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# Defender for Identity

Microsoft defender for identity is a core element of ITDR (Microsoft Identity Threat Detection and Response). Defender for identity focuses on identity-based threats across your organization. Previously Defender for identity was called as Azure Advanced Threat Protection to safeguard against identity-based attacks in legacy Active Directory. This solution captures signals from both Windows Active Directory and deployed on-premises and Entra Id in cloud.

An example of how an attack happens and compromises an entire organization.

A diagram of a cloud computing system

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## Where Defender for Identity Fits in XDR

