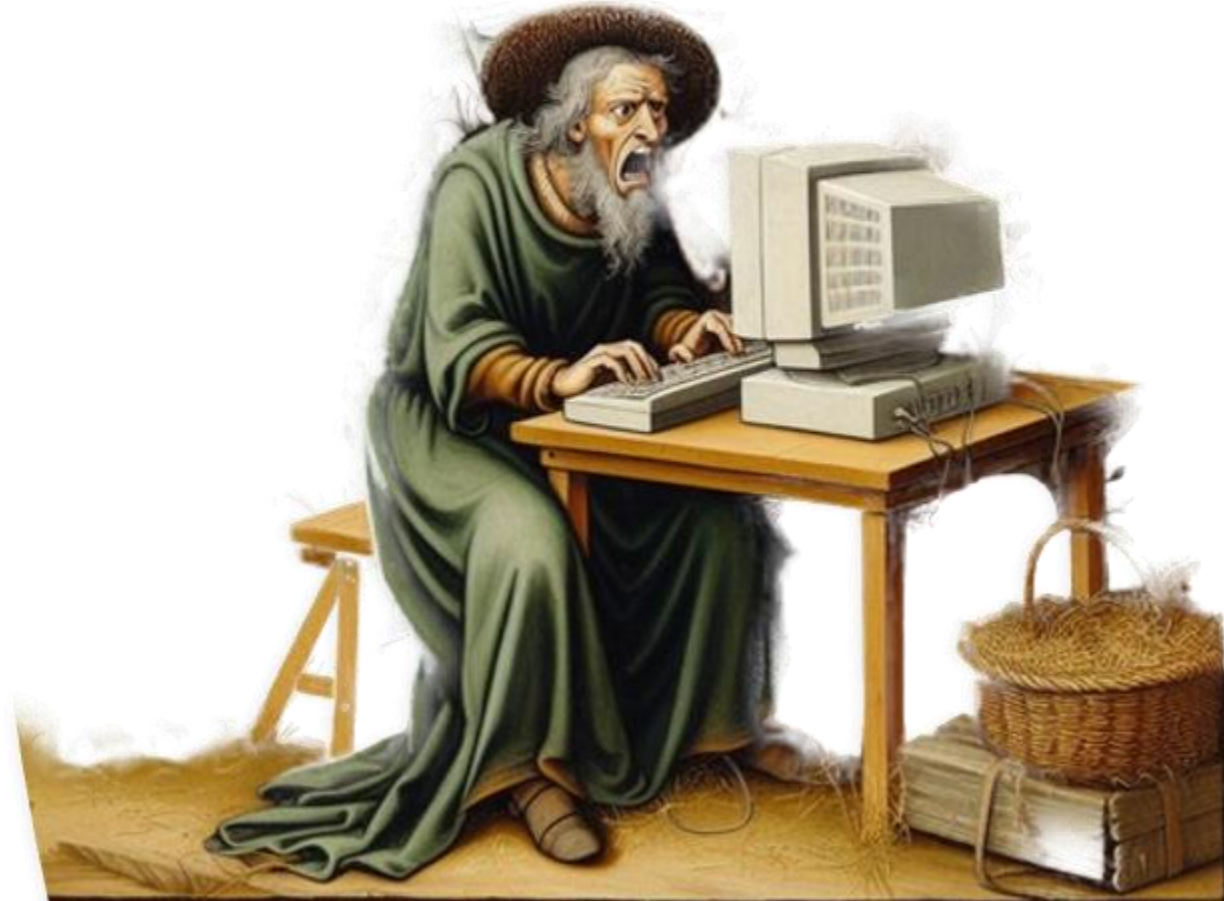




# MC2MC

Privileged Identity Management:  
snowball from basic to advanced





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# Permissions

Always ready

Full blown

Even for the minor changes

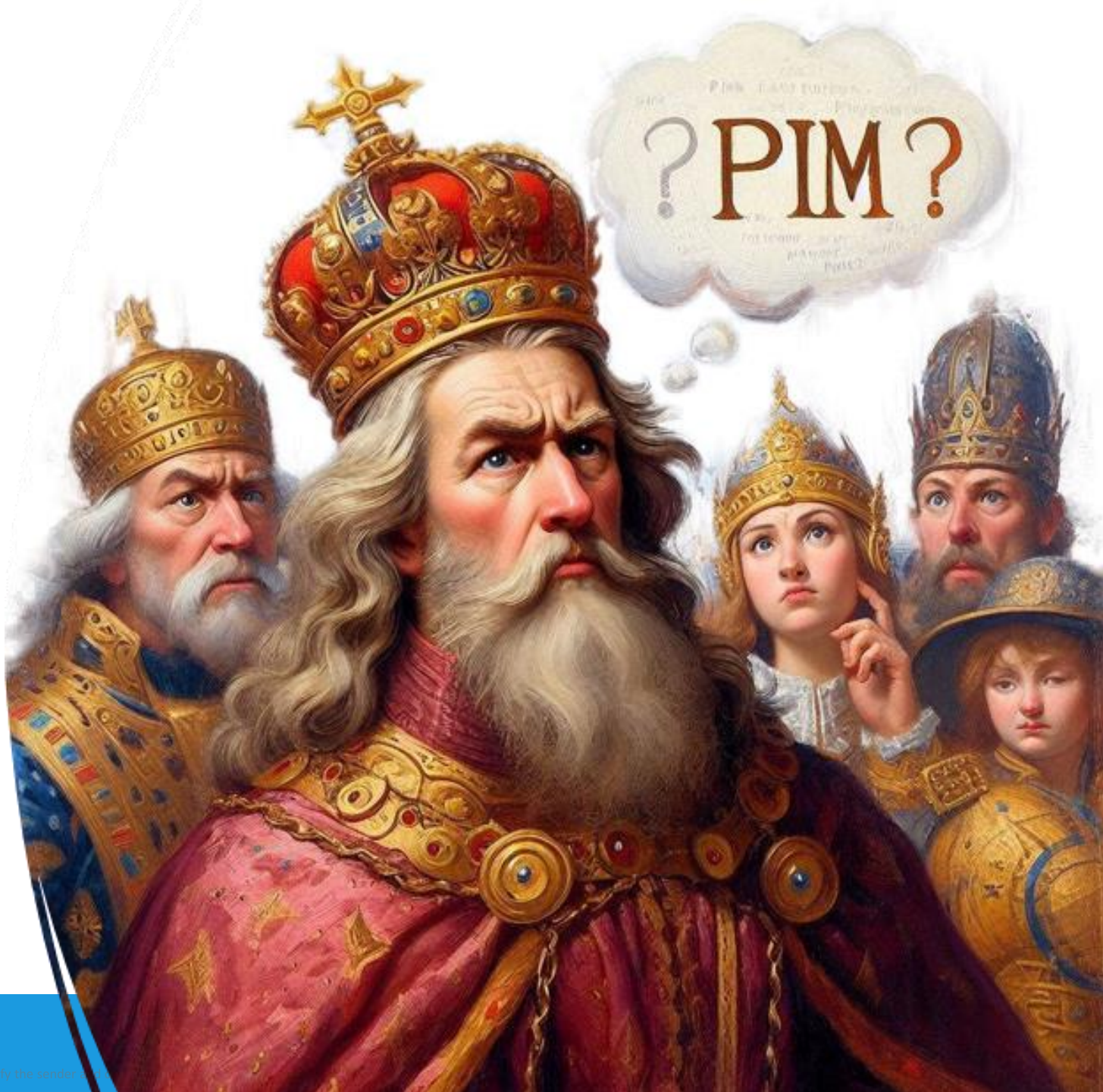




# Privileged Identity management

Microsoft Entra ID P2

Microsoft Entra ID Governance



# Permissions

Activate permissions when needed

Requirements

Logging, justification, ticket number  
& approval

Avoid hidden administrators





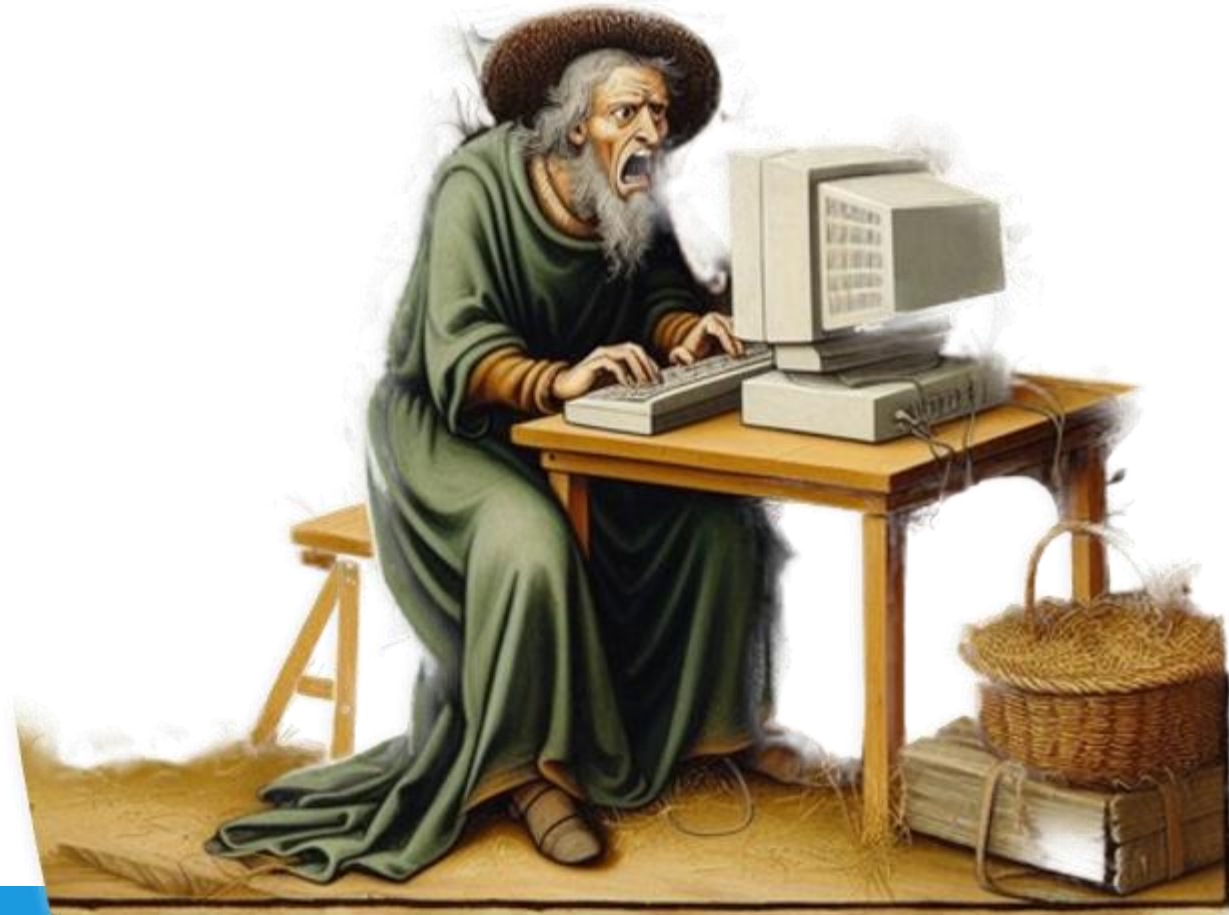
# ENTRA ID roles

**PIM for groups**  
(Privileged access  
groups)

**Azure**



# Basic demo







Microsoft Defender

Home

Actions & submissions

Threat intelligence

Secure score

Learning hub

Trials

Partner catalog

Home

Welcome to Microsoft

Application

Filter

Only show cookies with an issue

Name	Value	D...	Path	Expi...	Size	Http...	Sec...	Sam...	Parti...	Pri...
SSR	1702992002908	s...	/	Sess...	16		✓			Med...
MSO	37e5c9bc390c417fb61729608fc9898e	...	/	202...	35		✓	None		Med...
s.Flight		s...	/	Sess...	8	✓	✓	None		Med...
sccauth	WbF5EEhV25FwyZgpEKPUOs_mbOVfT...	...	/	Sess...	2397	✓	✓	None		Med...
ai_user	GVD4DAijWryPbUeKm4tnOd 2023-12...	s...	/	202...	54		✓	None		Med...
ai_session	ULMc3BiNxQb45ev3IBGuA9 17029919...	s...	/	202...	60		✓	None		Med...
MC1	GUID=c2ad6a95a3774cde9a420d3ea5...	...	/	202...	81		✓	None		Med...
X-PortalEndpoint-Ro...	wepuprod_westeurope	s...	/	Sess...	43	✓	✓			Med...
XSRF-TOKEN	40xNaf-ojZ6fuYqNm2BWHXHF35wA0...	s...	/	Sess...	357		✓			Med...
https://security.microsoft...	5b22ecd6-0bdf-4e13-8ab3-7ba324fee...	s...	/	202...	74		✓	None		Med...
https://webshell.suite.of...	56dc3058-38dc-4d45-9b40-306c0c05...	s...	/	Sess...	44	✓	✓	None		Med...

Clear

Common issue for beginners:  
Permissions don't load



# The rules of PIM

Policies are per role

Having different scenario for the same role is hard:

Approval for person X yes

Approval for person Y no

“You can be active for 8h, others for 3h”





# Magic with PIM for groups and roles

Create PIM group for each scenario

One PIM to activate them all

Duplicate a role to a custom role



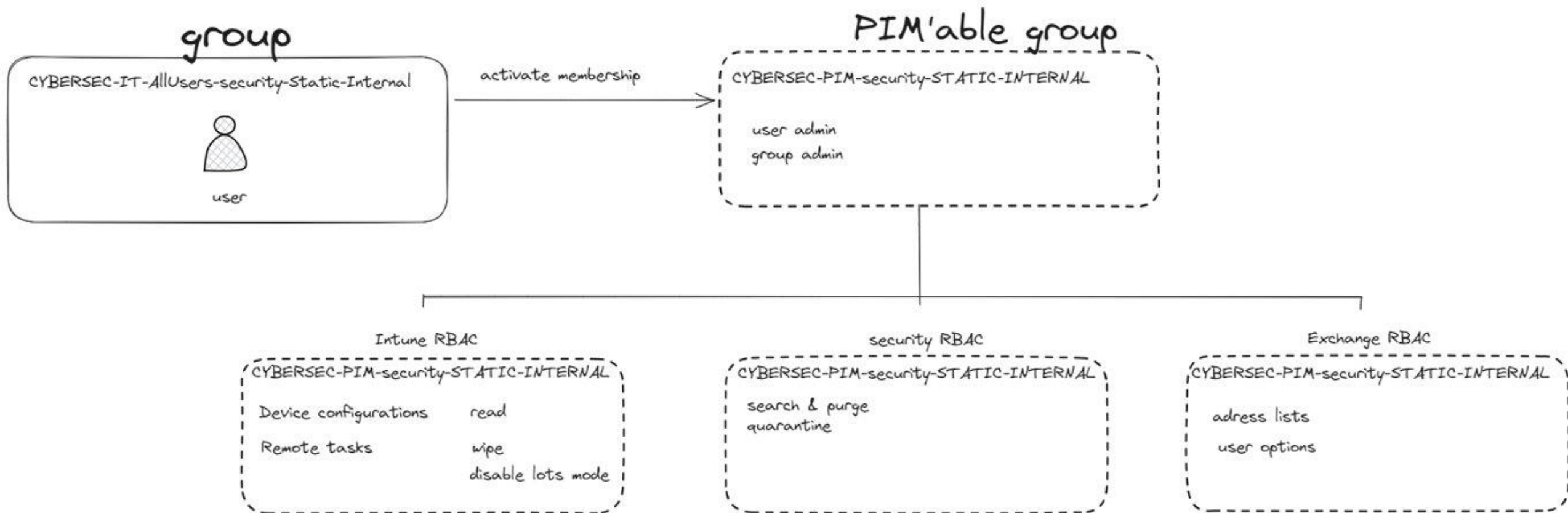






# Live demo time!







Search

+ Add ▾ | Download role assignments | Edit columns | Refresh | Delete | Feedback

- Overview
- Activity log
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- Tags
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- Security
- Resource visualizer
- Events
- Resource groups
- Resources
- Cost Management
  - Cost analysis
  - Cost alerts
  - Budgets
- Advisor recommendations
- Billing
  - Billing profile invoices
- Settings

**Action required:** As of August 31, 2024, [Azure classic administrator roles](#) (along with Azure classic resources, Azure Service Manager) are retired and are no longer supported. If you still have active Co-Administrator or Service Administrator role assignments, convert these roles to Azure RBAC immediately. [Learn more](#)

**Action required:** 18 users have elevated access in your tenant. You should take immediate action and remove all role assignments with elevated access. [View role assignments](#)

Check access | **Role assignments** | Roles | Deny assignments | **Classic administrators**

**Number of role assignments for this subscription** ⓘ  
114 / 4000

**Privileged** ⓘ  
**79**



[View assignments](#)

×

Type : **All** | Role : **All** | Scope : **All scopes** | State : **All** | End time : **All**

Group by : **Role**

**All (1)** | Job function roles (0) | Privileged administrator roles (1)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Name ↑↓	Type ↑↓	Role ↑↓	Scope ↑↓	State ↑↓	End time ↑↓	Condition ↑↓
▽	<b>User Access Administrator (1)</b>						
<input type="checkbox"/>	 <b>MS-PIM</b> 01fc33a7-78b...	Service principal	User Access Administr...	 This resource	Active Permanent	Permanent	<a href="#">Add</a>

# Combine Conditional Access

PIM supports authentication  
context



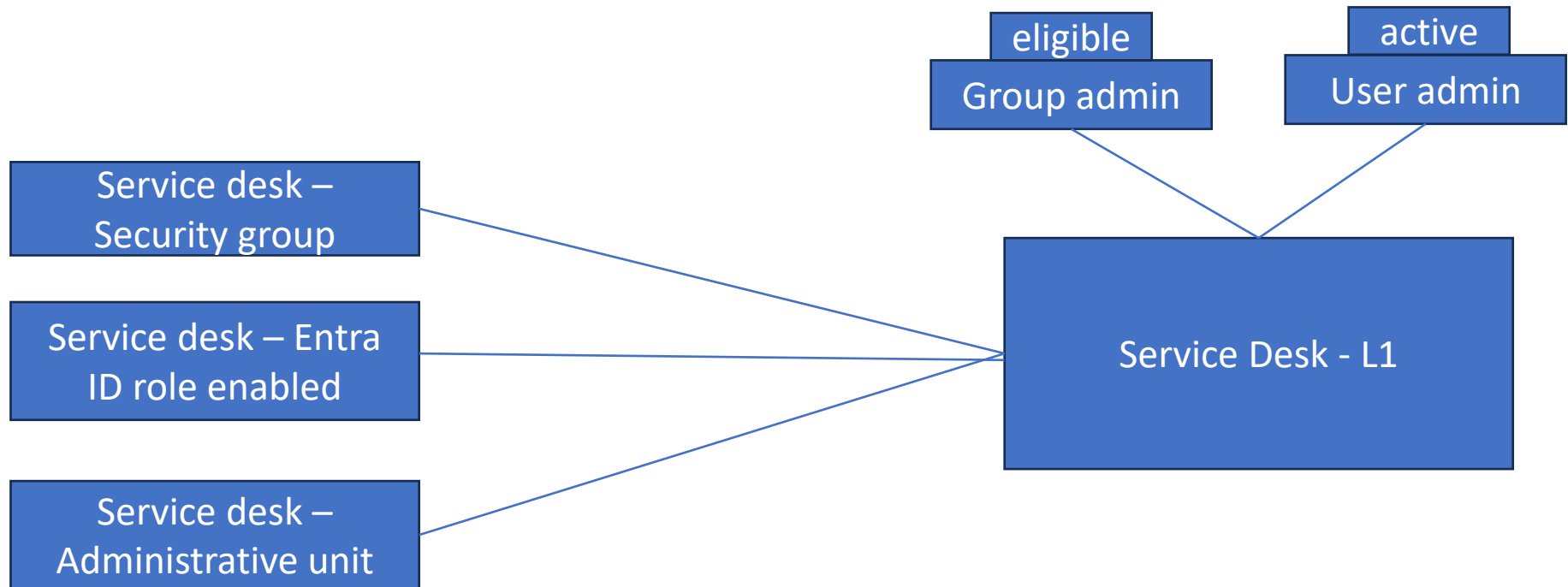


# Making groups eligible can lead to privilege escalation

Group administrator

User administrator





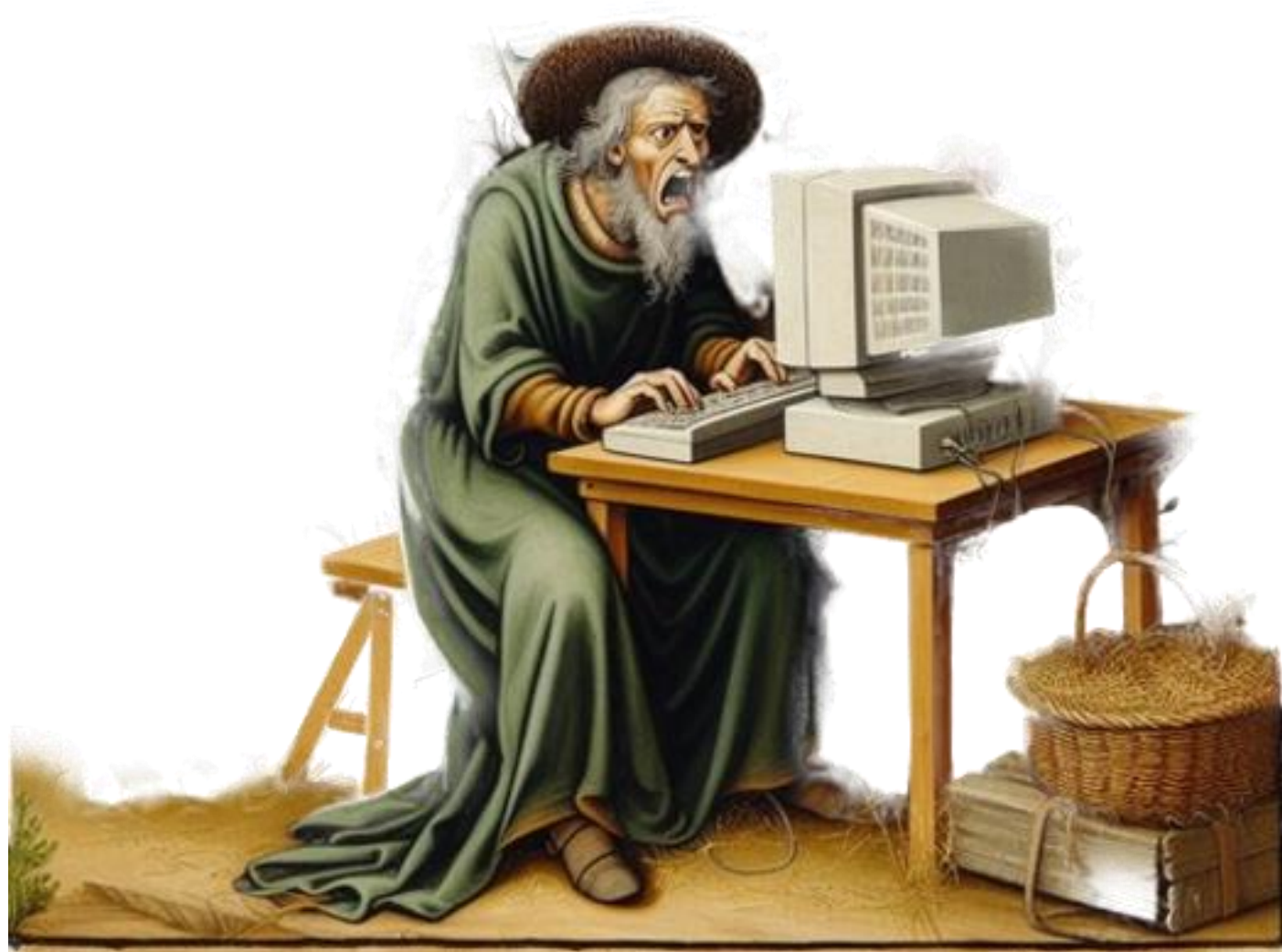
Service Desk – L2

Require no user risk

Service Desk – L3

Require FIDO2





# Assign a service admin role to a user

Follow these steps to assign a service admin role.

## ① Note

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If you are using the [Microsoft Entra Privileged Identity Management \(PIM\)](#) time-based role activation to manage your service admin roles, the service administrator permission is NOT removed from the environment when the time-based role activation expires.

Service Admin roles must be assigned directly to users, as inheriting from security groups is not fully supported.

1. Sign in to the [Microsoft 365 admin center](#) as a global admin.
2. Go to **Users** > **Active users** and select a user.

## ① Note

If you are using the [Microsoft Entra Privileged Identity Management \(PIM\)](#) time-based role activation to manage your service admin roles, see [Manage admin roles with Microsoft Entra Privileged Identity Management](#).

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# Reporting is lacking

Reporting on individual users



Reporting on the group



Reporting on members of the group





# Reporting build by



## Contoso Admin Roles Report

Report generated on: 2025-04-25 13:52:10



Permanent Assignments

18



Eligible Assignments

8



Group Assignments

5



Service Principal Assignments

5

### Filter Options

Principal Type

All Types

Assignment Type

All Types

Role Name

Role Scope

All Scopes

Enabled Filters:

Clear All

### All Role Assignments

Show all entries

Export

Columns



Principal	Display Name	Principal Type	Account Status	Assigned Role	Role Scope	Assignment Type	Start Date	End Date
AllanD@M365x20248825.OnMicrosoft.com	Allan Deyoung	User	Disabled	Global Administrator	Tenant-Wide	Permanent	Permanent	Permanent
IsaiahI@M365x20248825.OnMicrosoft.com	Isaiah Langer	User	Disabled	Global Administrator	Tenant-	Permanent	Permanent	Permanent

## Notes from field

Setting PIM up is not hard,  
handing it over is!

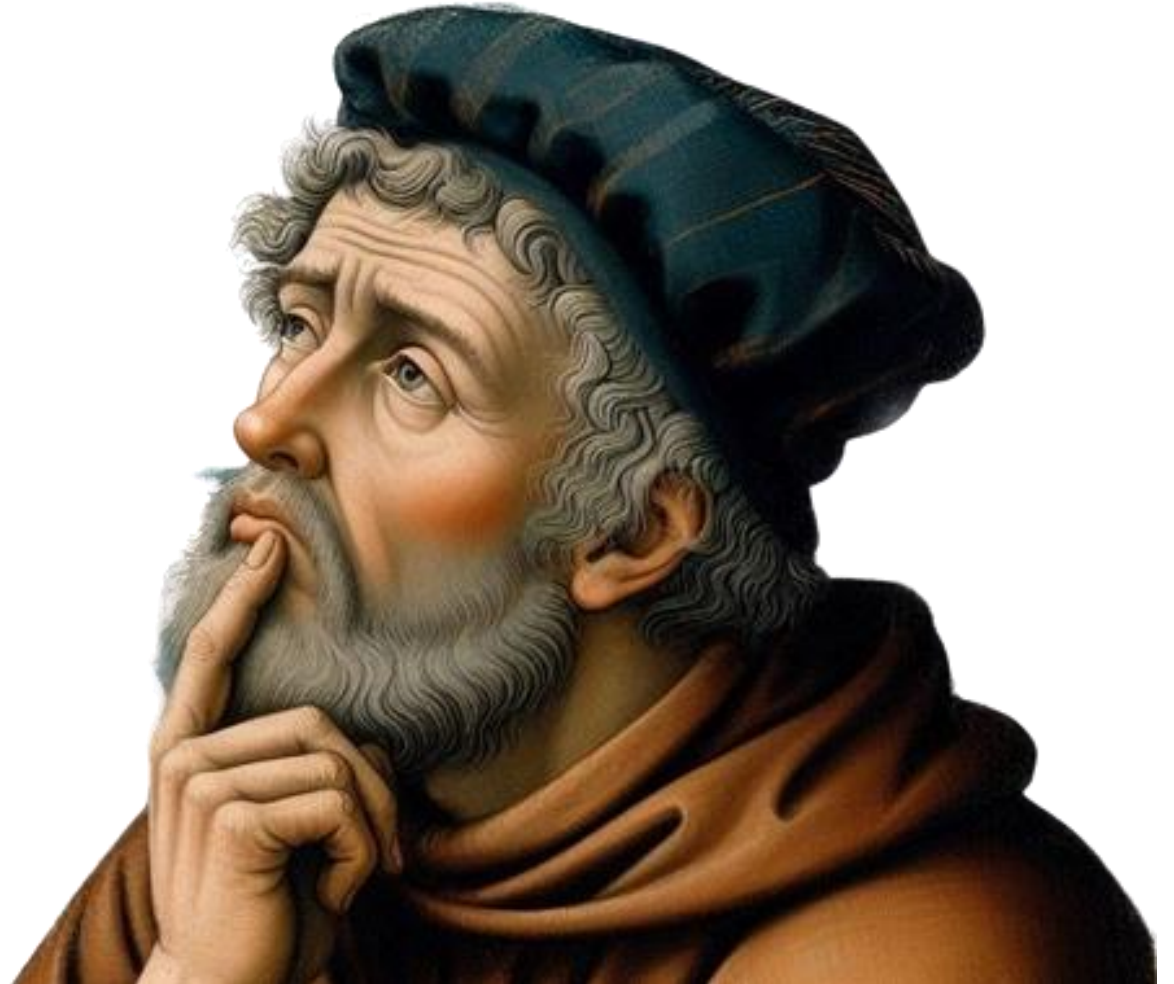
I don't use the built-in roles in  
RBAC portals

If needed make a copy

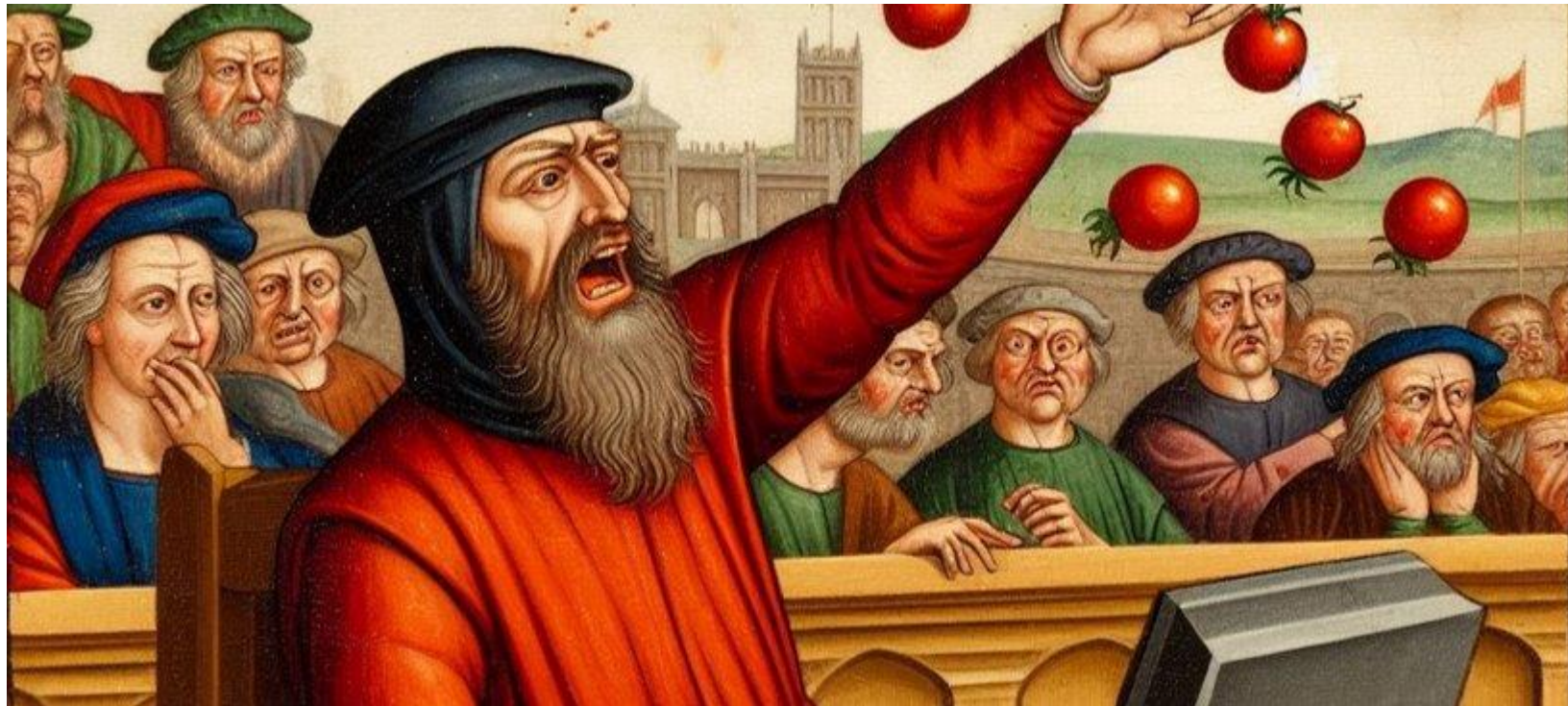
Naming convention matches  
with my PIM group:

Documentation reasons

Troubleshooting reasons



# Questions





# We would love to hear your feedback!

Session feedback  
available in home feed  
of the app after the  
session



# Thank You!

