

# Assignment

## Configuring Organizational Settings

### *Task*

*At the organization level, select at least three authentication methods and define that at least two are required to reset. Explain the choice of authentication method.*

*Submit the task in Word with screenshots.*

*View multimedia with Module 4.*

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## SELECTION OF AUTHENTICATION METHODS

This document presents a step-by-step approach to solving a specific task, outlining the methodology, execution, and expected outcomes. By following the instructions, the reader will gain hands-on experience in applying technical concepts to practical situations, reinforcing both theoretical knowledge and problem-solving abilities.

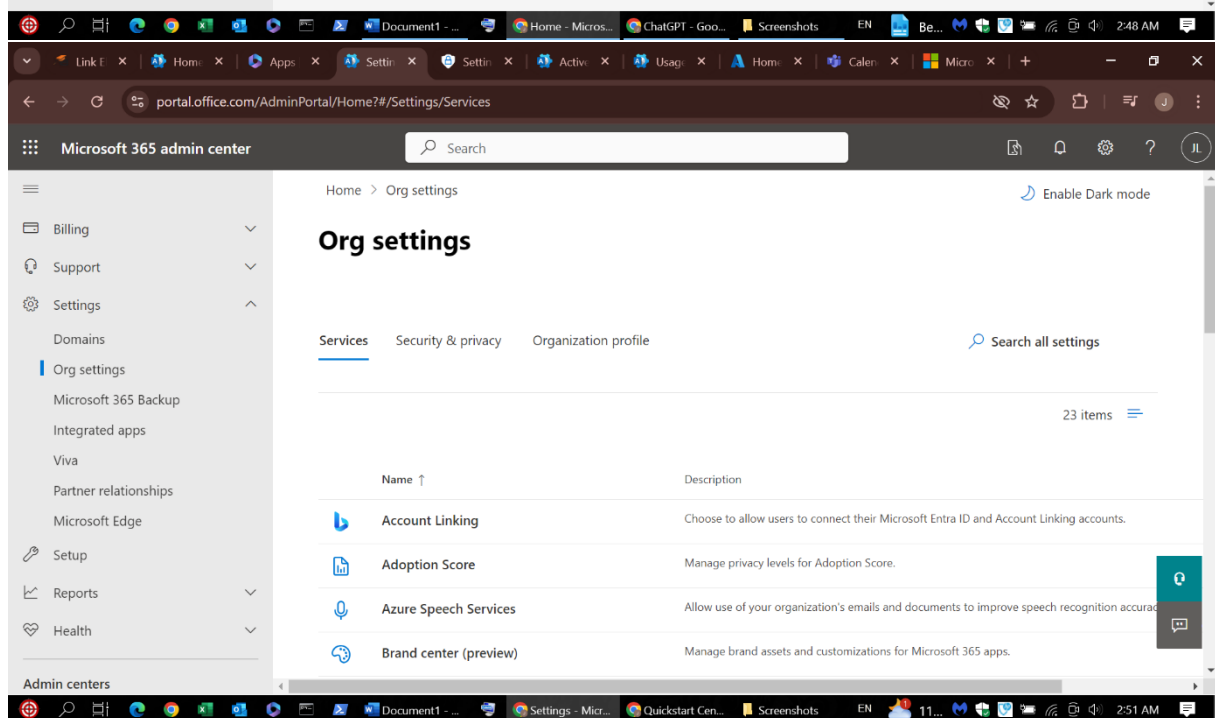
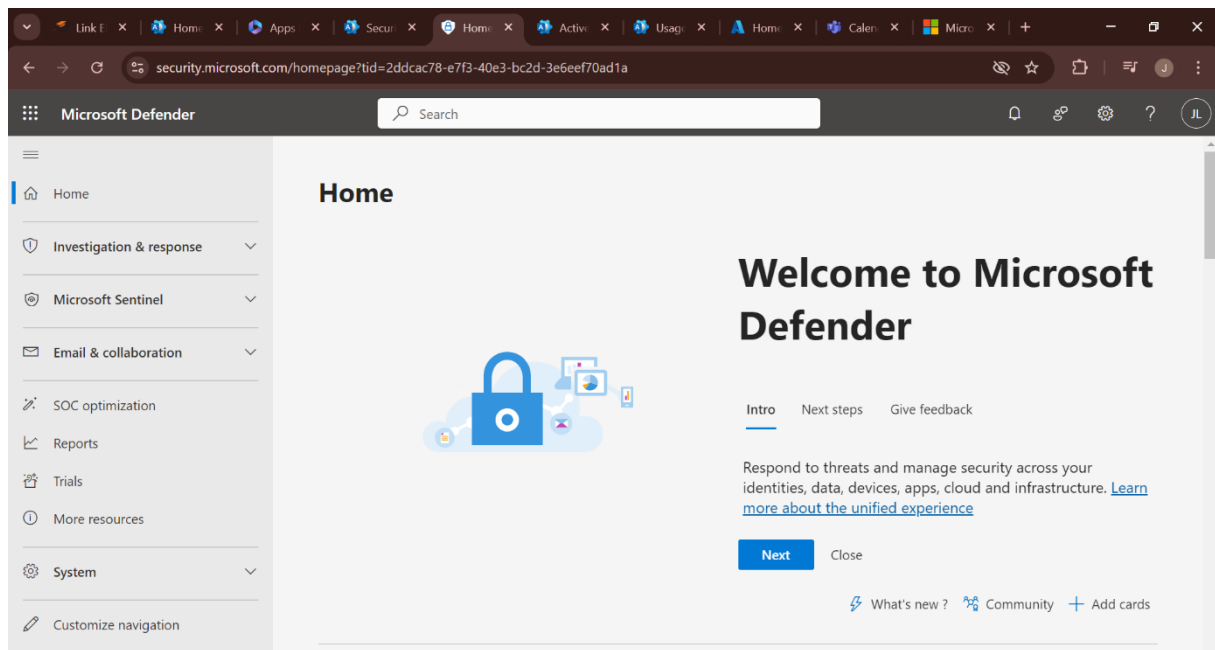
The structured approach ensures that each step is clearly defined, making the process easy to follow and implement in professional environments.

Through this approach, several methods will be shown, including textual and visual access using a screenshot:

- **Password-based Authentication:** The most common authentication method, but we always recommend using it in conjunction with other methods for security reasons.
- **Two-factor authentication (2FA):** It uses a combination of two factors, usually something that the user knows (such as a password) and something that the user owns (such as a mobile device or an authentication app such as Google Authenticator or Microsoft Authenticator).
- **Biometric Authentication :** A fingerprint scanner, facial or iris recognition. This method is very safe and difficult to counterfeit.
- **E-mail or SMS Authentication:** A code is sent to an e-mail or SMS that the user must enter to verify their identity.
- **Tokens or smart cards (Hardware Token Authentication):** Physical devices owned by a user that generate one-time codes.

Also, the first method follows the steps in the Microsoft 365 admin center, followed immediately by the steps in the Azure platform.

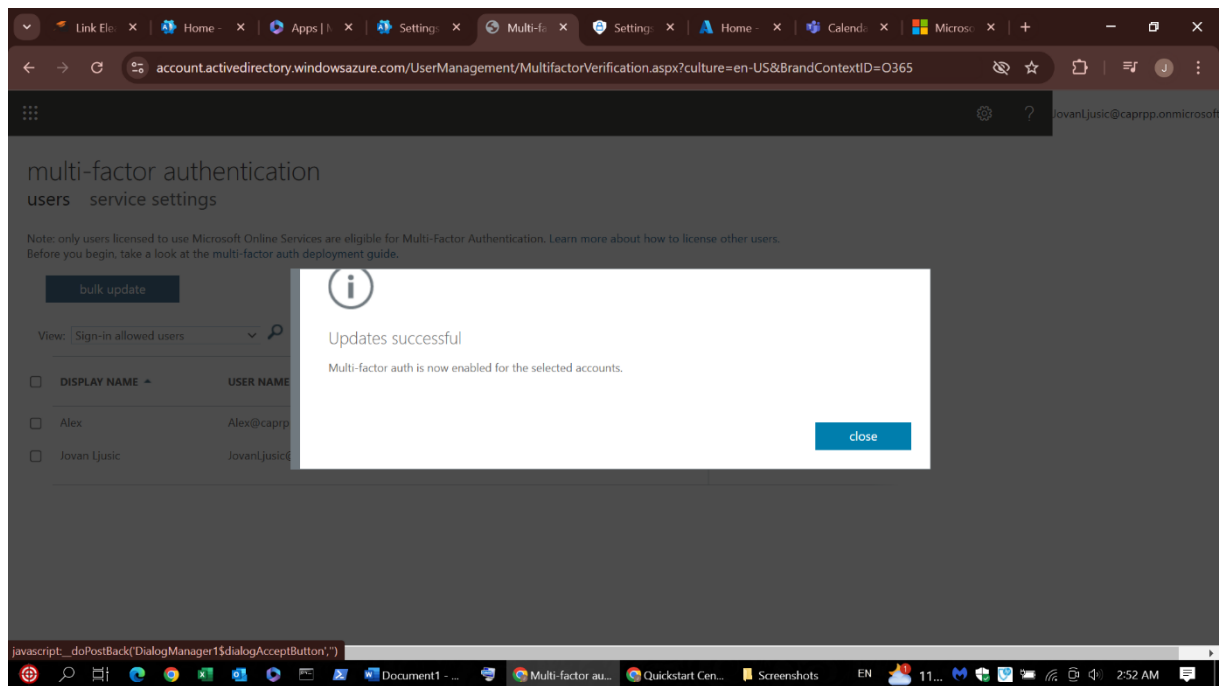
### 1. Multi-factor authentication (multi-factor)



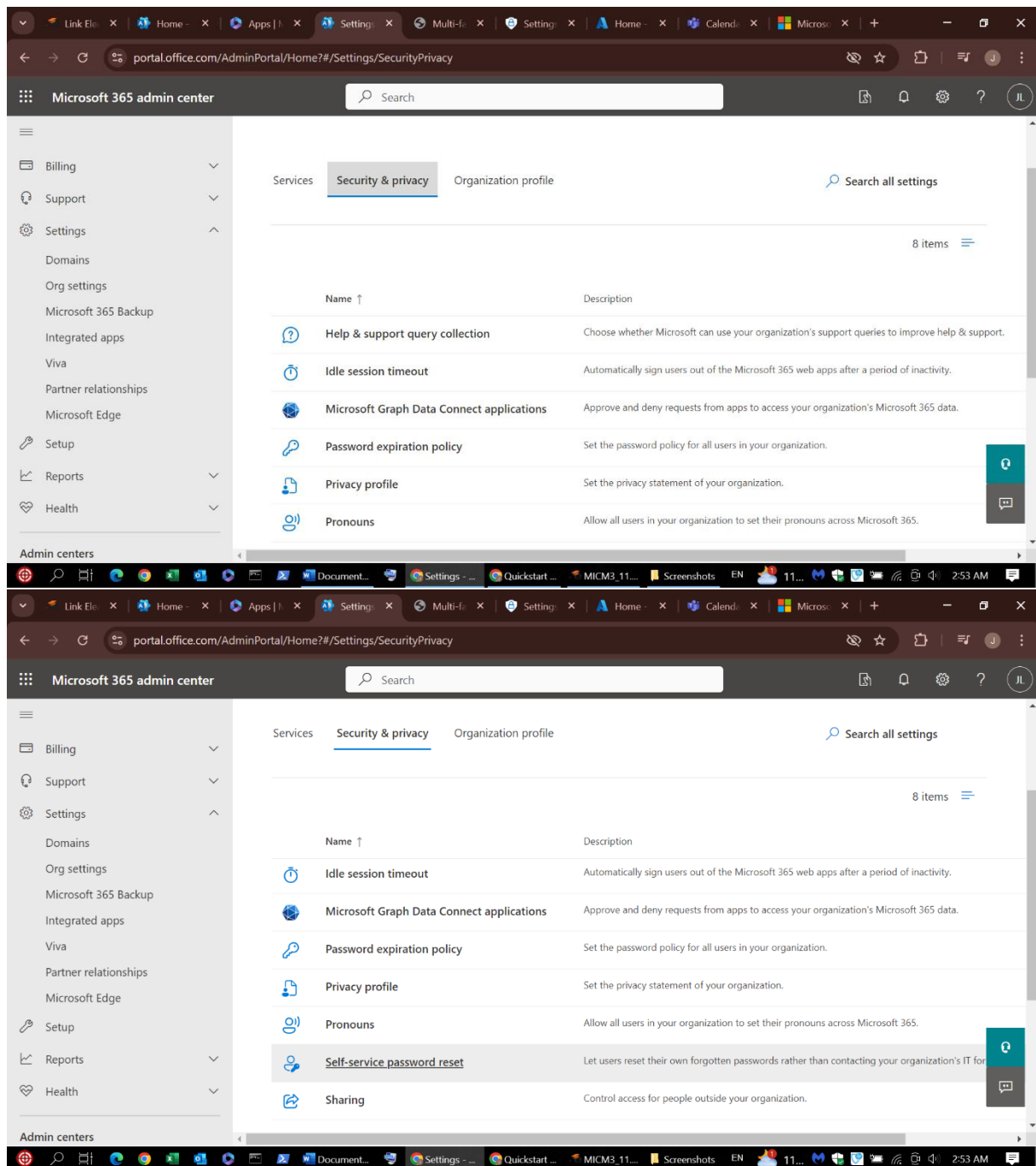
The image is a screenshot of a Windows desktop with two browser windows open. The top window is the Microsoft 365 admin center, showing the 'Multi-factor authentication' settings page. The left sidebar lists various admin center sections like Billing, Support, Settings, Domains, Org settings, etc. The main content area shows a list of services, with 'Multi-factor authentication' selected. To the right, there's a detailed view for 'Multi-factor authentication' explaining its purpose and providing links to configure it and learn more about Azure multi-factor authentication.

The bottom window is the 'Multi-factor authentication' user management page. It shows a list of users with checkboxes for enabling MFA. A modal dialog is open in the center, titled 'About enabling multi-factor auth', with a warning icon. The dialog text says: 'Please read the deployment guide if you haven't already. If your users do not regularly sign in through the browser, you can send them to this link to register for multi-factor auth: https://aka.ms/MFASetup'. At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: 'enable multi-factor auth' and 'cancel'.

Below the dialog, on the user management page, there's a 'quick steps' section with links for 'Enable' and 'Manage user settings'.

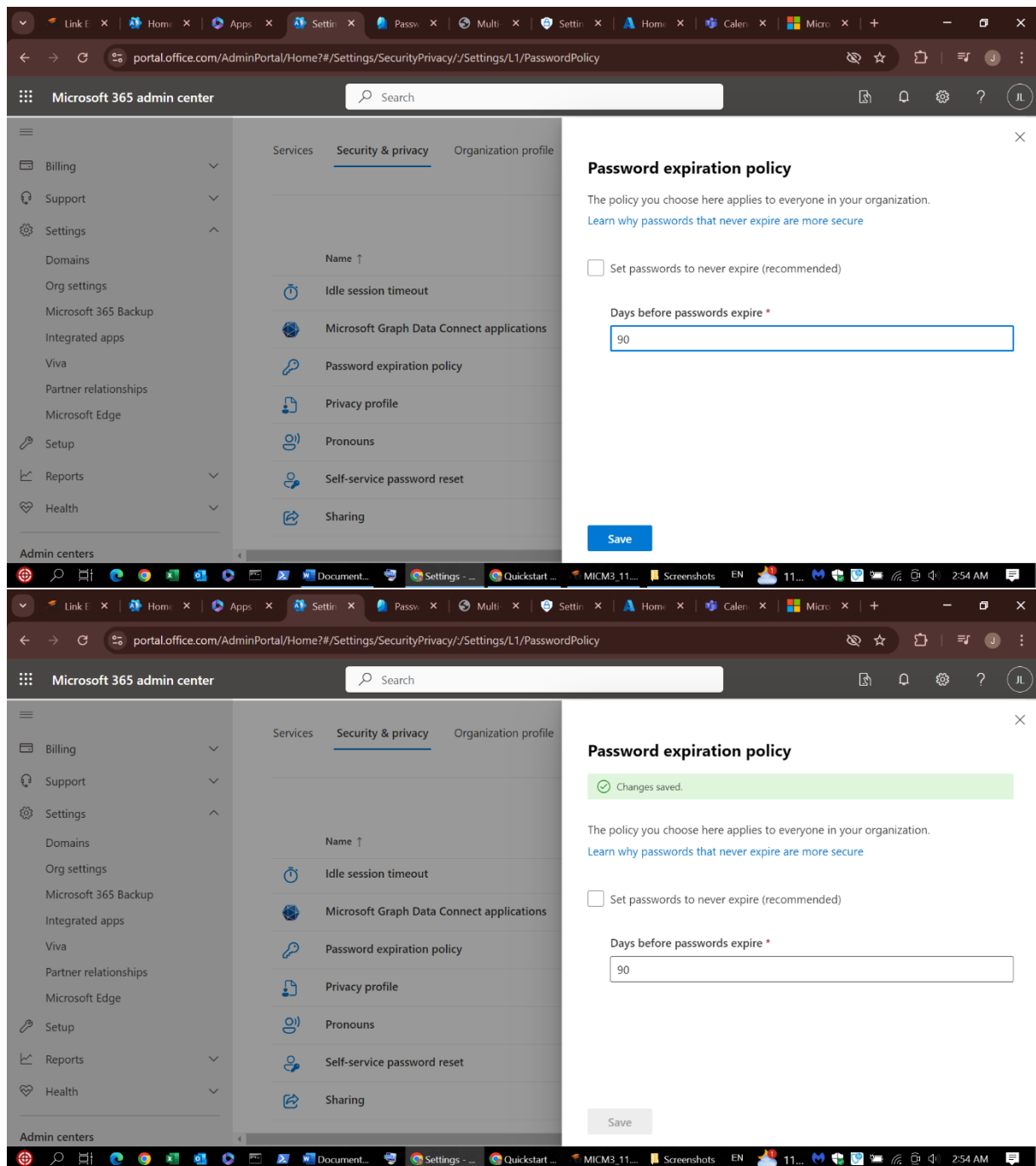


## 2. Method Self-service password reset



The image consists of two screenshots. The top screenshot shows the Microsoft 365 admin center interface. The left sidebar contains a navigation menu with categories like Billing, Support, Settings, Domains, Org settings, Microsoft 365 Backup, Integrated apps, Viva, Partner relationships, Microsoft Edge, Setup, Reports, and Health. The main content area is titled 'Security & privacy' and lists various settings: Idle session timeout, Microsoft Graph Data Connect applications, Password expiration policy, Privacy profile, Pronouns, Self-service password reset, and Sharing. The 'Self-service password reset' option is highlighted. To the right, a detailed page for 'Self-service password reset' is shown, explaining its purpose to reduce support costs and help users be self-sufficient. It includes a 'User impact' section and a link to 'Go to the Azure portal to turn on self-service password reset'.

The bottom screenshot shows the Microsoft Entra admin center interface. The left sidebar has a navigation menu with categories like Home, What's new, Diagnose & solve problems, Favorites, Identity, Overview, Users, Groups, Devices, Applications, Protection, and Learn & support. The main content area is titled 'Password reset | Properties' and shows the 'Self service password reset enabled' toggle set to 'Selected'. A blue information box states: 'These settings only apply to end users in your organization. Admins are always enabled for self-service password reset and are required to use two authentication methods to reset their password. Click here to learn more about administrator password policies.'



### 3. Methods provided by Azure



Microsoft Entra admin center

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Custom smart lockout

Lockout threshold 10

Lockout duration in seconds 60

Custom banned passwords

Enforce custom list Yes No

Custom banned password list

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### Authentication methods | Authentication strengths

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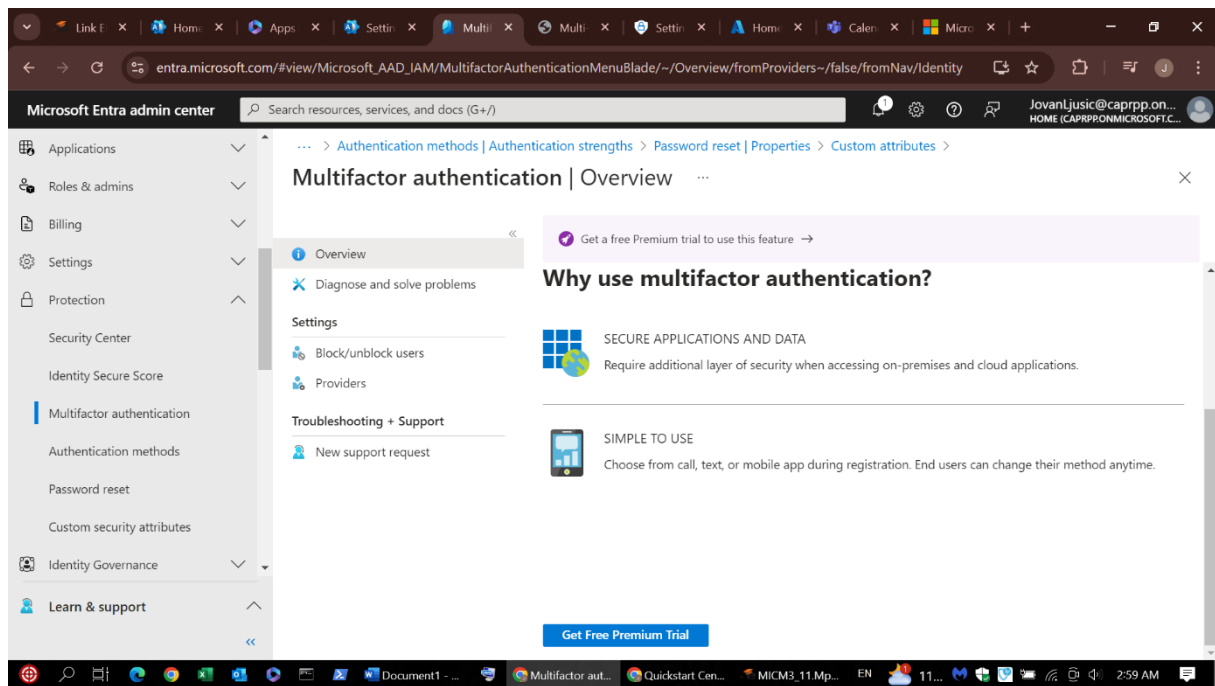
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New authentication strength Refresh

Authentication strengths determine the combination of authentication methods that can be used. [Learn more](#)

Type: All Authentication methods: All Reset filters

Authentication strength	Type	Authentication methods
Multifactor authentication	Built-in	Windows Hello For Business and 16 more
Passwordless MFA	Built-in	Windows Hello For Business and 3 more
Phishing-resistant MFA	Built-in	Windows Hello For Business and 2 more



As shown in the screenshots, although it is about data protection and security, certain restrictions have become imposed through this account because the account in use was not a Premium but a Standard Business account.

The options for protection are varied, and several of them are shown through screenshots. The text display for password setting options follows the following:

### 1. Setting Password Reset Rules

- Method One: The user must enter their password or answer a security question.
- Second method: The user must enter a code sent to their e-mail or mobile phone (SMS) or use biometric authentication (e.g. fingerprint).

This increases security because even if someone learns the user's password, they cannot reset the password without additional authentication.

### 2. Setting the conditions for password reset

The available methods to reset your password include:

- An authenticator app (such as Microsoft Authenticator)
- SMS Message
- E-mail
- Biometric data (if supported)

### 3. Configuration of authentication methods

In the Security section, select Authentication methods.

Options include:

- Password
- Multi-Factor Authentication (2FA)

- FIDO2 Security Key (Hardware Tokens)
- Phone (SMS/Voice)
- Authenticator App
- Biometrics (if supported on devices)