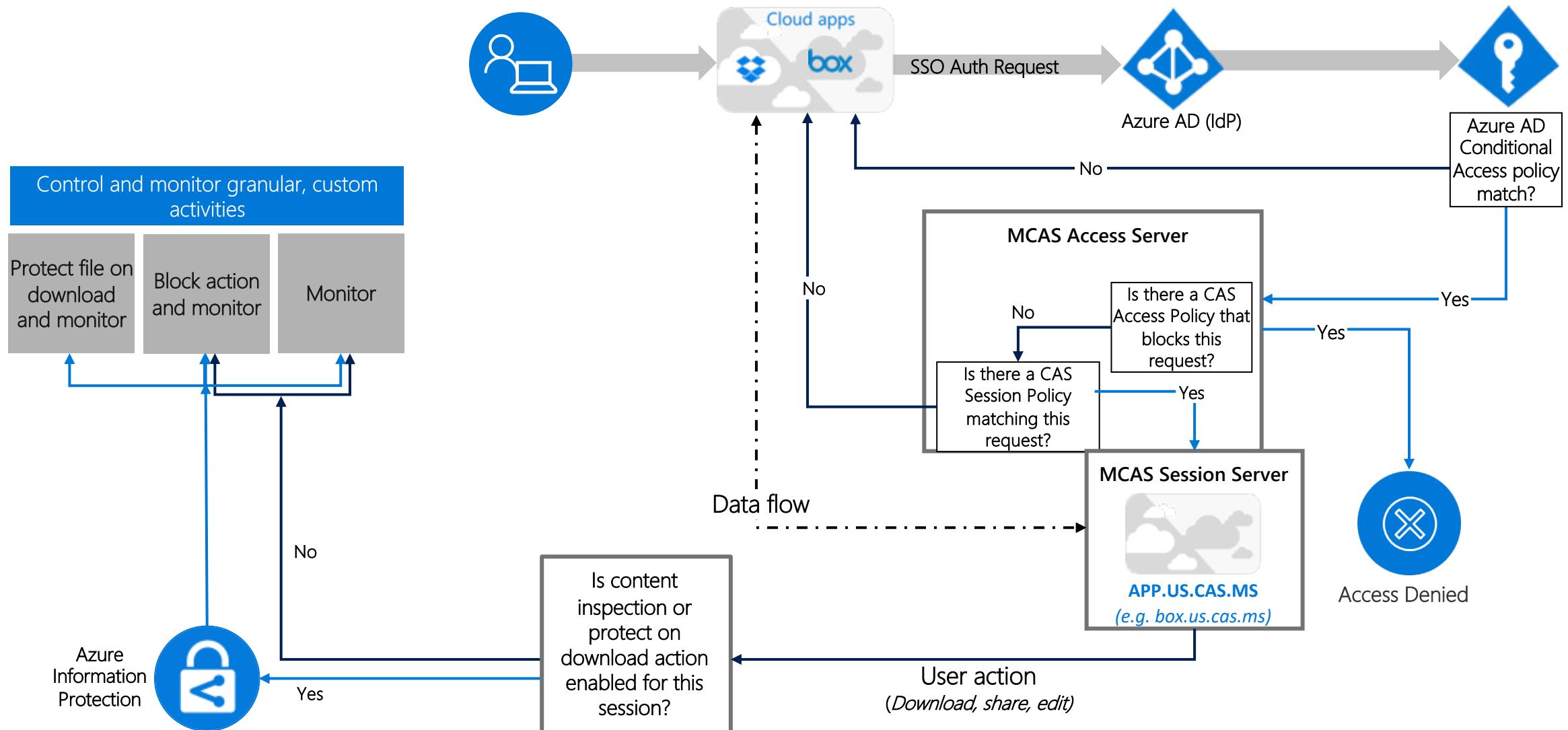




USE CASE:  
**ACCESS FROM  
EXTERNAL IDENTITIES**

CONDITIONAL ACCESS & MCAS

# CLOUD APP SECURITY



# **Advanced Scenarios and Controls**

„Conditional Access App Control“

LIVE DEMO

# CONSIDERATIONS FOR B2B USERS

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- Device-based Policies (Require Compliant or Hybrid Azure AD joined)  
→ can only satisfy compliance if the resource tenant can manage their device
- User Risk-based Policies  
→ cannot be resolved in the resource tenant
- MFA “Double Authentication” vs. “Bypass”  
→ Management of B2B MFA reset, Require MFA always for guests
- Recommended Policies: External access with CA policies



USE CASE:  
**SECURING PRIVILEGED  
IDENTITY & ACCESS**

DEVICE COMPLIANCE OF SAW

# CA POLICIES FOR PRIVILEGED IDENTITIES

## *Conditions and Controls*



### User

- Group: Privileged Identities
- Authentication: Strong
- Location: "managed network"**



### Device

- Platform: Windows
- Client: Browser
- (Group: Specific Device)**

## *Risk-based policies and Session management*



### Identity Protection

- Sign-in Risk: No risk**
- User-Risk: No risk**



### Device Compliance

- Health: Compliant**
- Device Risk: Low Score**

All Apps



### Session Controls

- Browser Session: Non-persistent
- Sign-in Frequency: Limited duration
- App Controls (MCAS): Blocked or monitored



Block access,  
Force threat  
remediation

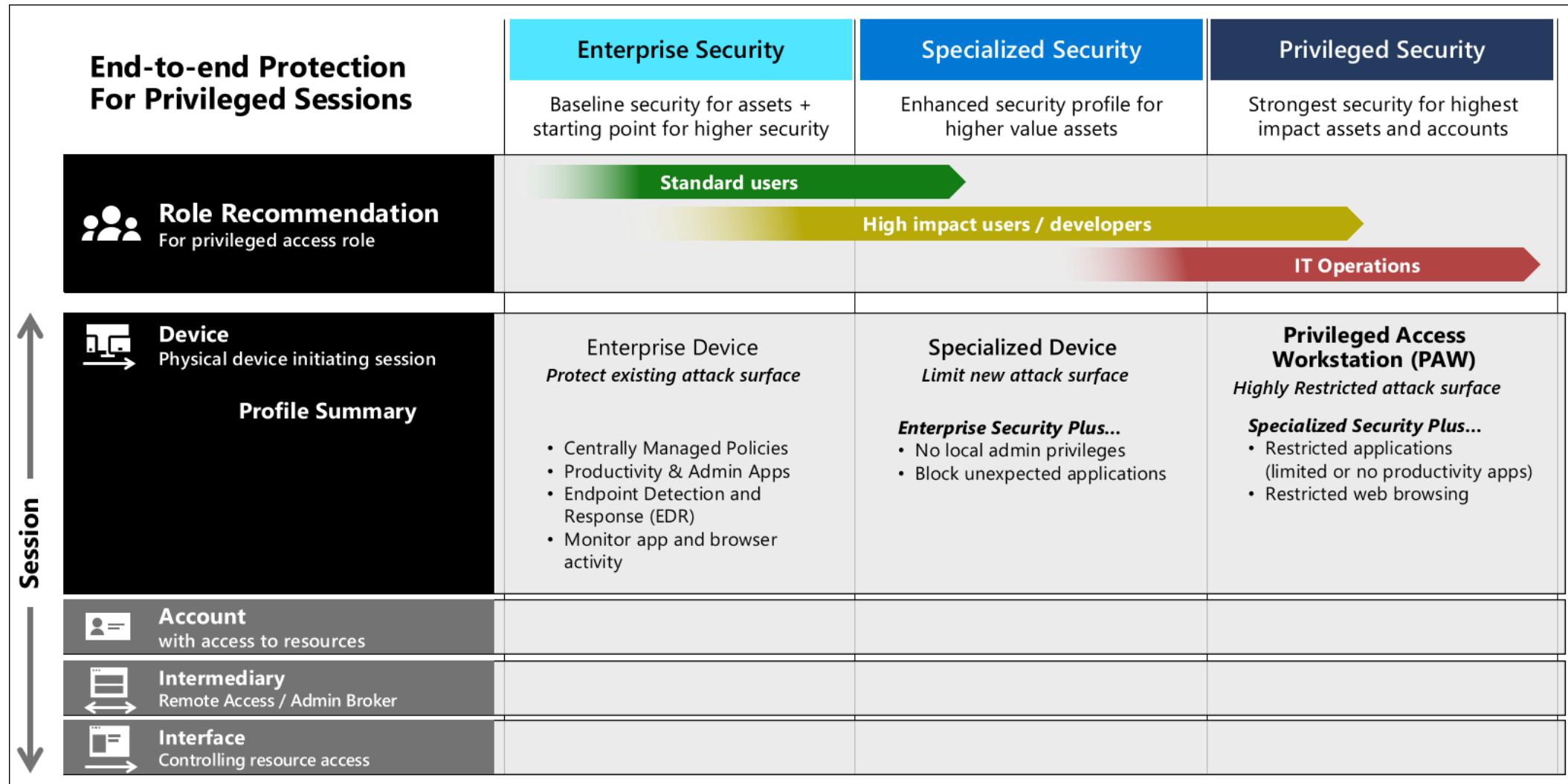


Grant access



Restricted and  
monitored via  
MCAS

# DEVICE COMPLIANCE PROFILES



# **Advanced Scenarios:**

## Privileged Access and CA Policies

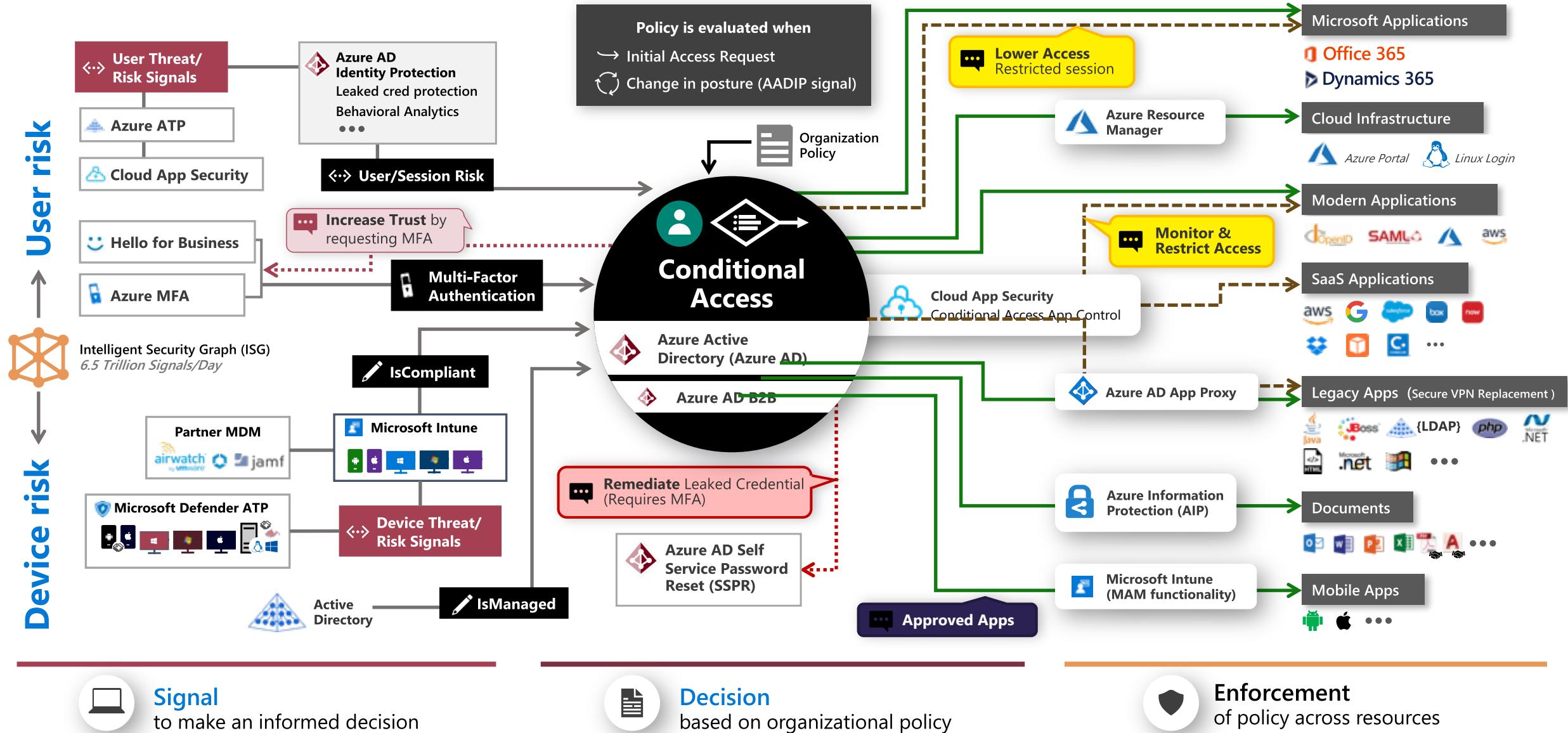
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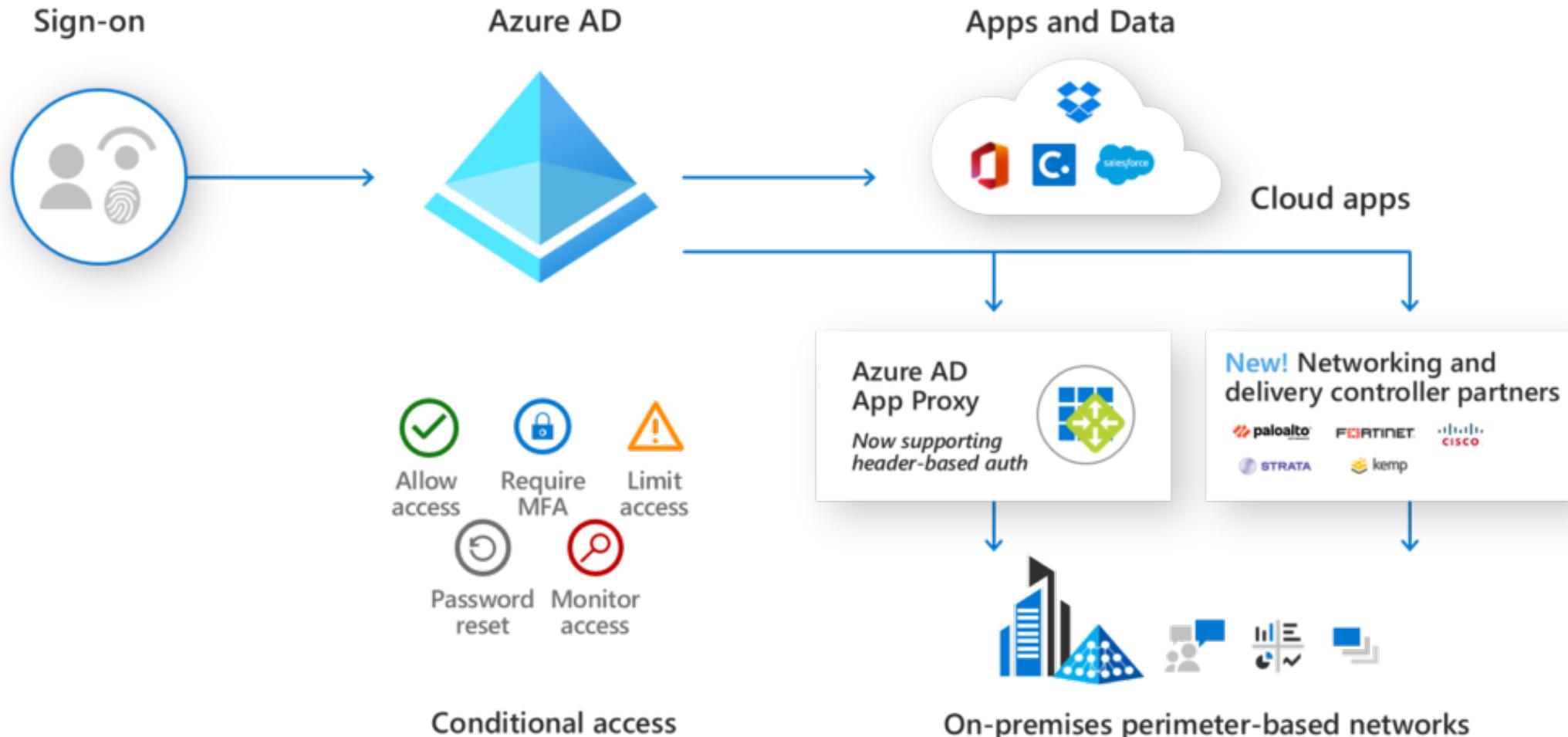
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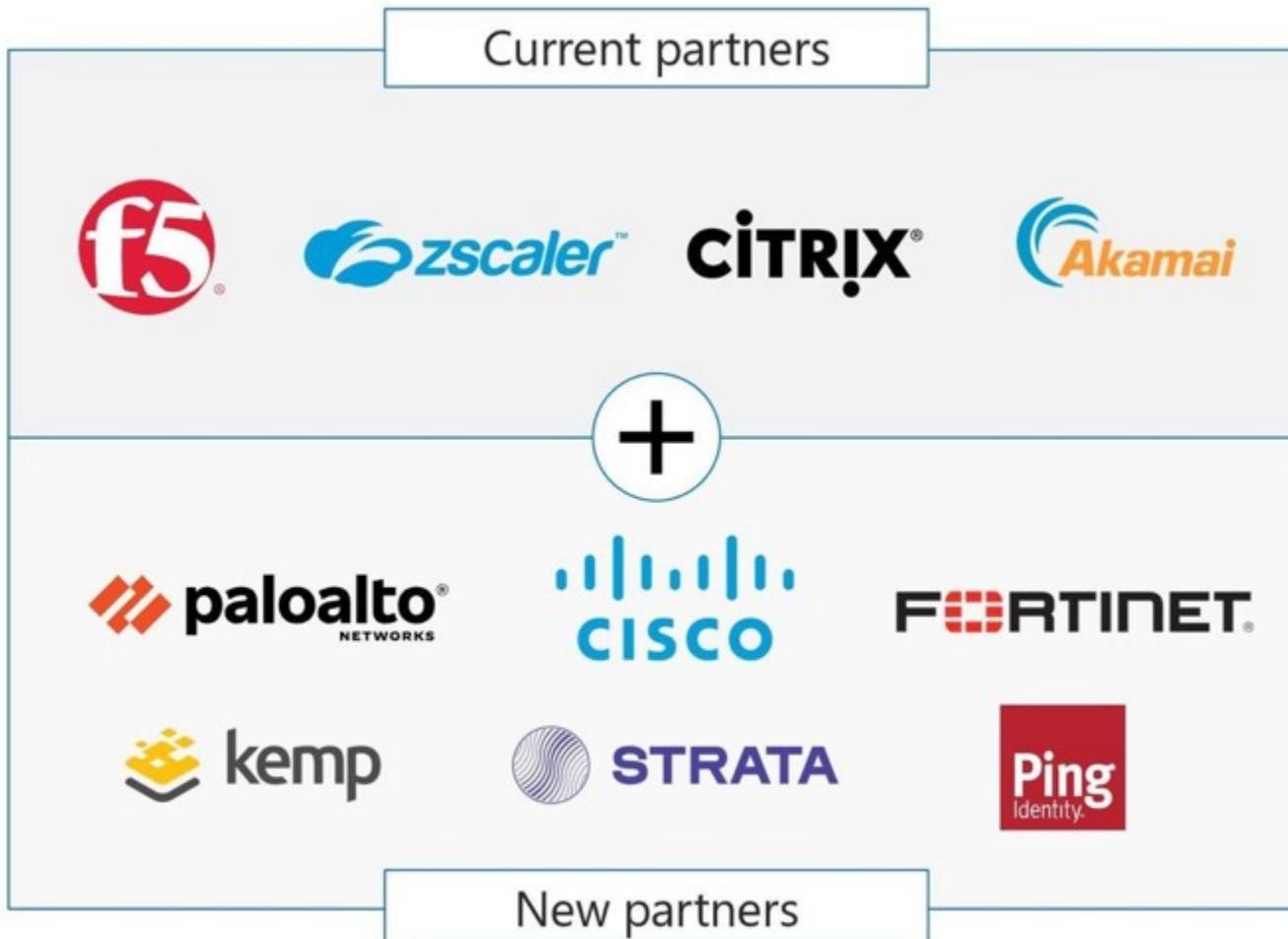
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# SECURE HYBRID ACCESS



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Discover applications on:

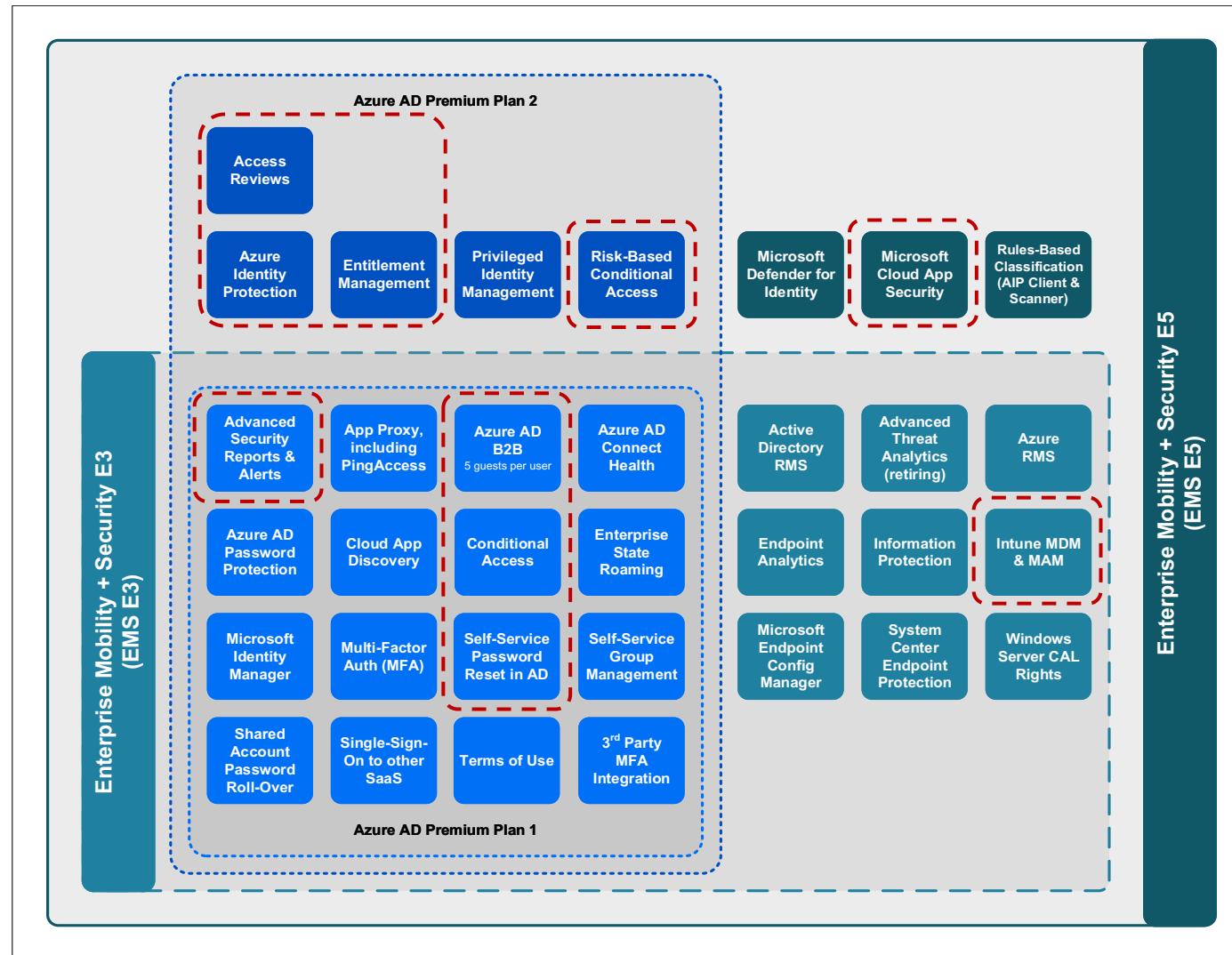
- AD FS
- Active Directory
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party identity providers
- LDAP directories

Protect legacy resources such as:

- Homegrown / legacy apps
- Remote administration (SSH, PowerShell)
- Windows RDP
- File shares and databases
- Domain Controllers
- Hypervisors

LICENSING FOR ZERO TRUST POLICIES

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