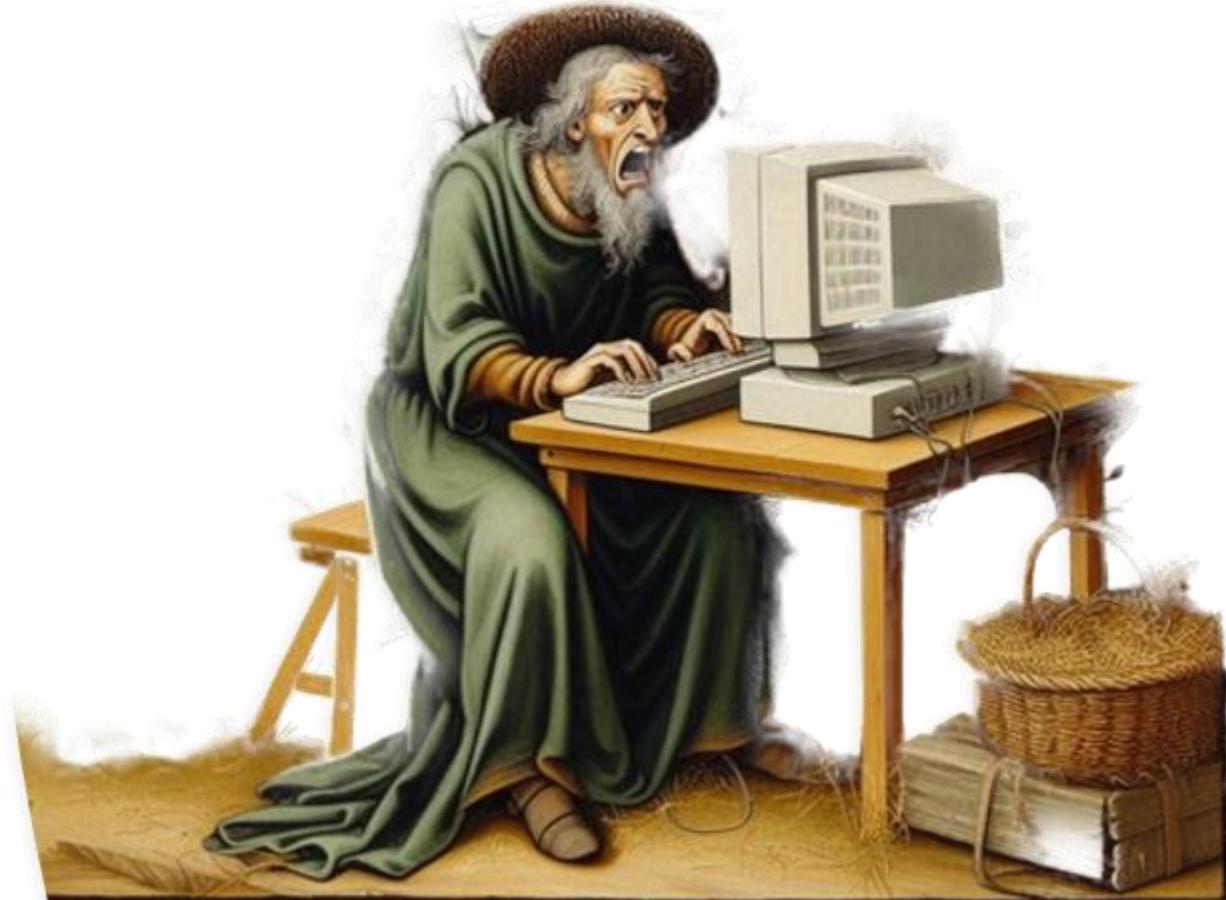


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Privileged Identity Management:
snowball from basic to advanced





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Permissions

Always ready

Full blown

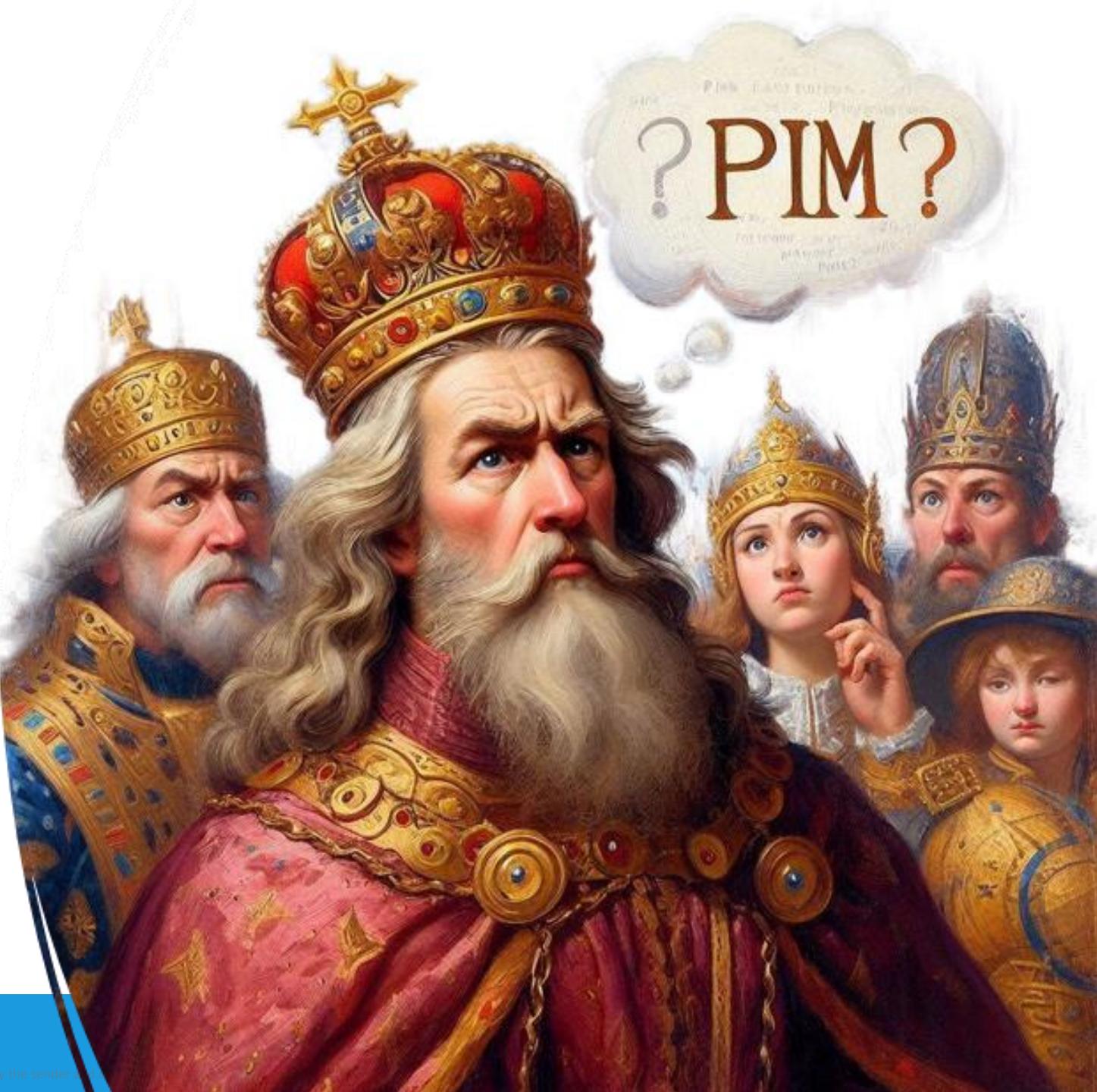
Even for the minor changes



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



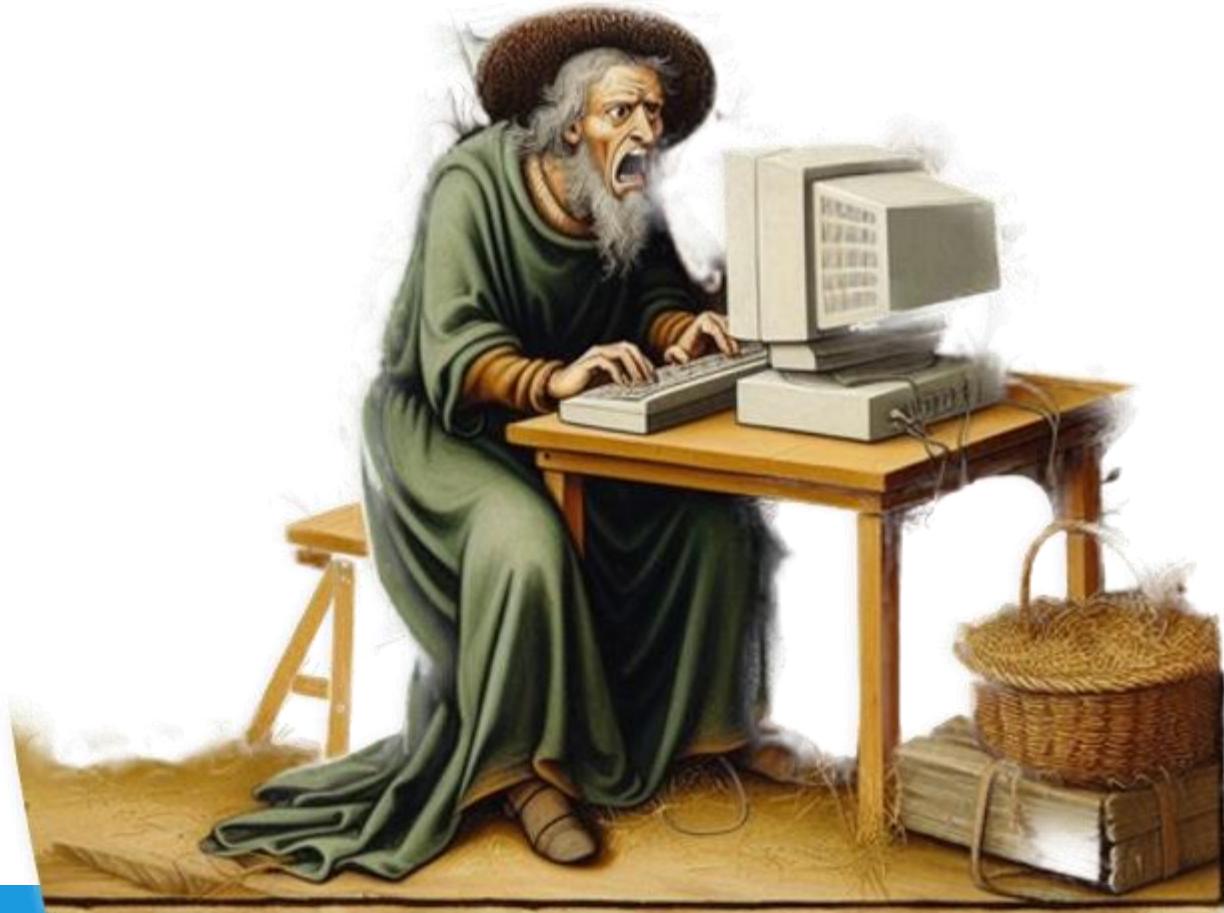
ENTRA ID roles

PIM for groups
(Privileged access
groups)

Azure



Basic demo





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https://security.microsoft.com/homepage?tid=11eb/16f-3738-4f1d-a41b-06cbf3/8a8a4

Microsoft Defender

Home



Welcome to Microsoft

The Microsoft Defender interface shows the Application tab selected in the top navigation bar. The left sidebar contains links like Home, Actions & submissions, Threat intelligence, Secure score, Learning hub, Trials, and Partner catalog. The main content area displays the Microsoft homepage with a large 'Welcome to Microsoft' heading and a security icon. The Application tab in the DevTools sidebar lists various storage items, including Manifest, Service workers, Storage, Local storage, Session storage, IndexedDB, Web SQL, and Cookies. A specific cookie entry for 'https://security.microsoft.com' is highlighted, showing its name, value, and expiration details. A 'Clear' button is visible next to the cookie entry.

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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

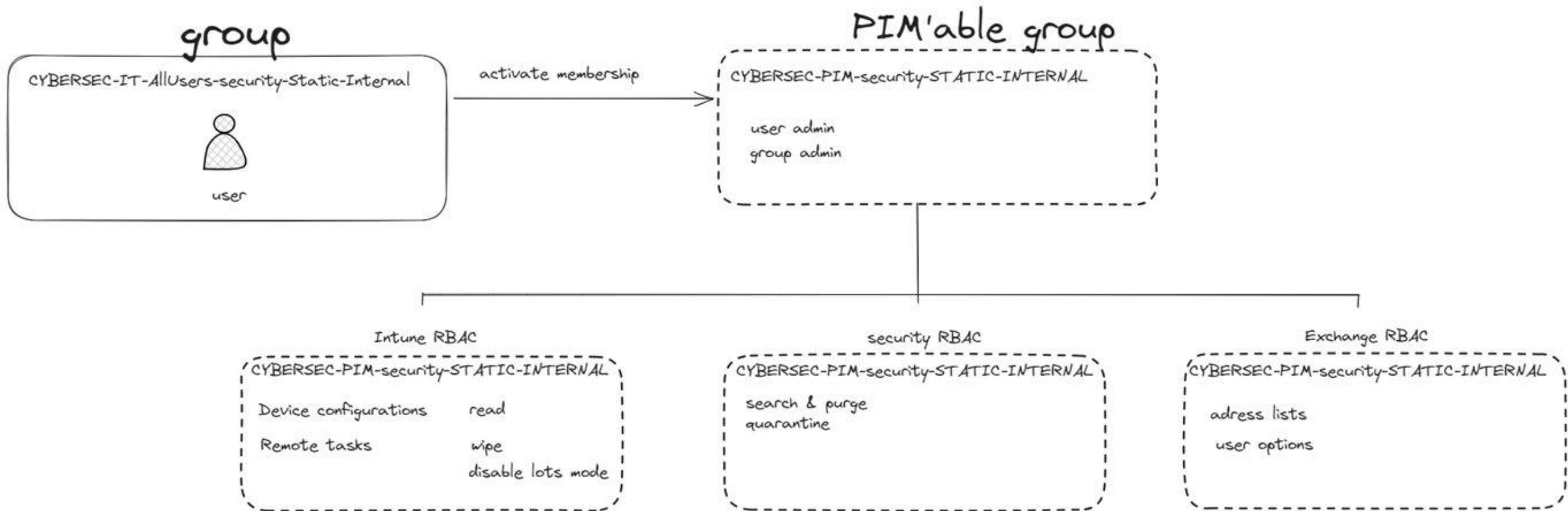
Duplicate a role to a custom role





Live demo time!





Azure subscription 1 | Access control (IAM)

Subscription



Search



Download role assignments

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Diagnose and solve problems

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](#)



PIM



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)

Name ↑↓

Type ↑↓

Role ↑↓

Scope ↑↓

State ↑↓

End time ↑↓

Condition ↑↓

User Access Administrator (1)



MS-PIM

01fc33a7-78b...

Service principal

User Access Administrat...

This resource

Active Permanent

Permanent

Add

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Combine Conditional Access

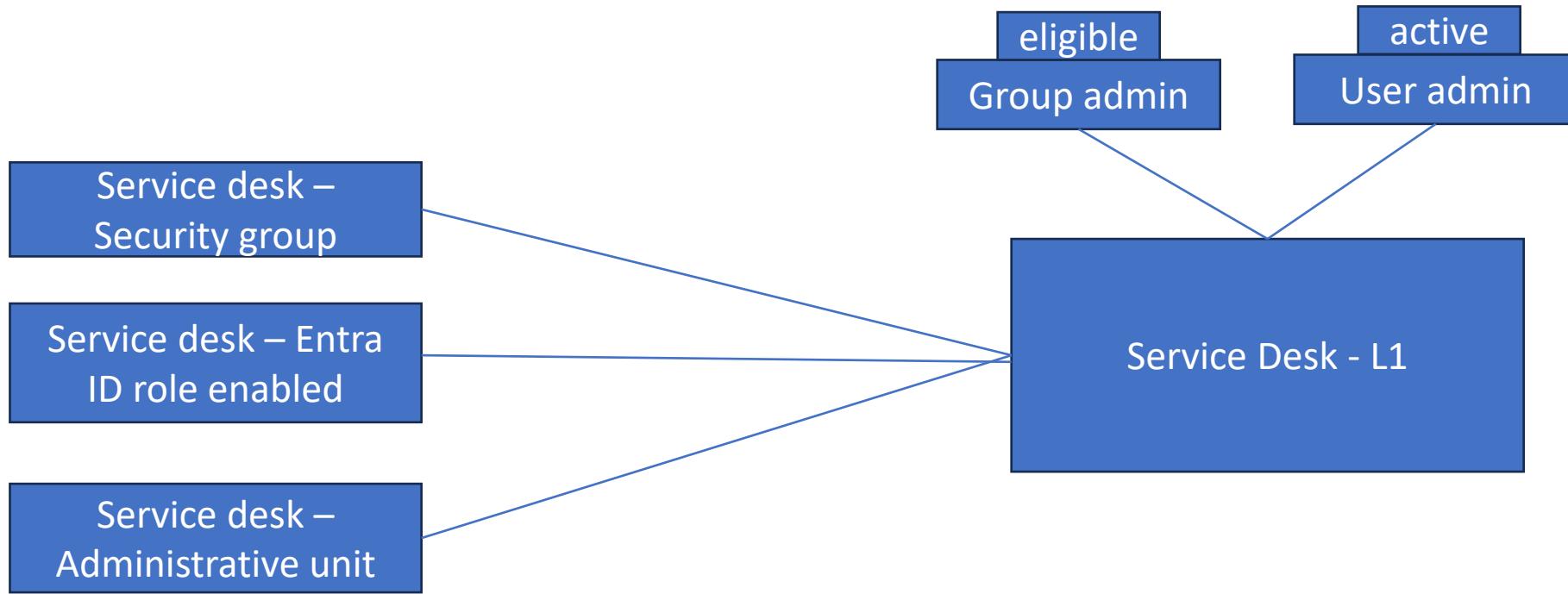
PIM supports authentication context

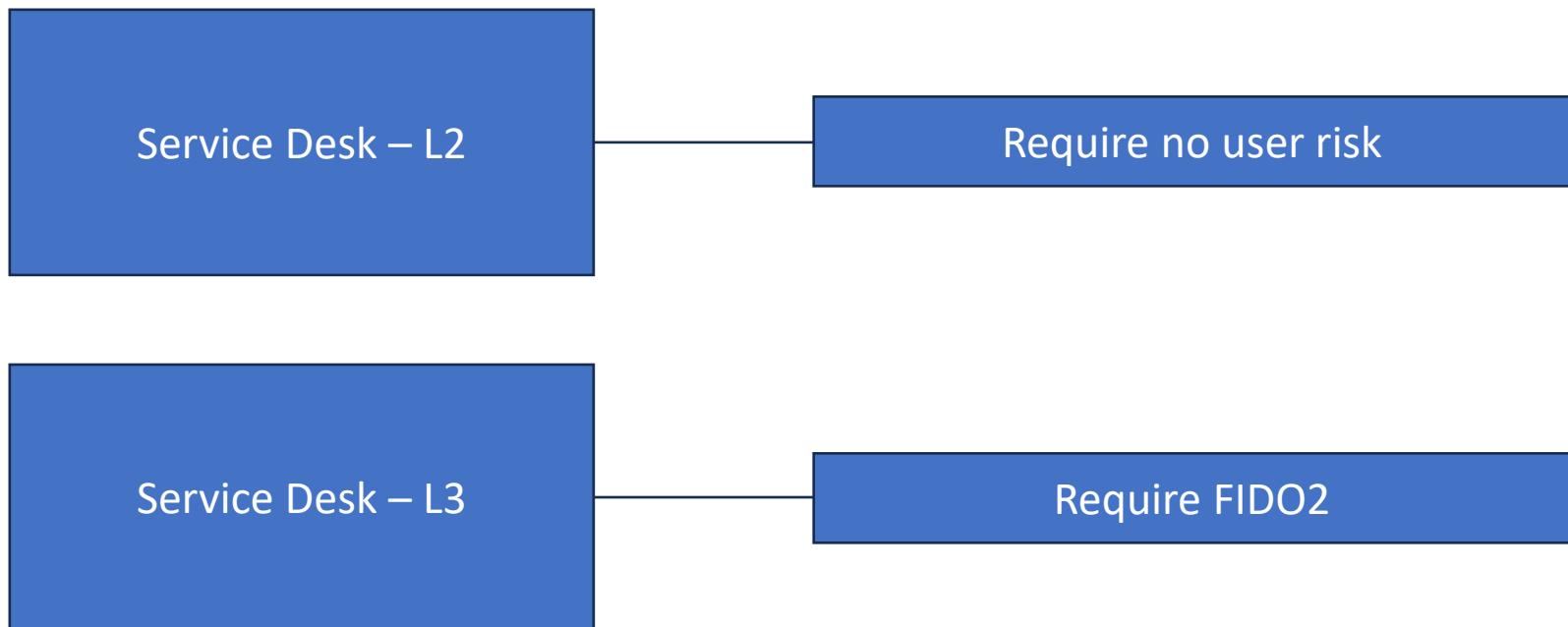


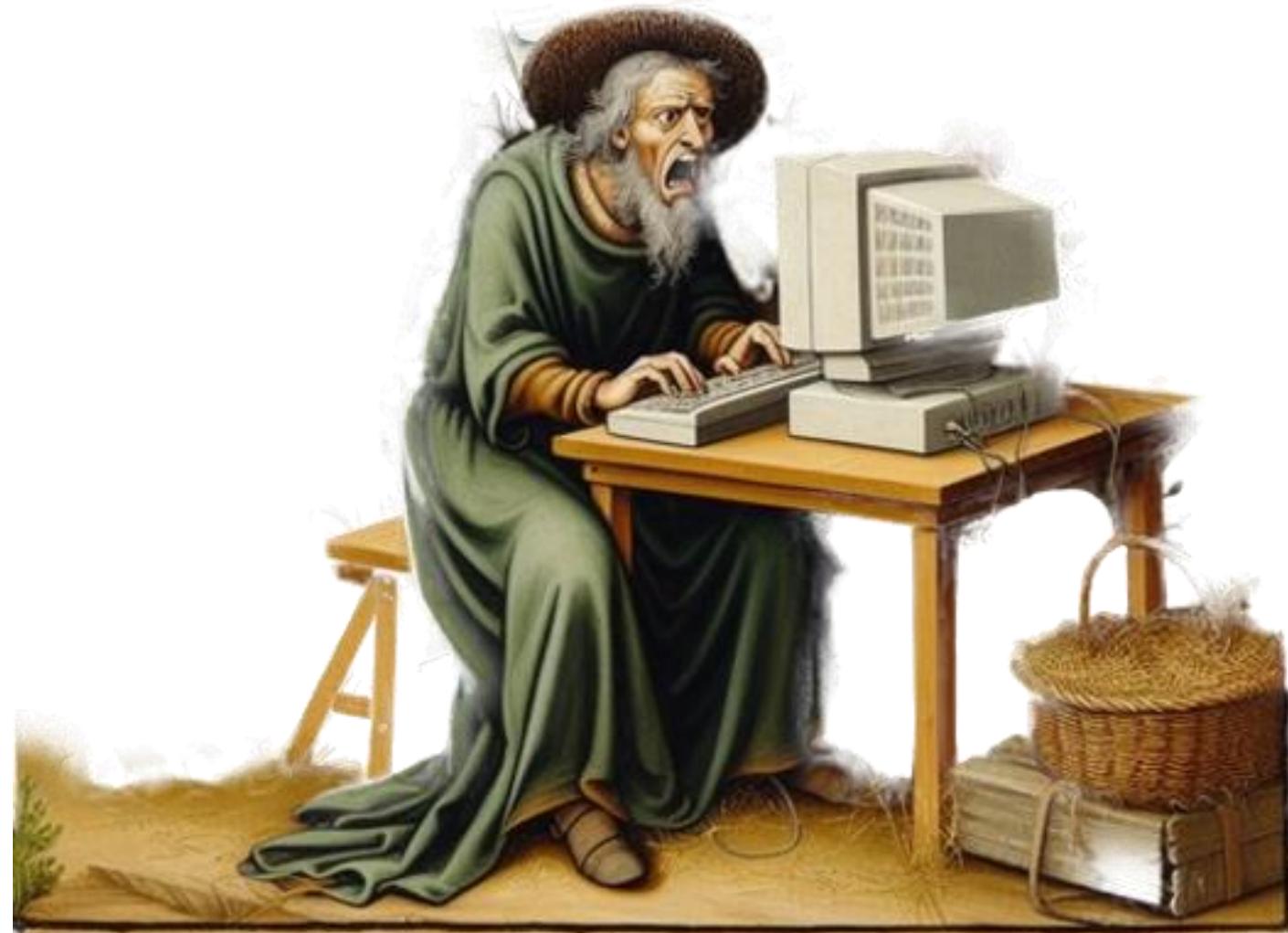
Making groups eligible can lead to privilege escalation

Group administrator
User administrator









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Assign a service admin role to a user

Follow these steps to assign a service admin role.

ⓘ 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.

ⓘ 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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time-based role activation expires.

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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:

All Role Assignments

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
IsaiahL@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!

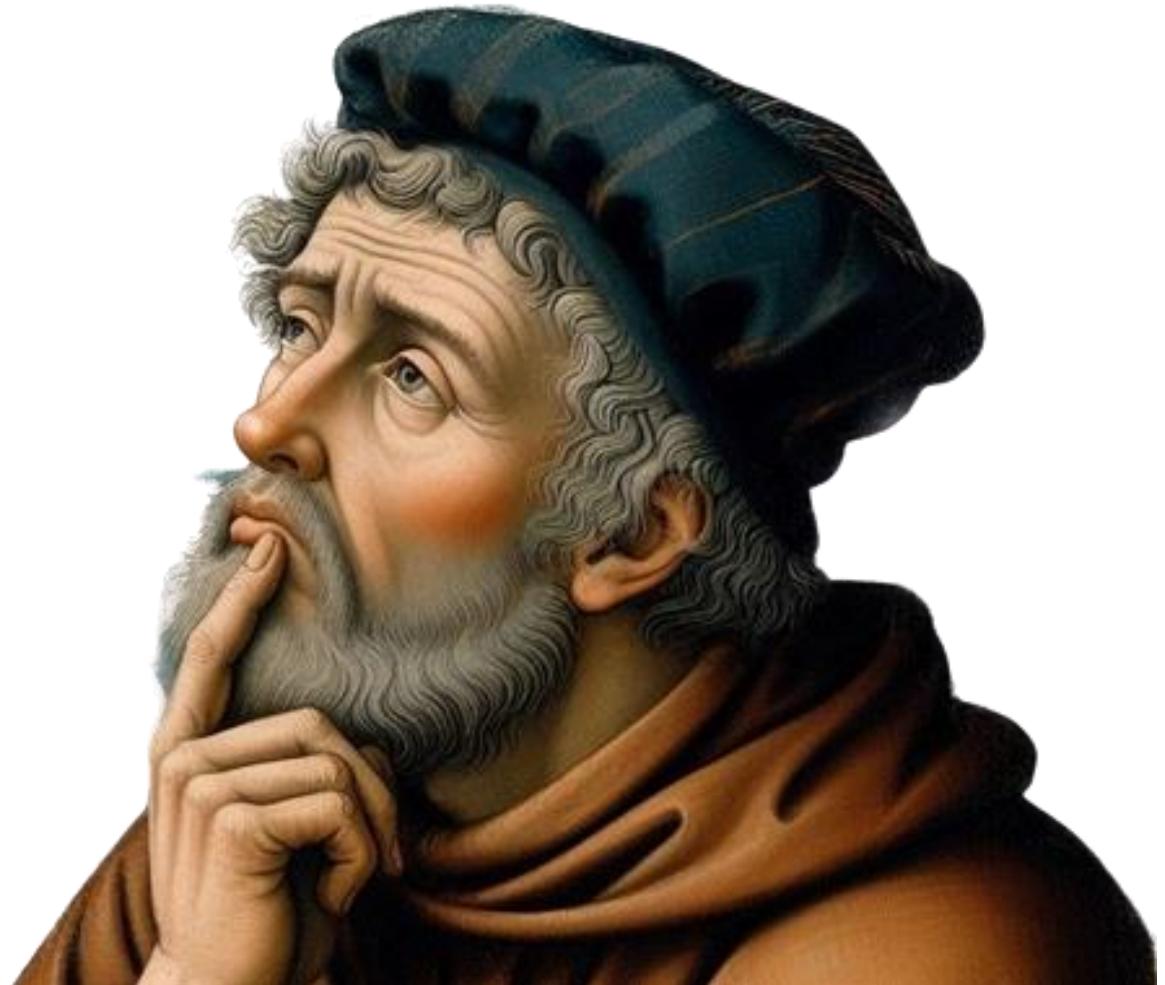
I don't use the built-in roles in
RBAC portals

If needed make a copy

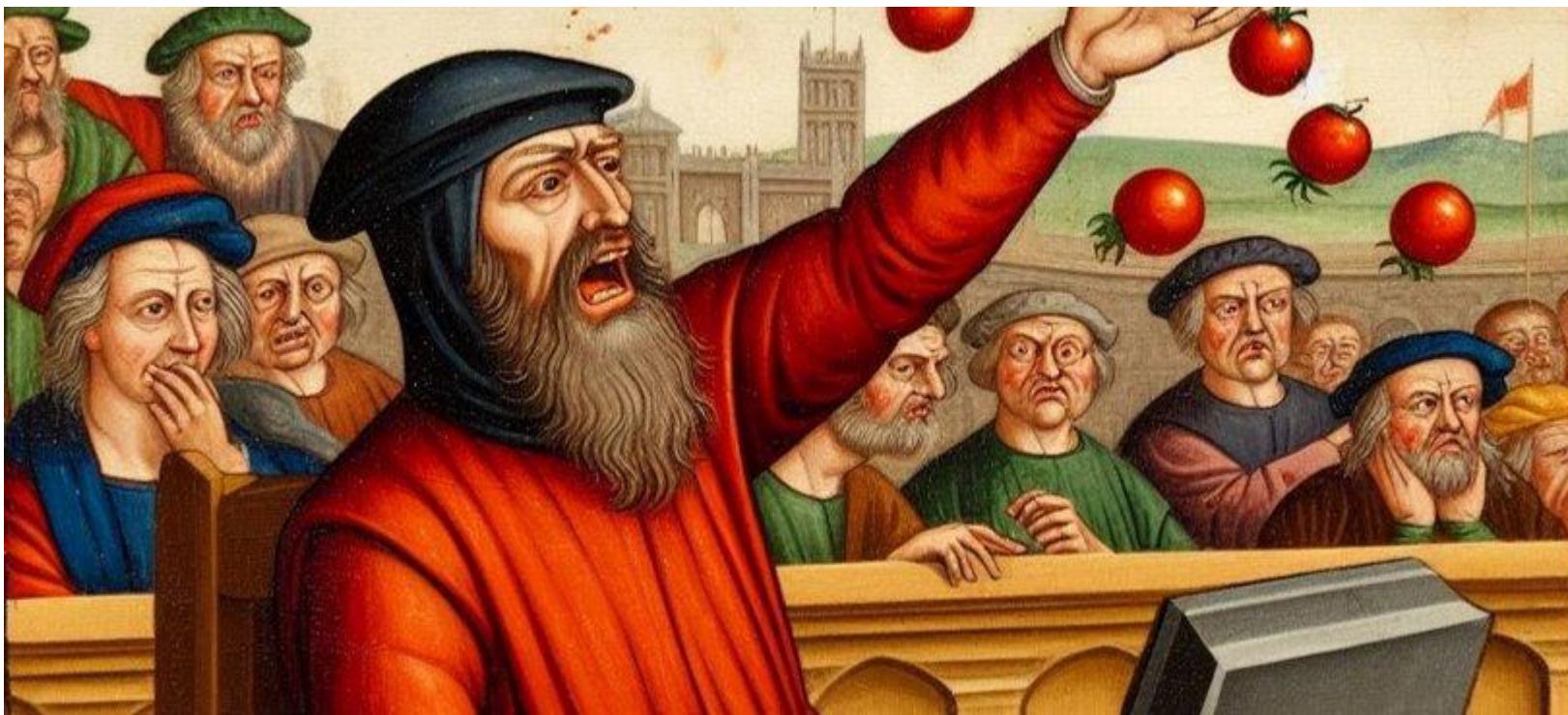
Naming convention matches
with my PIM group:

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!

