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Access Control

A process for ensuring only authorized users have access to certain types of data



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Access control enforces policy such that users cannot act outside of their intended permissions.



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This typically lead to unauthorized information disclosure, modification, or destruction of all data or performing a business function outside the user's limits.



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Elevation of privilege. Acting as a user without being logged in or acting as an admin when logged in as a user.



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Horizontal privilege – the user gets access to different resources other than the one intended for them



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Can also lead to the unauthorized access of sensitive links and web pages/files on a website due to the fallacy of *security through obscurity* (the belief that anything that exists on a website that isn't linked or indexed cannot be found)

