



Best Practices for How to Manage All Your Access from the Cloud: The Next Frontier in Your Security Journey

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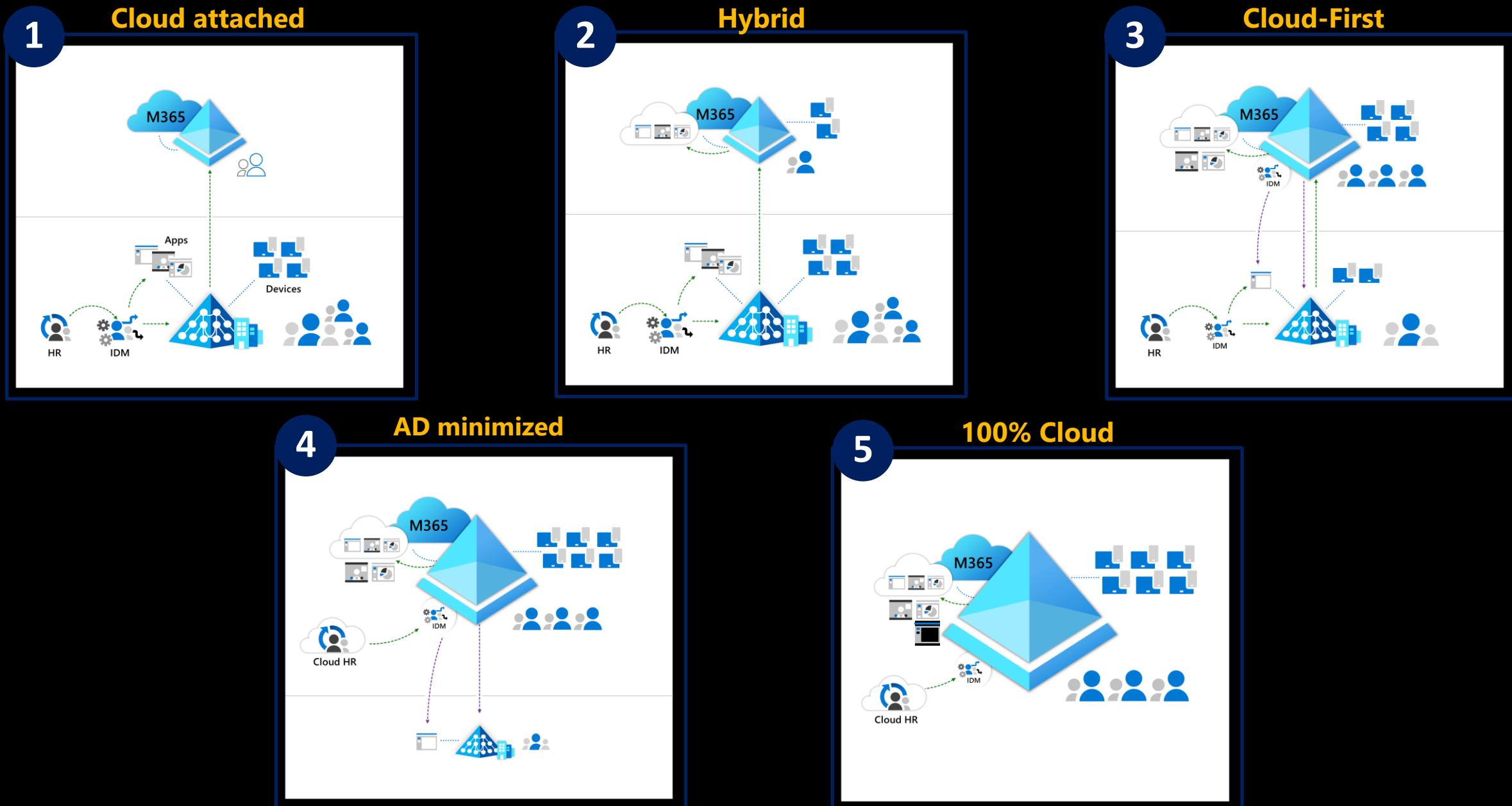
IT Evolution

- Identity
- Resources
- Authentication (AuthN)
- Authorization (AuthZ)



SAME SAME
BUT DIFFERENT

5 States of Transformation



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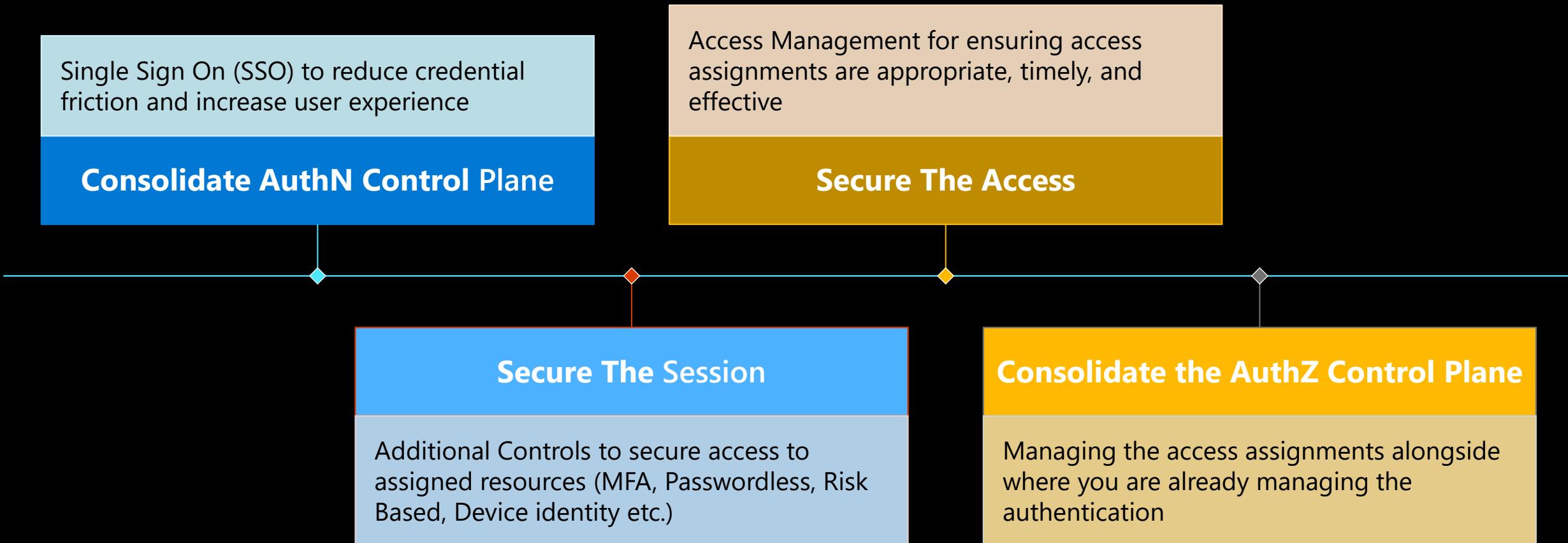
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Modernization of Access Security in the Cloud & AI Era



New Capabilities; New Challenges



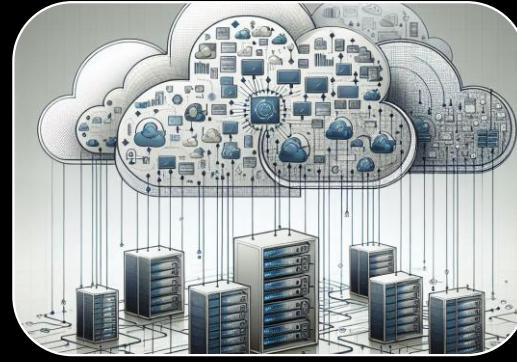
SAAS Applications

- Shadow IT



External Collaboration

- Data Exfiltration
- Lifecycle



Cloud Infrastructure

- Permission Sprawl



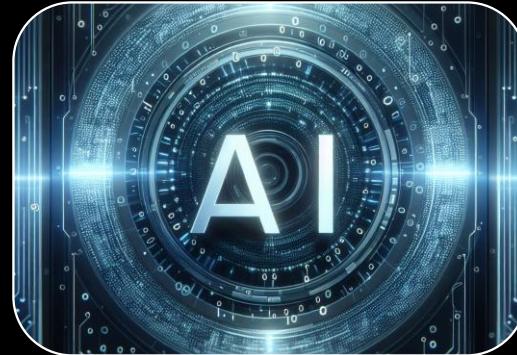
Work From Anywhere

- Attack From Anywhere



BYOD

- Unmanaged Devices



AI

- Shadow Access Discovery



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(Multi-)cloud adoption brings new permission challenges



Exponential growth of identities, machines, functions, and scripts operating in the cloud infrastructure



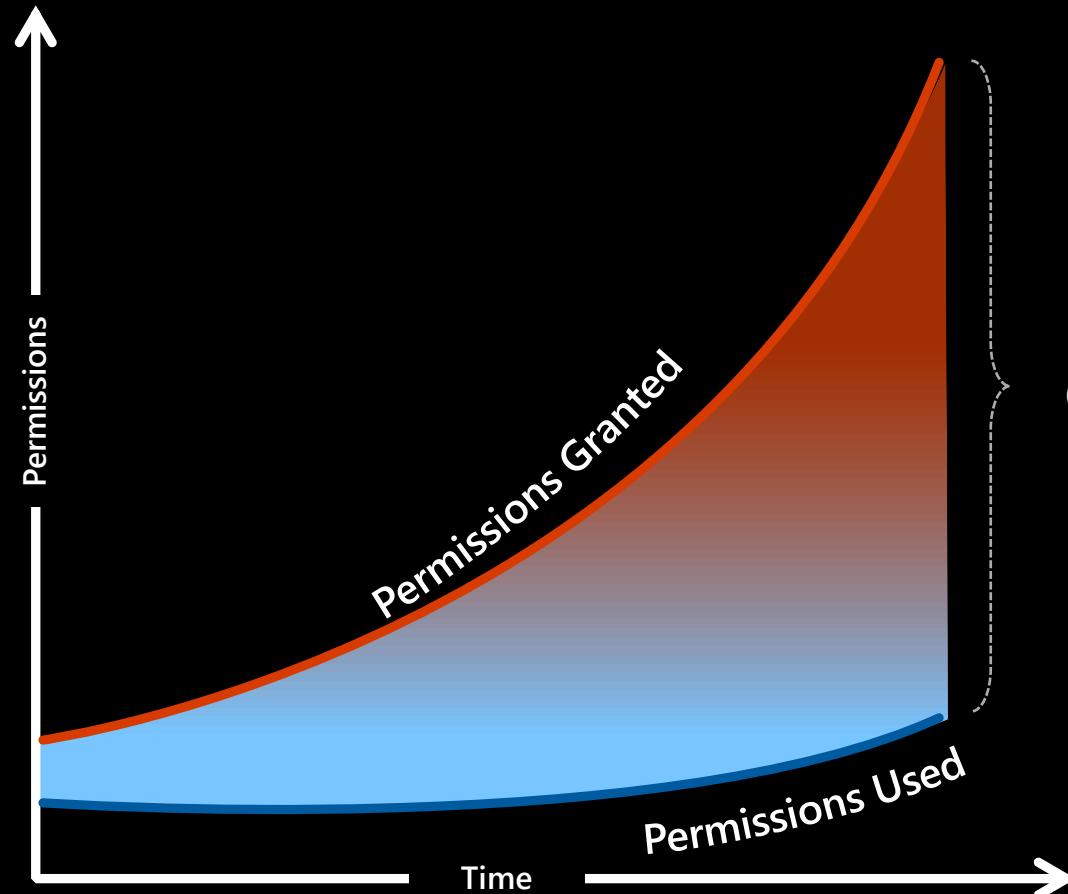
>90% of identities are using <5% of permissions granted



>50% of permissions are **high-risk** and can cause catastrophic damage



Unmanaged permissions are expanding the attack surface



Lack of comprehensive visibility into identities, permissions and resources



Increased complexity for IAM and security teams to manage permissions across multi-cloud environments



Increased risk of breach from accidental or malicious permission mis-use

CIEM: Cloud Infrastructure Entitlement Management

"The challenge of managing privileges in IaaS is worsening, with thousands of services added in recent years by cloud providers. Security and risk management leaders must combine traditional IAM approaches with CIEM to achieve efficient **identity-first security** management results."

- Gartner

Cloud infrastructure entitlement management (CIEM) offerings are:

- Specialized identity-centric SaaS solutions focused on managing cloud access risk via administration-time controls for the governance of entitlements in **hybrid and multi-cloud** IaaS.
- Typically use analytics, machine learning (ML) and other methods to **detect anomalies** in account entitlements, like **accumulation of privileges, dormant and unnecessary entitlements**.
- CIEM ideally provides remediation and enforcement of **least privilege** approaches.

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Recommended Actions – Overpermissioning

Start with non-human accounts

- Repeatable access patterns/least likely to change
- Super workload identities (serverless functions, apps, etc.)
- Access to crown jewel resources

Find the right stakeholders & be aware of seasonal access

Human accounts with high privilege move to Just in Time/Just Enough Access (JIT/JEA)

- Not 'taking away' permissions, just no standing access...
- Monitor usage, eventually 'take away' entirely

Process changes

- How did we get here? Policy improvements (Owner access is given to 'their stuff')
- Show improvement to leadership, repeat/keep going.
- This is going to take a while. Any improvement is good!

More Overpermissioning Guidance

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**Real-World Lessons
Learned from 18 months
of Cloud Infrastructure
Entitlement Management
(CIEM) Implementations
in the Enterprise**

- Bailey Bercik
- Mark Morowczynski

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Insider Risk

- Leaks of sensitive data and data spillage
- Confidentiality violations
- Intellectual property (IP) theft
- Fraud
- Insider trading
- Regulatory compliance violations

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FAQ for Project Obsidian

A brief guide to the features and benefits of the project

What is Project Obsidian?

Project Obsidian is a platform that allows users to create, share and monetize interactive stories using natural language processing and artificial intelligence. Users can write stories in plain English and the platform will generate rich media content such as images, sounds and animations to enhance the storytelling experience.

Who can use Project Obsidian?

Anyone who loves storytelling and wants to express their creativity can use Project Obsidian. Whether you are a professional writer, a hobbyist, a student, a teacher, or just someone who enjoys reading and writing stories, you can find something for you on Project Obsidian. You can also collaborate with other users and join communities based on your interests and preferences.

How can I get started with Project Obsidian?

To get started with Project Obsidian, you need to create an account on the platform and choose a subscription plan that suits your needs. You can then access the dashboard where you can create new stories, edit existing ones, browse other stories, and manage your profile and settings. You can also use the tutorials and guides available on the platform to learn how to use the features and tools.

What are the benefits of using Project Obsidian?

Project Obsidian offers many benefits for users who want to create and enjoy interactive stories. Some of the benefits are:

- You can write stories in natural language without any coding or technical skills.
- You can use the platform's AI to generate content such as images, sounds, and animations based on your story ideas.

ChatGPT

New chat ChatGPT 3.5

Previous 30 Days

Proj. Obsidian: Digitizing Mesopota

How can I help you today?

Recommend a dish to impress a date who's a picky eater

Design a database schema for an online merch store

Give me ideas about how to plan my New Years resoluti...

Write a message that goes with a kitten gif for a friend on a...

Upgrade plan Get GPT-4, DALL-E, and more

AL Alex Weber

Message ChatGPT...

ChatGPT can make mistakes. Consider checking important information.

Unintentional Insider Risk

- Putting confidential data into an unapproved AI solution
- Sharing confidential information
 - With internal groups who shouldn't have access
 - With third parties
- Requesting something unnecessary
 - Access to an artifact
 - Privileged role elevation

Recommended Actions – Insider Risk

Gaining Access

- Leverage controls to prevent user from acquiring unnecessary privileges

Using Access

- Data Loss Protection (DLP) Labelling
 - Properly classify and label data based on sensitivity
 - Restrict user access to confidential information
- Data Isolation Capabilities
 - Restrict collaboration of users and groups to avoid conflicts of interest

Revoking Access

- Regularly review user access and privileges
- Apply additional preventative actions when insider risk is detected

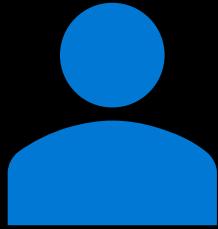
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Users

AI empowers users to find resources they have access to efficiently



Bad Actors

AI empowers bad actors to see full sprawl of user access and target resources efficiently

Unintentional AI Discovery

- User unintentionally discovering content not intended for them
- Examples:
 - Confidential projects and product launches
 - Mergers and acquisitions
 - Personally Identifiable Information (PII) or other sensitive data
- Caused by
 - Lingering or excessive access
 - Improper DLP labelling
 - Lack of data isolation

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Project Obsidian Secret Access Key

Samples:

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string AmazonWebServicesSecretToken = "abcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789/+ABCDEFGHIJLKLK";
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Help Link:

<https://docs.aws.amazon.com/toolkit-for-eclipse/v1/user-guide/setup-credentials.html>

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M365 Chat

what is Project Obsidian about...

New chat

Copilot chats and more

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what is Project Obsidian about?

I'm sorry, but I couldn't find any specific information about Project Obsidian in my search results. Could you provide more context or details about the project so I can better assist you?

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● 1/30 AI-generated content may be incorrect

Who is the project lead?

What is the goal of the project?

Can you help me with something else?



Ask a work question or use / to reference people, files, and more



Recommended Actions – AI Discovery

Identify Sprawl

- Use AI tools to see the full sprawl of user permissions
- Get to least privilege

Determine Correct Level of Access

- Leverage authoritative data about account holders to determine access
- [aka.ms/SecOpsUserAccounts](#) and [aka.ms/SecOpsPrivAccounts](#)

Maintenance

- Regularly review existing access
- Challenge lingering accounts
- Flag atypical actions



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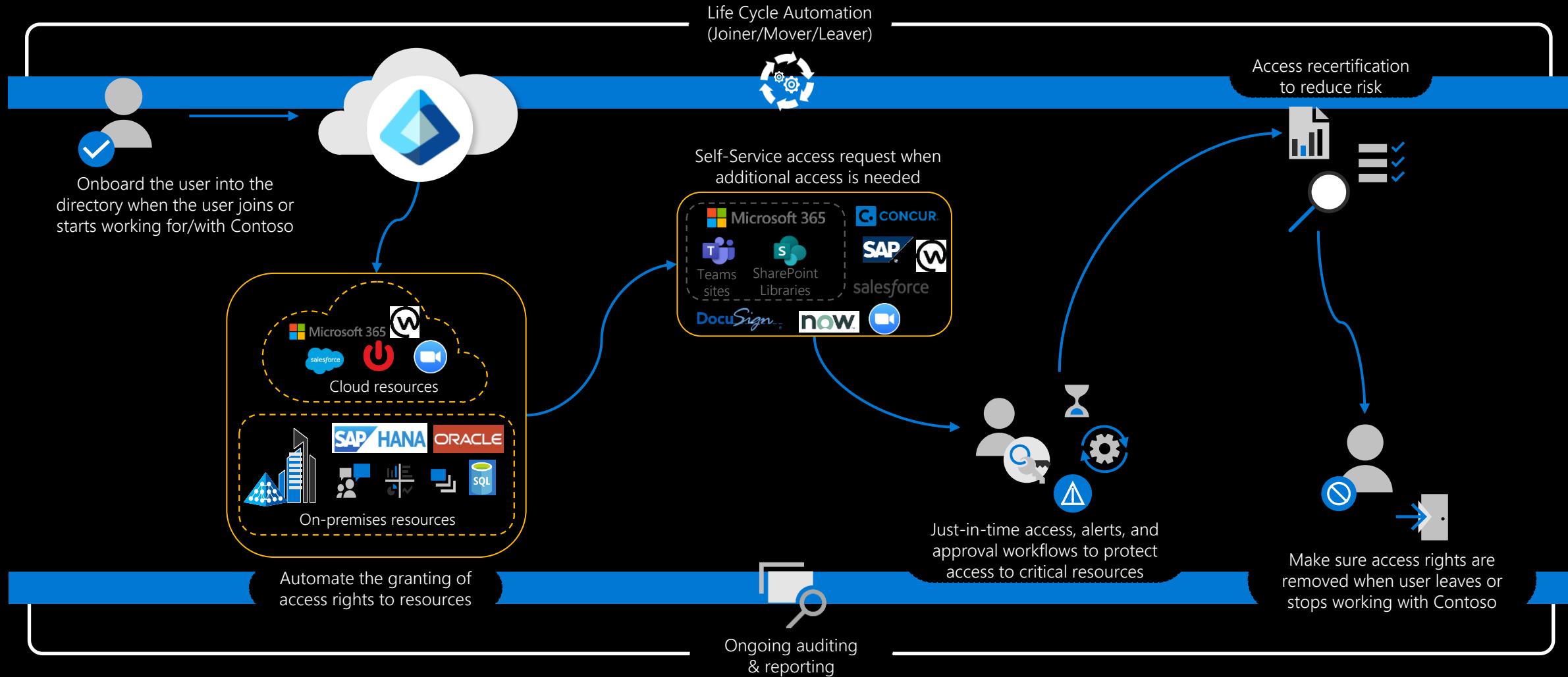
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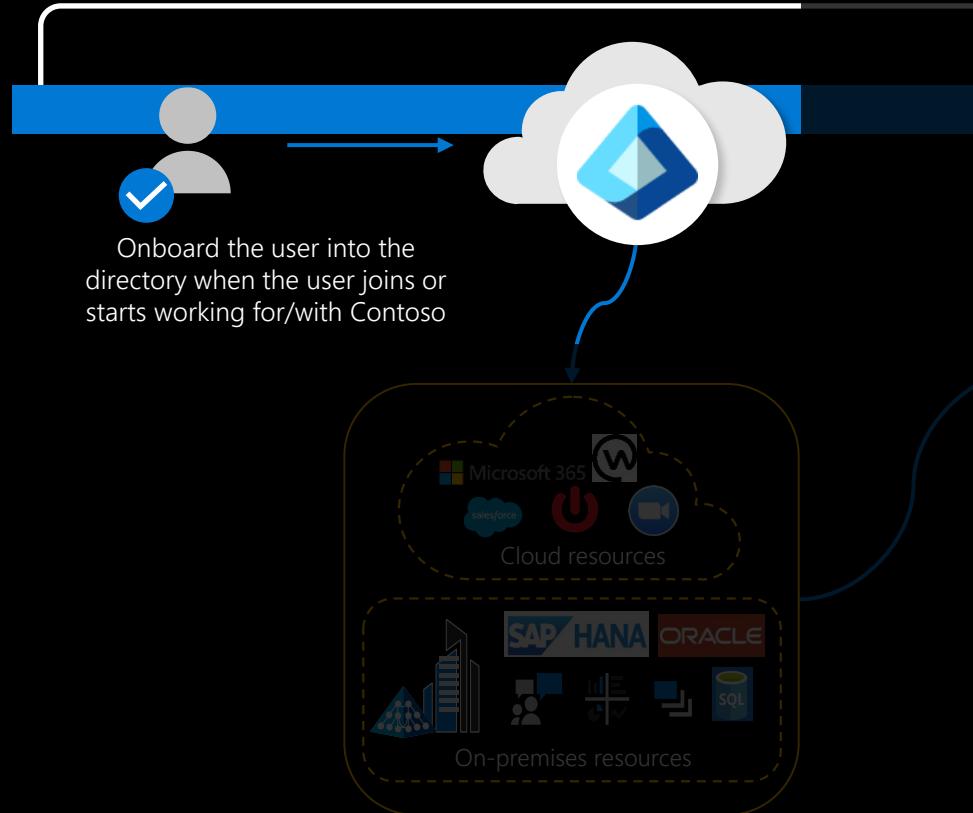
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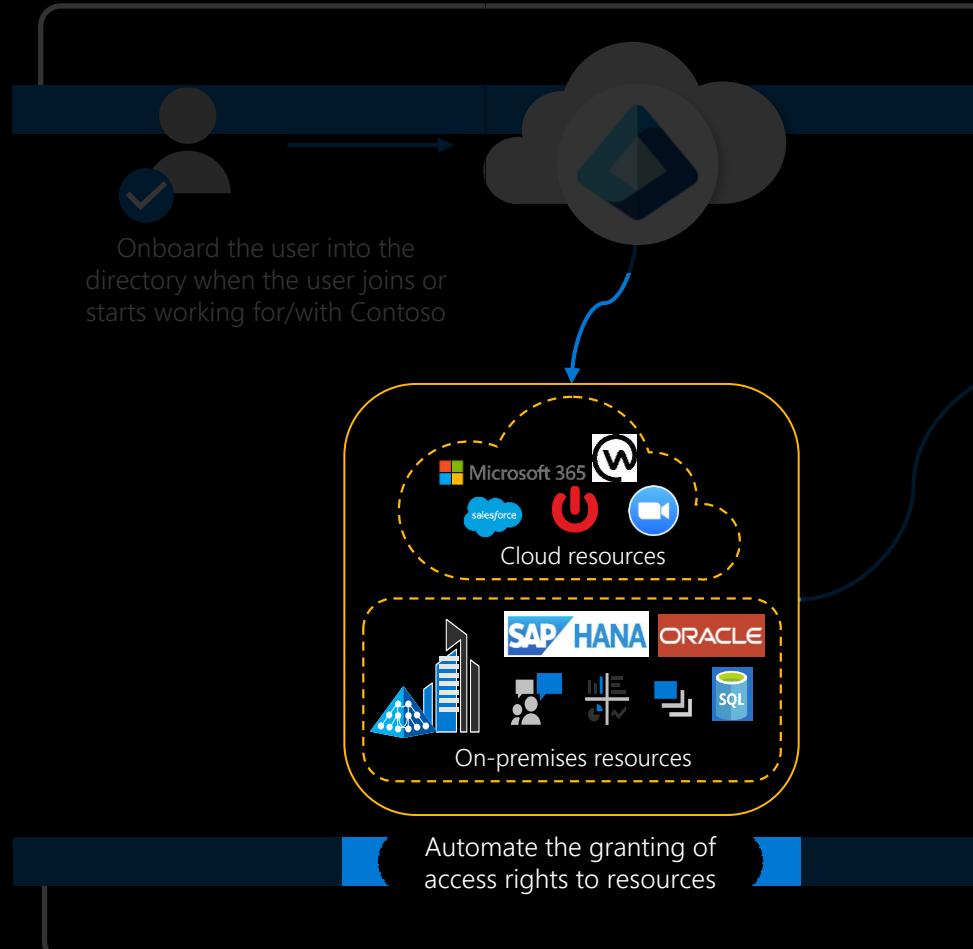


Life Cycle Automation

- Integrate authoritative data sources into IT systems such as HR and contractor management systems
- Data to provide signal about lifecycle such as:
 - Employment Hire Date
 - Employment End Date
 - Role
 - Location
 - Reporting Structure
- Foundational step to build further governance processes

Ongoing auditing
& reporting

Govern access to your resources



Life Cycle Automation

- Utilizing authoritative data about people and their roles automatically assign relevant access for that role or function
- Once assigned, utilize automated provisioning to enable access to the resources

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- Not all access may be mapped to roles consistently that can be automated
- Enable self-service requesting and policy based control to request additional access

Life Cycle Automation
(Joiner/Mover/Leaver)



Access recertification
to reduce risk

Self-Service access request when
additional access is needed



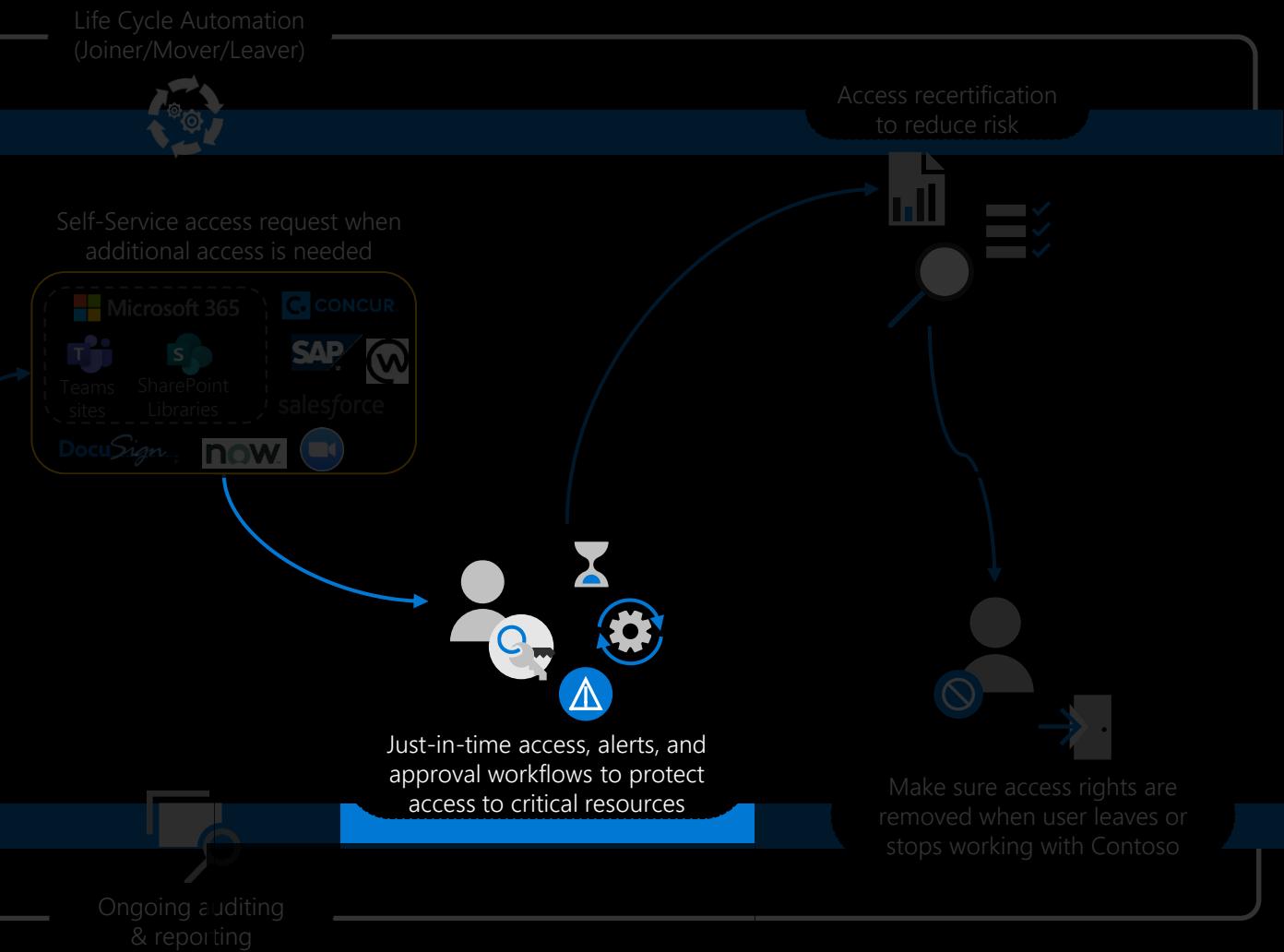
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approval workflows to protect
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Make sure access rights are
removed when user leaves or
stops working with Contoso

Govern access to your resources

- Privileged access exists in infrastructure but also business applications
- Enable controls for elevated access across resources vs standing access for access at rest



Govern access to your resources

- Utilize policies to expire access over time
- Enable attestation of access through reviewing of existing access assignments
- Remove access that is no longer appropriate

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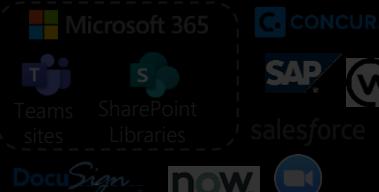
- Remove lingering access when employment relationship ends

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- Manage AND automate the complete access lifecycle from
 - Join
 - Mover
 - Leaver

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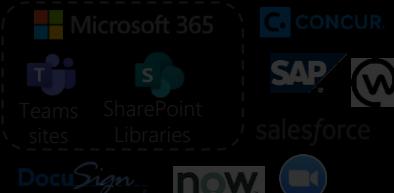
- Centralized control plane for access management allows visibility and reporting for audit and compliance needs

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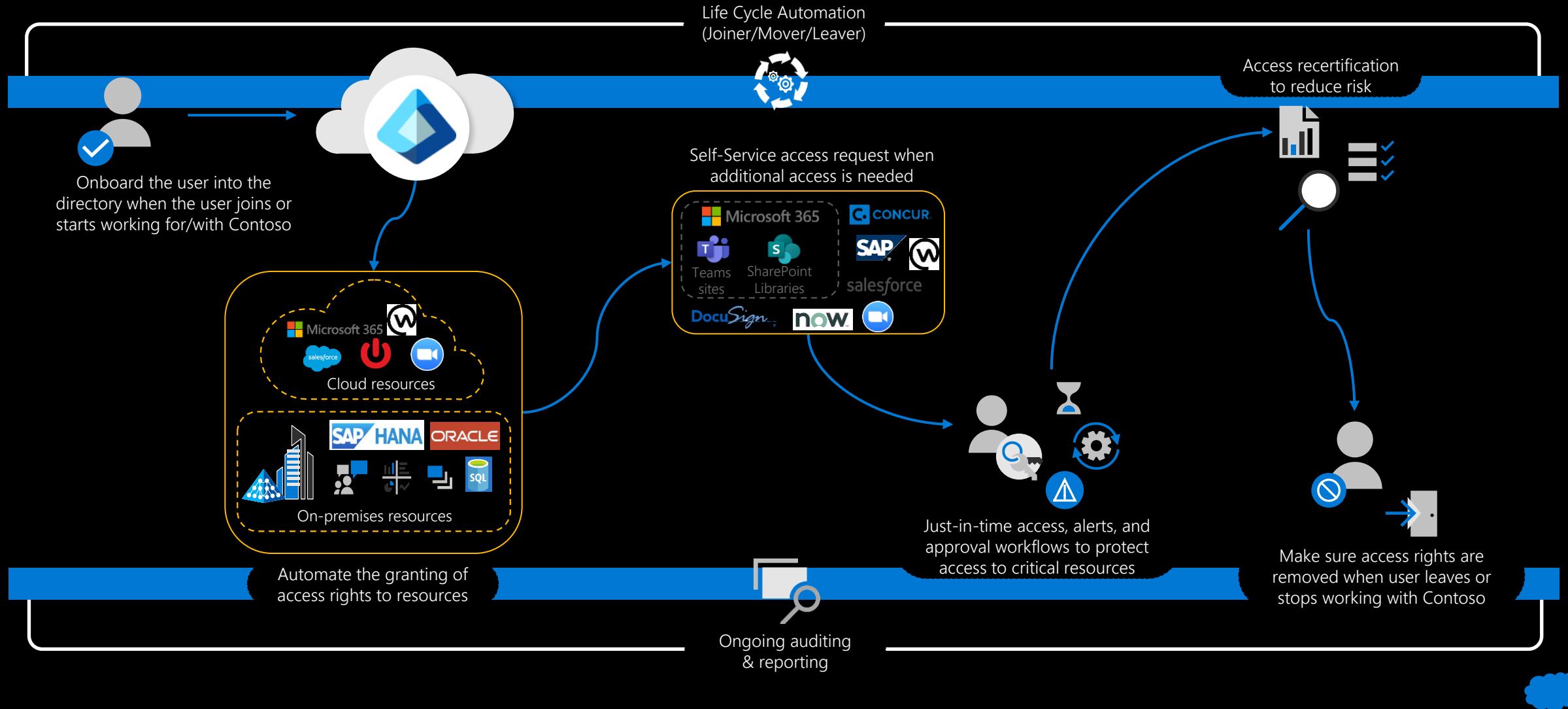


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- Continuously monitor and cleanup overprivileged users
- Leverage DLP and data isolation technologies to reduce insider risk
- Use AI tools to see full sprawl of user access
- Review and automate lifecycle processes for employees
 - And don't forget external partners!
- Having good identity governance is key to defending against AI discovery-based attacks
 - Right access for the right user at the right time
- Get this full deck at aka.ms/SANSDeck2024