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## FOOL PROOF: PROTECTING DIGITAL IDENTITY IN THE AGE OF THE DATA BREACH

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# Identity Management: The Issue



A common culprit of data breaches is ***poor digital identity and access management***. Hackers use stolen identity credentials to ***gain access to privileged data and applications***.

## Challenges to Digital Identity Management

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### Demographics Matter

- A single proofing process ***does not exist*** to successfully proof the range of demographics attempting to access a digital service
- The same is true of authentication – ***what works for one product may not work for another***
- Market solutions ***primarily work for the wealthy***

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### Distributed Applications

- Organizations rely on an ***increasing number of applications*** to conduct business
- Organizations must create a ***singular user identity*** that confers access to applications without compromising network security

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### Access Provisioning & Deactivation

- Employees join, leave, and move throughout an organization at an ***increasing rate***
- Organizations must develop a ***consistent mechanism*** for ensuring an employee's access level is up to date and commensurate with their role requirements

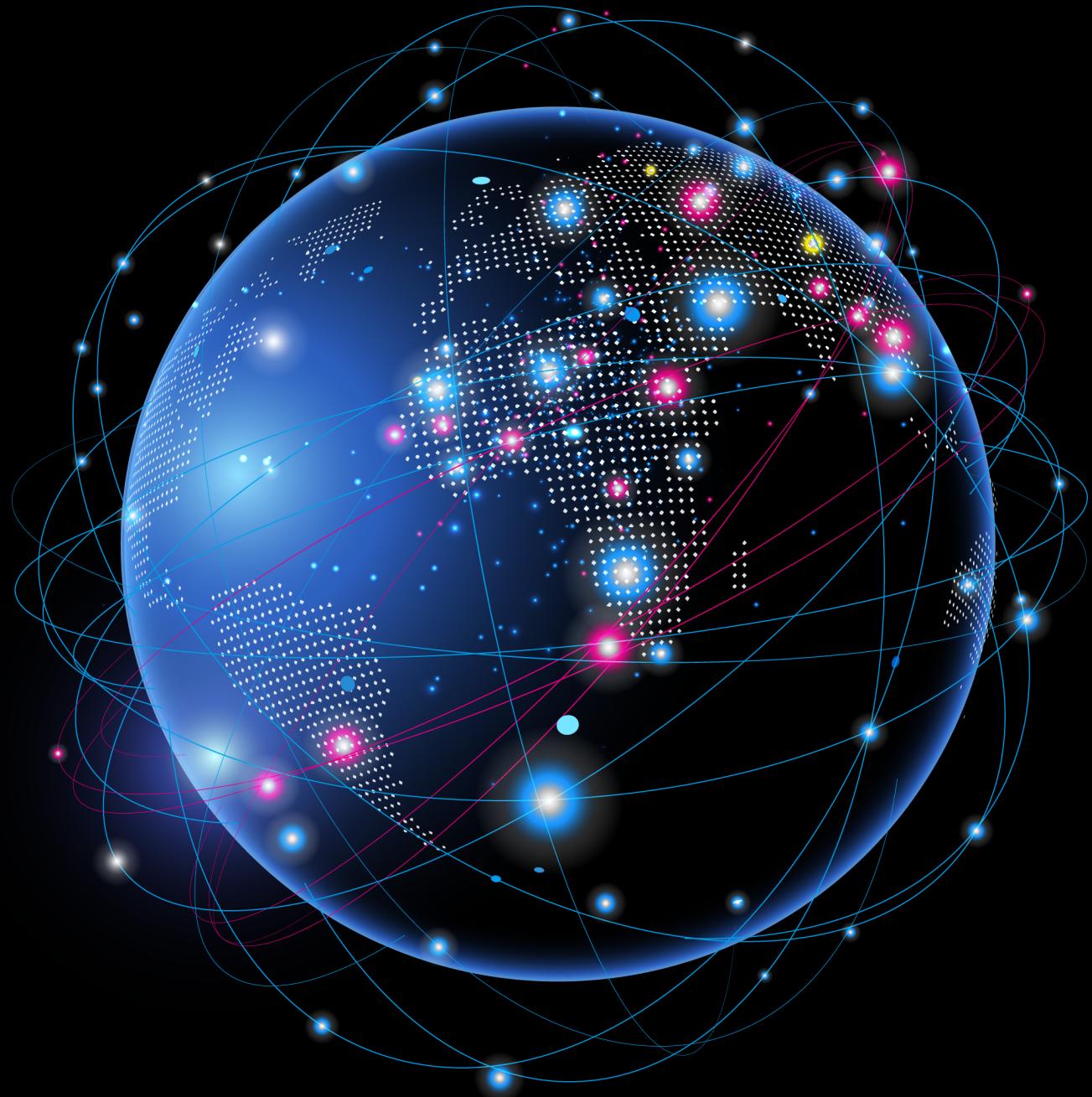
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### Security vs. Usability

- Traditional knowledge based authentication (KBA) methods ***do not always provide sufficient protection***
- Organizations must develop ***enhanced identity verification capabilities*** to ensure the validity of a user's digital identity

The average cost of a major data breach to a U.S. business between 2016 and 2017 was **\$7.35 million** and is trending up.

Remote, scalable attacks  
are simple in today's  
proofing paradigm





# Identity Proofing: First Line of Defense



Through the use of sophisticated identity proofing processes, government agencies can *ensure the integrity of sensitive data and combat cyber criminals.*

## Identity Proofing Process



**Resolve a claimed identity** to a single, unique identity within the context of the population of users



**Validate that all supplied evidence** is not counterfeit



Verify that the person you are transacting with **holds the claimed identity**

## Leveraging Identity Proofing as the First Line of Defense to Maximize Network and Custom Data Protection

Benefits of Identity Proofing include:

- Mitigating fraud
- Reducing improper payments
- Improving service delivery and customer service by saving personnel from having to review fraudulent applications
- Addressing employees' and customers' concerns for privacy and identity protection

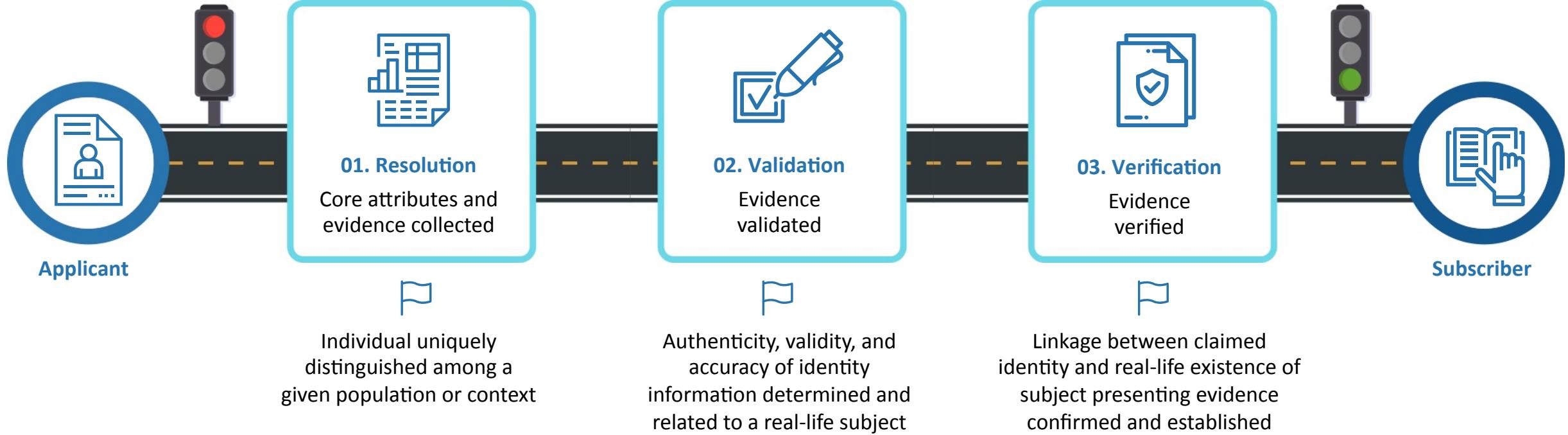
Identity theft is **the fastest-growing crime in the U.S.** There was a 44% increase in identity-related breaches from 2016 to 2017.

# POLL QUESTION 1

IS IDENTITY PROOFING PART OF YOUR  
ORGANIZATION'S FRAUD  
REDUCTION STRATEGY?

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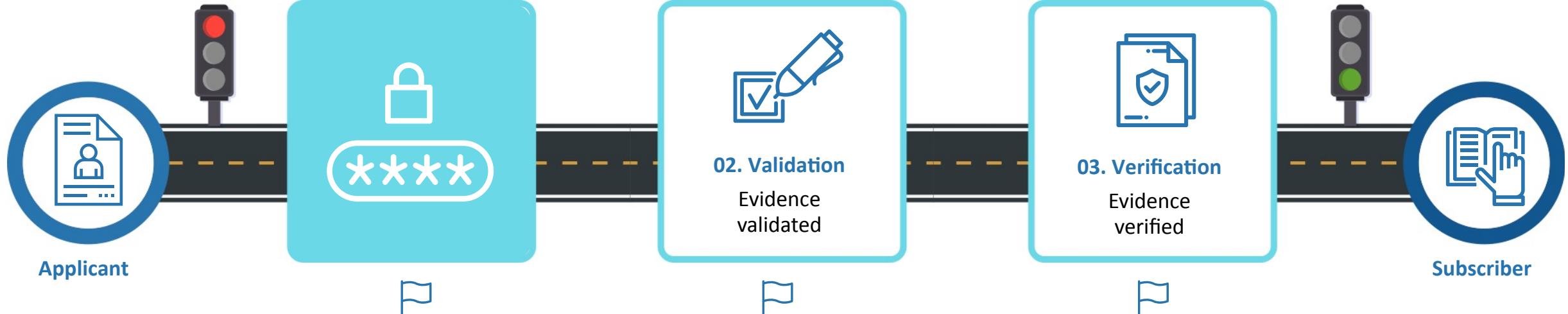
# A “Framework for Proofing”



## PROOFING IS JUST THE FIRST AUTHENTICATION

Identity proofing should be comparably secure to the traditional authentication process (based on risk)

# A “Framework for Proofing” – Step 1



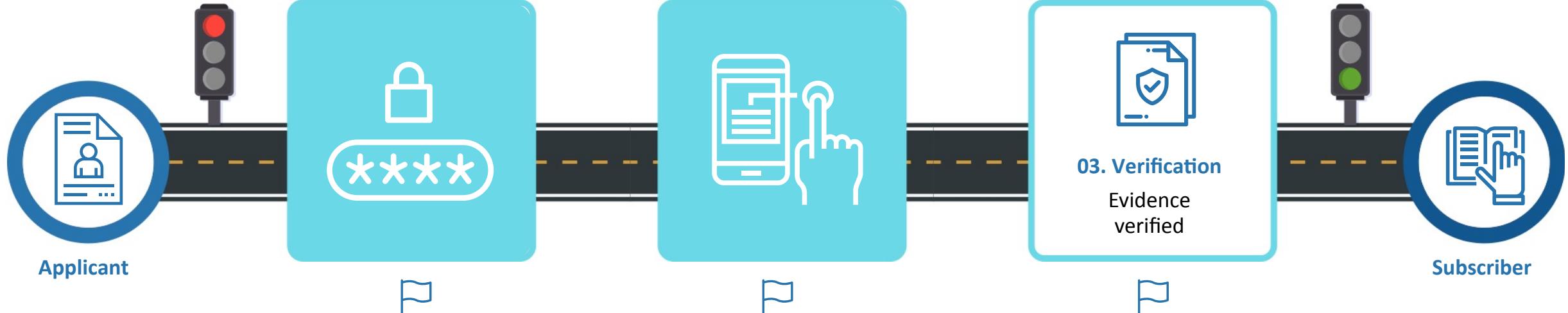
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## WHAT YOU KNOW

# A “Framework for Proofing” – Step 2



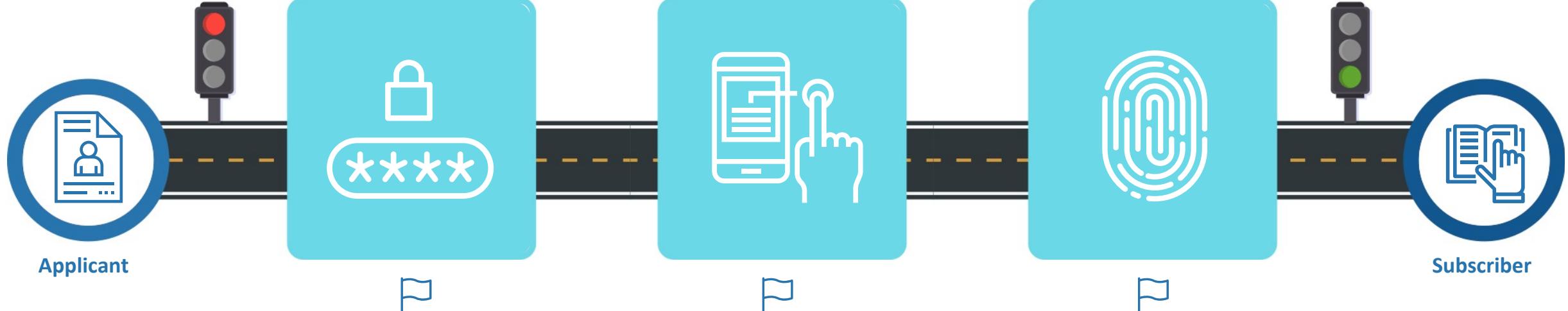
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## WHAT YOU DO

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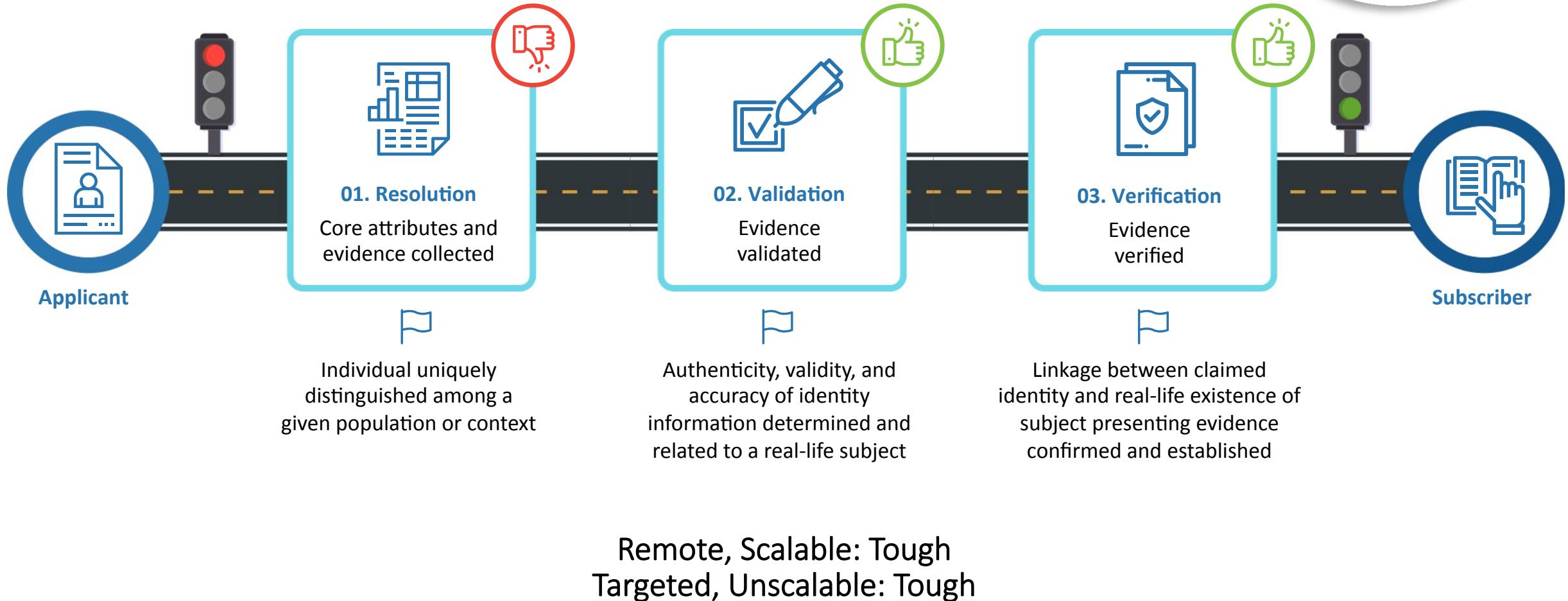
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## WHAT YOU ARE



Can we drive the street value of our data down to 0?

# A “Framework for Proofing” – The Result



# Evolving Identity Proofing Capabilities



Identity authentication (authN) solutions confirm a user's digital identity based on their **ability to provide established credentials.**

Next Generation Identity Proofing Concepts

Increasing Complexity

## Dynamic Knowledge Based Authentication (KBA)

Validate ownership of existing digital assets leveraging frequently changed information

## Derived Trust

Proof of possession of an authenticator bound to a high assurance identity

## Analytics

Networks and devices track user behaviors to define standard profiles. Privacy and binding characteristics are key

## Social/Web of Trust

As another coordinate, combine social data, web of trust, analytics, and other information to identify an individual



While organizations have historically relied on KBA to authenticate identities, multiple **coordinates of identity evidence and activity can increase confidence in identity.**



## A Note on the Technology that Shall Not Be Named

Just because it is immutable,  
or even signed, does not  
mean it is right

# What is the U.S. Postal Service doing?



Our identity and access management (IAM) solutions serve as the front door for the entire Postal Service enterprise – supporting over 600,000 users and 900 distinct applications. As part of our IAM strategy, we are always working to **implement identity proofing and control enhancements**.

## Identity and Access Management Strategy

The Postal Service plans to achieve more precise **identity access control** thorough advanced identity proofing and management solutions, integrating foundational IAM capabilities with next generation technology:

- User and Entity Behavior Analytics
- Automation & Orchestration
- Adaptive Privilege Management
- Identity Convergence

Additionally, the Postal Service is developing innovative **Identity Verification Services (IVS)** and **Identity Shared Services (ISS)** to improve internal personnel functions and generate revenue.

### Identity Verification Services (IVS)

- Enhancing **identity verification services** to reduce USPS onboarding costs and improve the quality, speed, and security of HR processes
- Expanding our portfolio of **biometric capture** capabilities available to partnering federal agencies

### Identity Shared Services (ISS)

- Leveraging **IVS and IAM capabilities** to provide revenue generating products to USPS customers
- Providing **identity-based verification**, federation, and transaction validation services



# Identity Proofing Use Cases



The rapid expansion in identity proofing technology has created *a range of possible use cases.*

## Industry Use Cases for Identity Proofing



Facility and Physical Security



Transportation Security



Finance



Computer Security & Anti-phishing



Talent Management



Government Services

## Identity Proofing at the Postal Service

The Postal Service is committed to identifying and delivering innovative solutions for the **creation, verification, and management of secure identities** to best protect its network, customer, employee, and business partner data.

# Identity Proofing in the Government & Private Sector



As identity proofing technology continues to improve, government agencies and private sector companies will be able to utilize identity proofing solutions to **fulfill market needs across a range of industries.**

## Industry Use Cases for Identity Proofing: Government Sector

### Computer Security & Anti-phishing

**Track keystroke patterns** to validate the identity of individuals sending emails and identify potential phishing attempts



### Transportation Security

**Apply biometrics scanning devices** (iris scans, fingerprint readers) to bar unauthorized individuals from accessing a vehicle



### Government Services

Perform **virtual identity proofing**, allowing real-time biometric attributes captured over video to be compared to photo IDs



## Industry Use Cases for Identity Proofing: Private Sector

### Facility and Physical Security

**Use facial recognition and advanced video monitoring** to detect unauthorized entrants to a facility



### Talent Management

**Require employees to validate time and attendance** data by providing biometric identifiers (iris scans, fingerprints)



### Finance

Request individuals provide biometric identifiers (iris scans, fingerprints) to **prevent fraud in online financial transactions**



## Poll Question 2

WHAT ROLE SHOULD GOVERNMENT  
PLAY IN IDENTITY PROOFING?

# Path Forward for Identity Management



Organizations should pursue several *immediate and long-term actions* to modernize identity proofing and improve overall cybersecurity resilience.

## Short-term

### Optimize Enterprise-wide Authorization Standards

- Employ facial recognition technologies, high resolution scanning, and biometric detection **to confirm the identities of network users**
- **Source modern identity proofing technologies from solution providers** to bridge the gap between traditional KBA techniques and modern methods

## Mid-term

### Develop Continuous Authentication Capabilities

- **Continue to develop advanced identity monitoring tools** that allow for consistent observation of various identity attributes: typing rhythm, mouse patterns, iris patterns, etc.
- Refine strategies for **leveraging each customer interaction** as an opportunity to collect identity related data to prevent fraud and improve customer service

## Long-term

### Explore Disruptive IAM Technology

- **Leverage the adoption of analytics and smartphone technology** to create new, highly secure identification documents
- Continue to **explore identity proofing technology** that enhances the identity convergence between the physical and digital worlds

# Applying Identity Proofing Technology in your Organization



To successfully **apply** identity proofing technologies, your organization must first **understand** the challenges and opportunities associated with identity proofing solutions and **embrace** the changes to normal work processes that accompany new technology implementations.



## Educate

- What are the **cultural and technical challenges** associated with implementing identity proofing technology?
- Which solutions match my organization's **unique needs and demographics**?

## Learn

- How can I convince my workforce that "what you know" (KBA) is **not a sufficient** identity proofing mechanism?
- How do we vary and customize our identity proofing requirements to **avoid a "once-size-fits-all" approach**?

## Apply

- How do we evolve our identity proofing standards to **eliminate KBA mechanisms**?
- How do we position ourselves to **grow our identity proofing practices** without buying in to every new trend?

# Timeline for Applying Identity Proofing Technology



Organizations should take actions in the ***short, medium, and long term*** to apply identity proofing technology.



- Understand your organization's **demographics**
- Define a **long-term organizational strategy** for identity proofing

- Begin to **phase-out KBA mechanisms**
- Explore and evaluate an **identity proofing solution**

- **Expand demographic coverage** for identity proofing solutions
- Monitor and **evolve existing solutions**
- Define **account recovery** capabilities



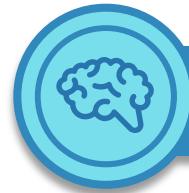
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WHAT PROCESS OFFERS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF  
CONFIDENCE IN PROOFING A  
REMOTE IDENTITY?



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# In Summary



Modernizing ***digital identity and access management capabilities*** to strengthen cyber resilience needs to be a priority of every organization.



Iterate challenges associated with identity and access management



Develop solutions to enhance identity proofing capabilities



Expand demographic coverage



Develop analog methods as an Identity Management solution