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| Items | AD DS | Azure AD | Note |
| Type | True directory service | Primarily an identity service over http(s) for internet app |  |
| User/group |  | Flat file structure |  |
| OUs GroupPolicyObjs | yes | No |  |
| Authentication | Kerbero | uses HTTP andHTTPS protocols such as SAML, WS-Federation, and OpenID Connect forauthentication |  |
| Auth |  | OAuth |  |
| Query tool | LDAP | REST API over http(s) |  |
| Federation Service |  | Work with 3rd party such as Facebook |  |
| Other objects | Computer | No computer |  |