

# MODULE 5

## IMPLEMENTING ACCESS CONTROL, AUTHENTICATION, AND ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT

# ACCESS CONTROL AND AUTHENTICATION SERVICES

## SUBTOPIC 1

# OBJECTIVES

**Upon completion of this module, the student would be able to:**

- Define the Access Control and its goals;
- Demonstrate the concepts of Directory Services;
- Enumerate the types of securing remote access



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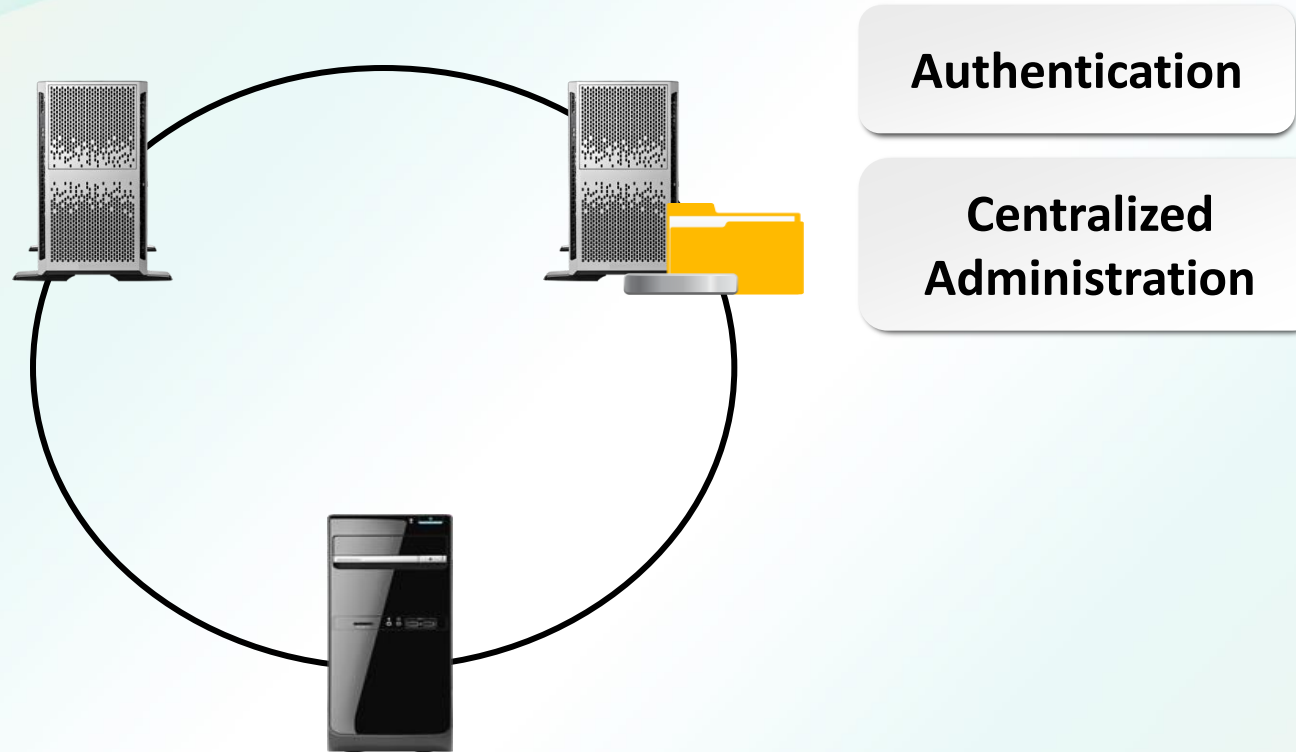
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# ACCESS CONTROL

**Access control** is a way of limiting access to a system or to physical or virtual resources.



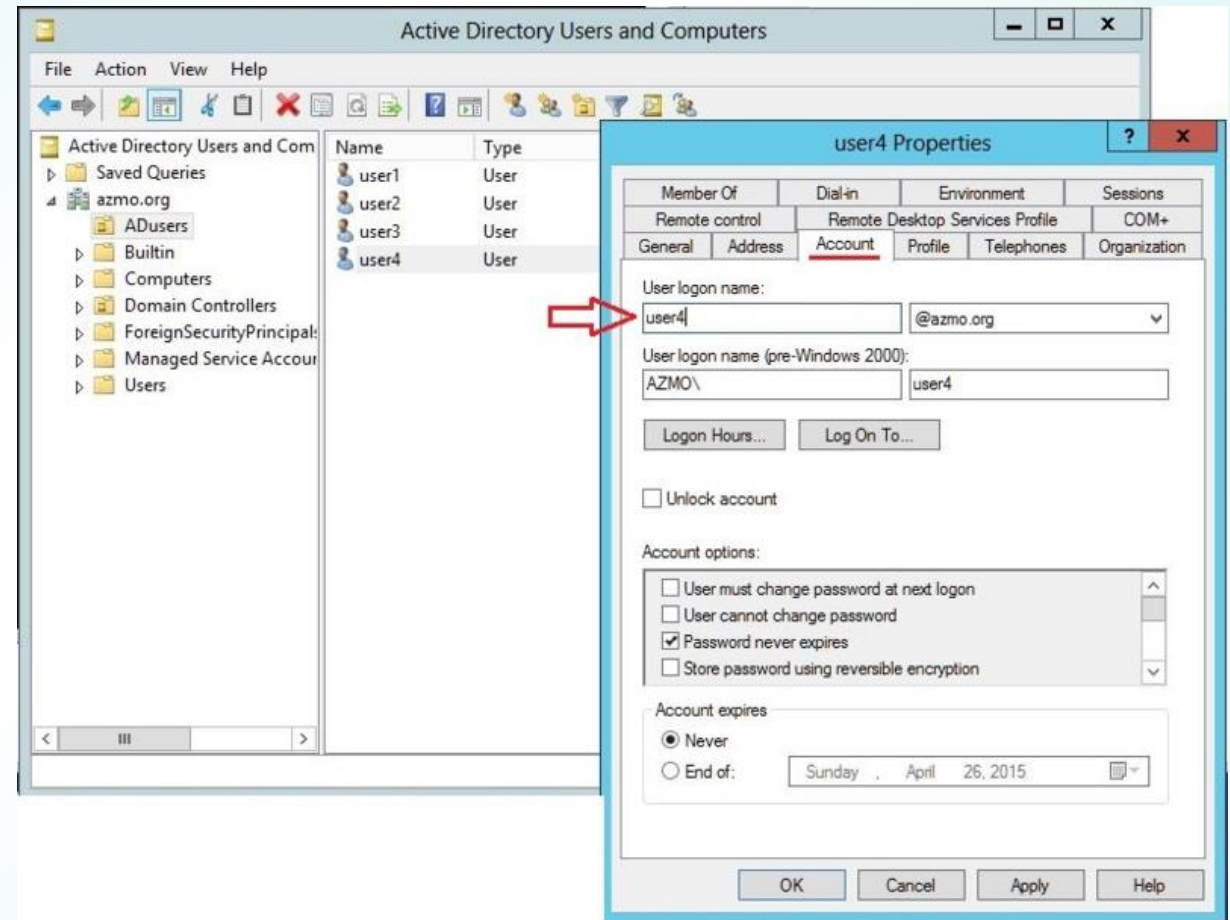
# Directory Services



A **directory service** stores, organizes, and provides access to information in a directory.

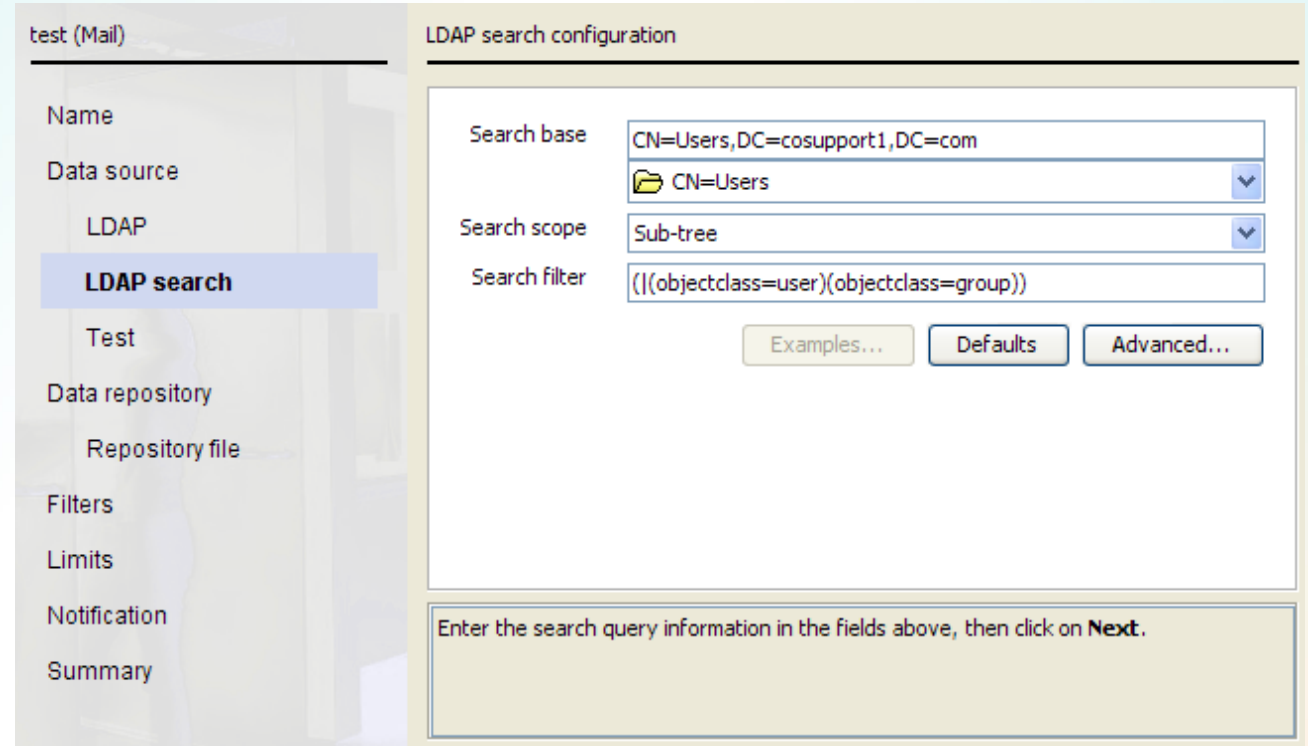
# Active Directory

**Active Directory** is a directory services implementation that provides all sorts of functionality like authentication, group and user management, policy administration and more.



# LDAP

**LDAP (Lightweight Directory Access Protocol)** is an open and cross platform protocol used for directory services authentication.



The screenshot shows a software window titled "test (Mail)" with a sidebar on the left and a main configuration area on the right. The sidebar contains a list of options: Name, Data source, LDAP, **LDAP search** (highlighted), Test, Data repository, Repository file, Filters, Limits, Notification, and Summary. The main area is titled "LDAP search configuration" and contains three input fields: "Search base" with the value "CN=Users,DC=cosupport1,DC=com", "Search scope" with a dropdown menu showing "CN=Users", and "Search filter" with the value "(&((objectclass=user)(objectclass=group)))". Below these fields are three buttons: "Examples...", "Defaults", and "Advanced...". At the bottom of the main area, a text box contains the instruction: "Enter the search query information in the fields above, then click on **Next**."



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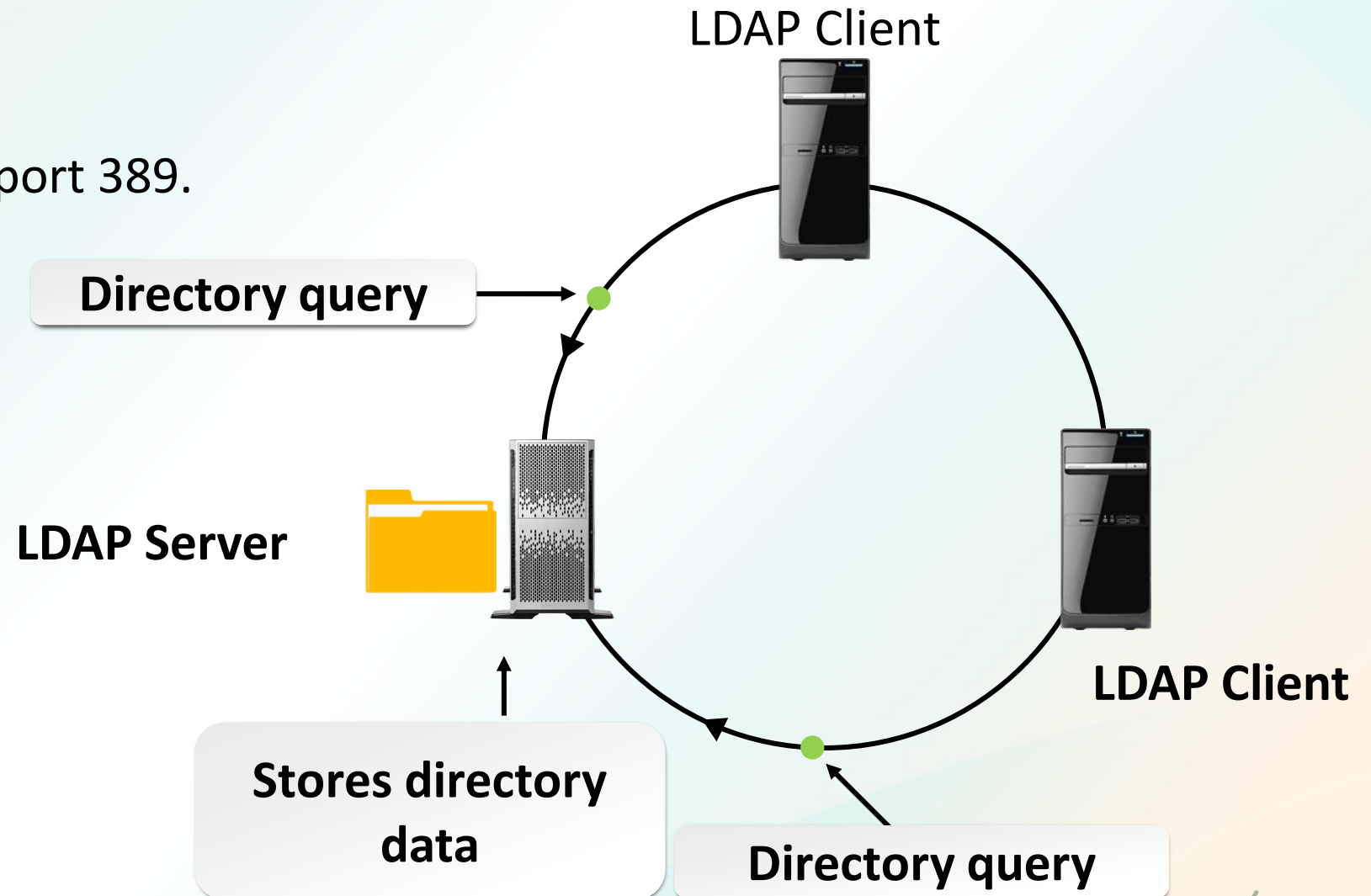


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# LDAP

LDAP makes use of port 389.

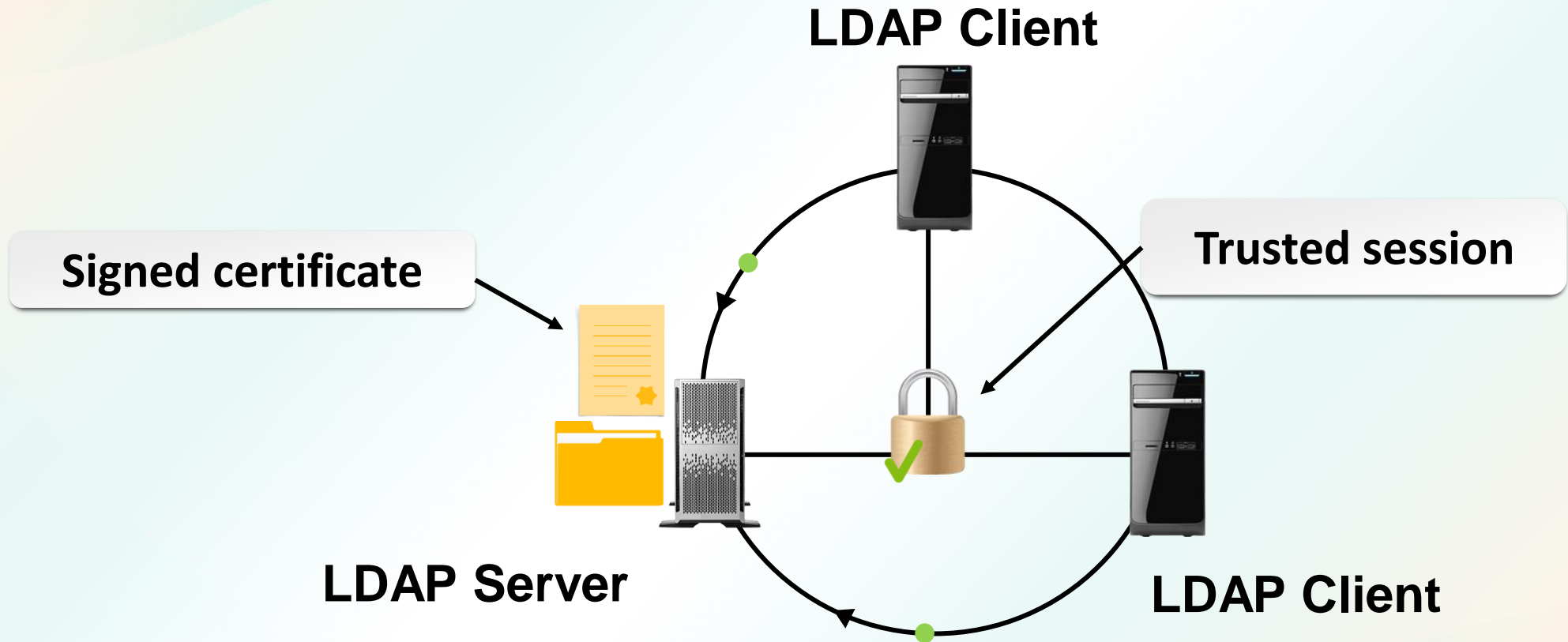


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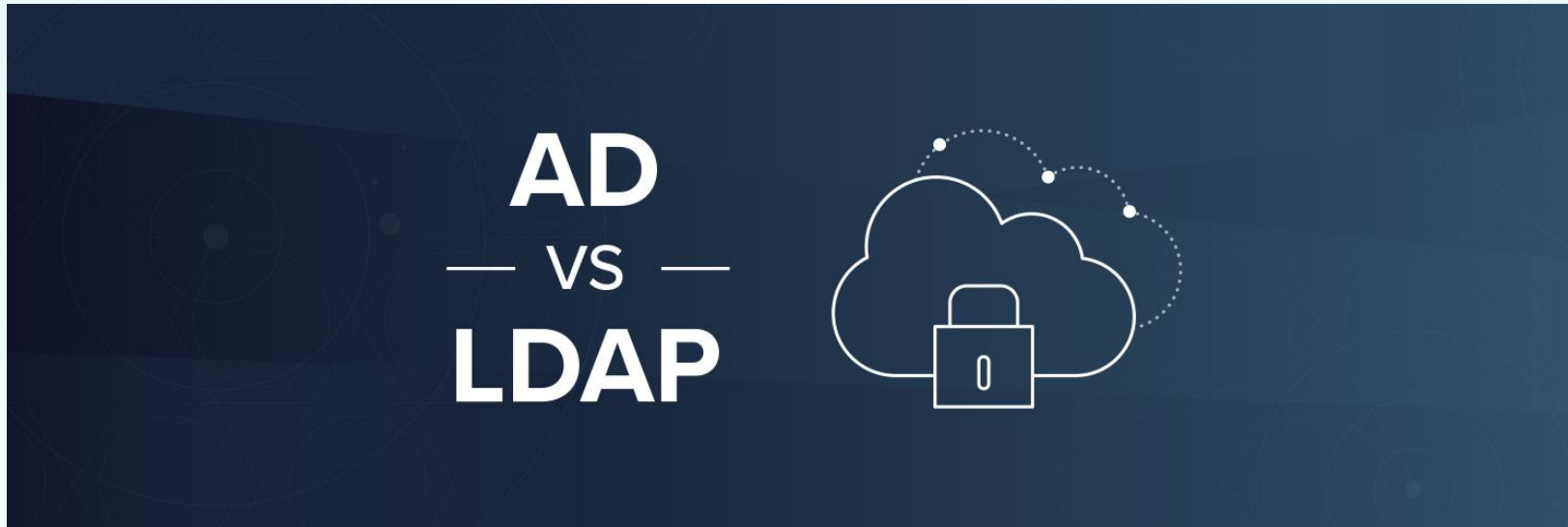
# LDAP

Port 636 is used for secure LDAP (LDAPS).



# LDAP vs. Active Directory

Realistically, there are probably more differences than similarities between the two directory solutions. Microsoft's AD is largely a directory for Windows® users, devices, and applications. AD requires a Microsoft Domain Controller to be present and when it is, users are able to single sign-on to Windows resources that live within the domain structure.



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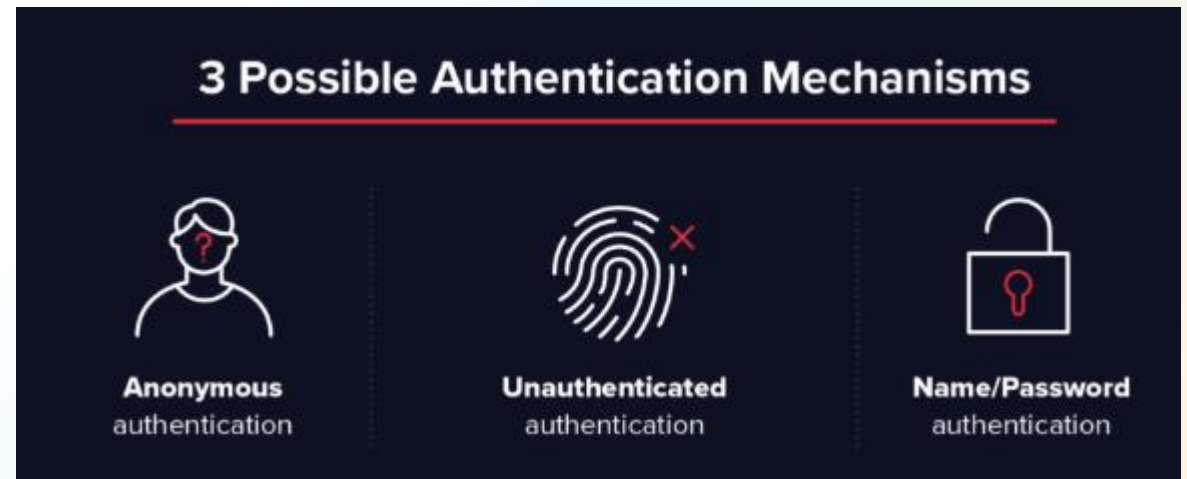
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# LDAP Authentication

There are two options for LDAP authentication in LDAP v3 – simple and SASL (Simple Authentication and Security Layer).

Simple authentication allows for three possible authentication mechanisms:

- ☐ Anonymous authentication
- ☐ Unauthenticated authentication
- ☐ Name/Password authentication



# Kerberos

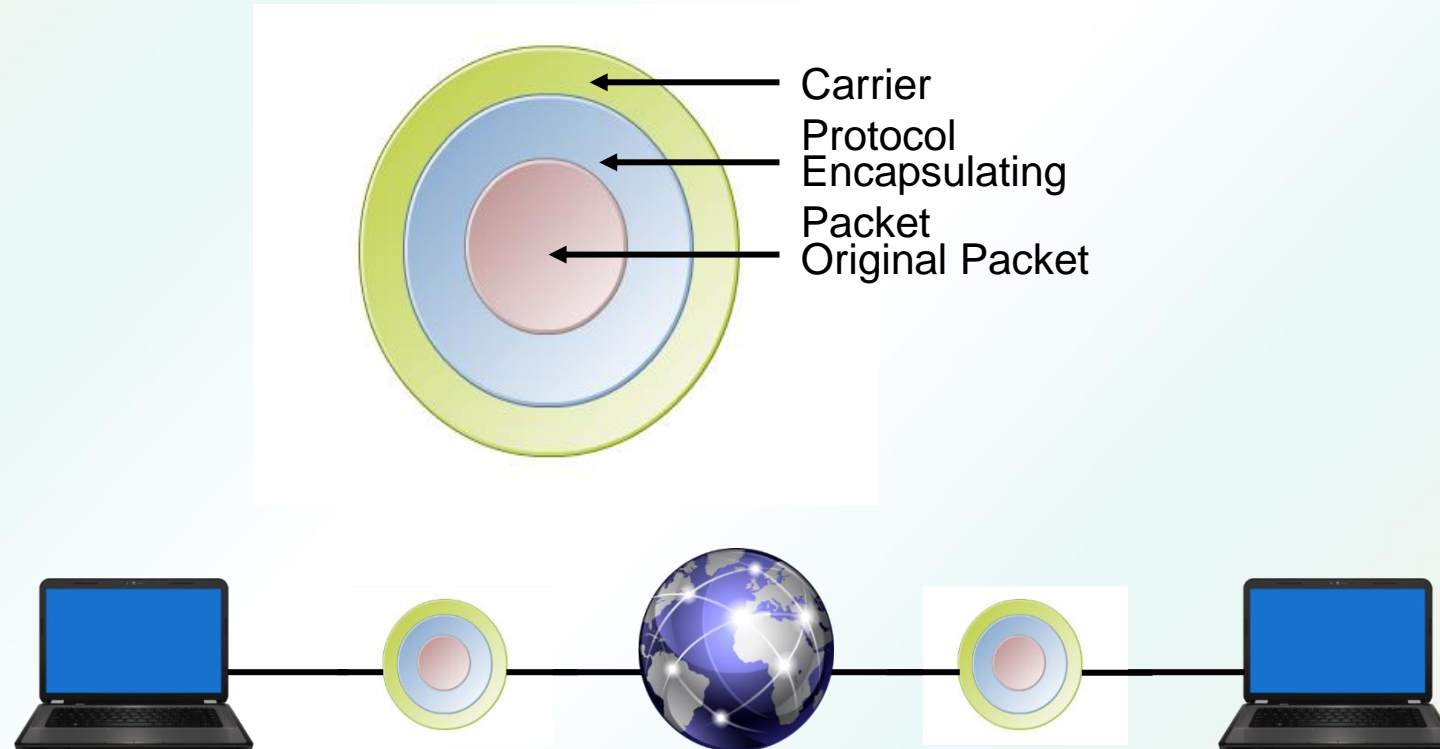
- ❑ Based on a time-sensitive ticket granting system.
- ❑ Developed by MIT to use SSO.
- ❑ Can manage access control to many services using one centralized authentication server.

## Kerberos



In Greek mythology, a many headed dog, the guardian of the entrance of Hades

**Tunneling** - A tunneling protocol is a communications protocol that allows for the movement of data from one network to another



**The three types of tunneling protocols used with a VPN server/RAS server running on Windows Server 2008 R2 include:**

☐ **Point-to-Point Tunneling Protocol (PPTP)**

☐ **Layer 2 Tunneling Protocol (L2TP)**

☐ **Secure Socket Tunneling Protocol (SSTP)**



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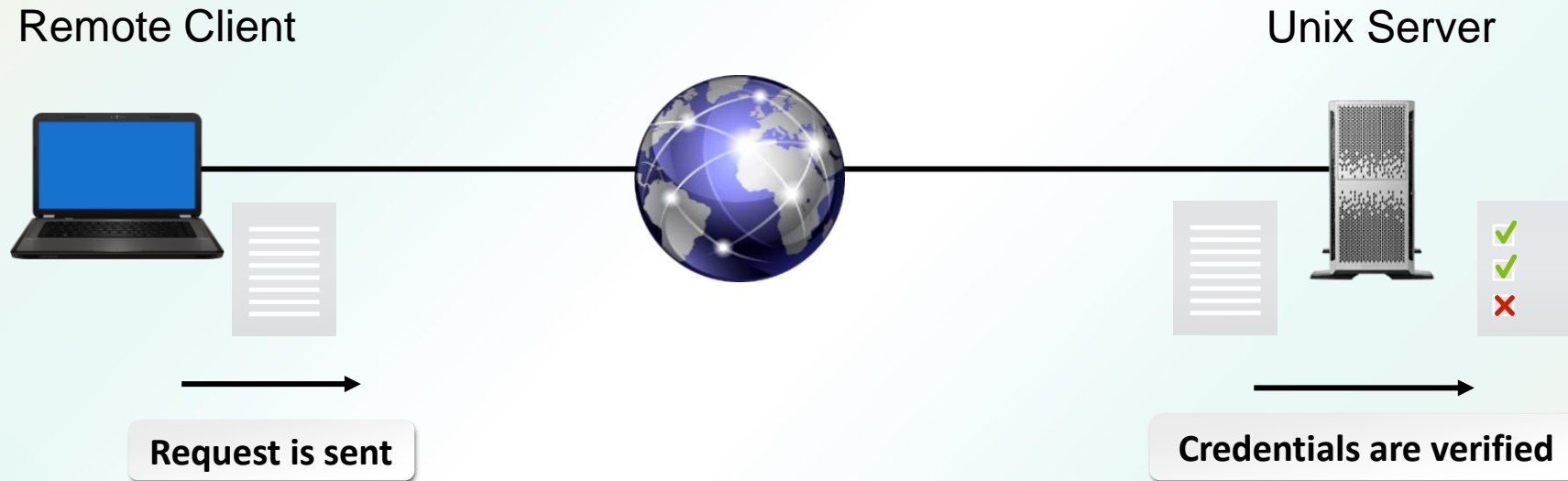
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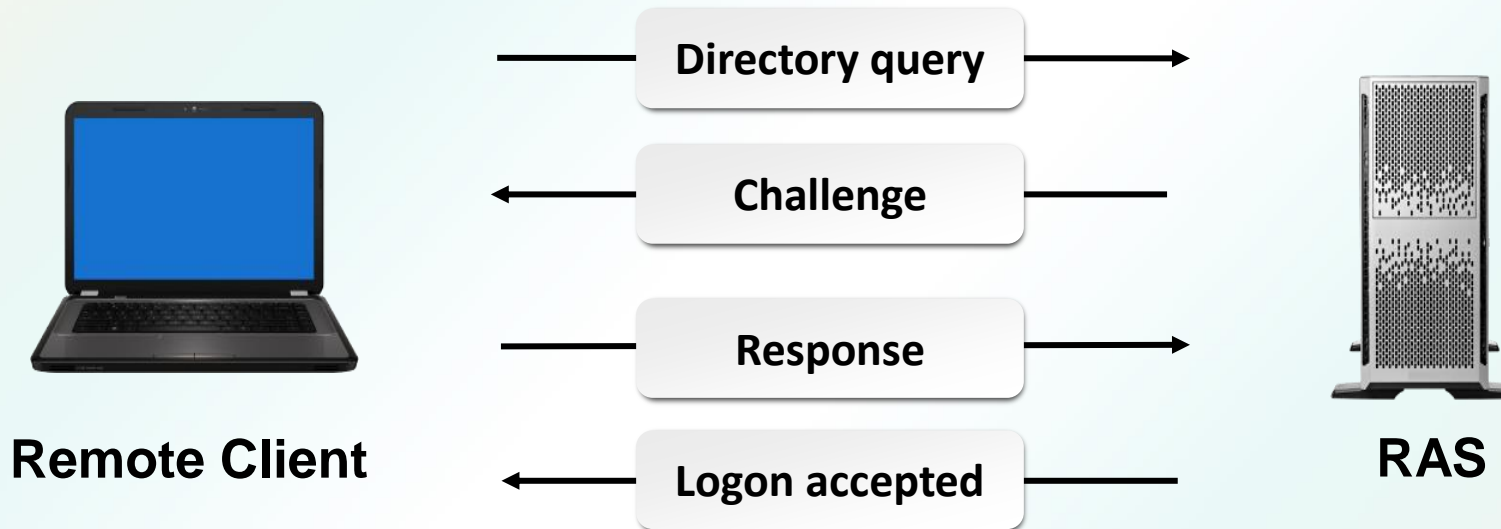
# PAP - Password Authentication Protocol



**Password Authentication Protocol (PAP):** Uses plain text (unencrypted passwords).



# CHAP - Challenge-Handshake Authentication Protocol

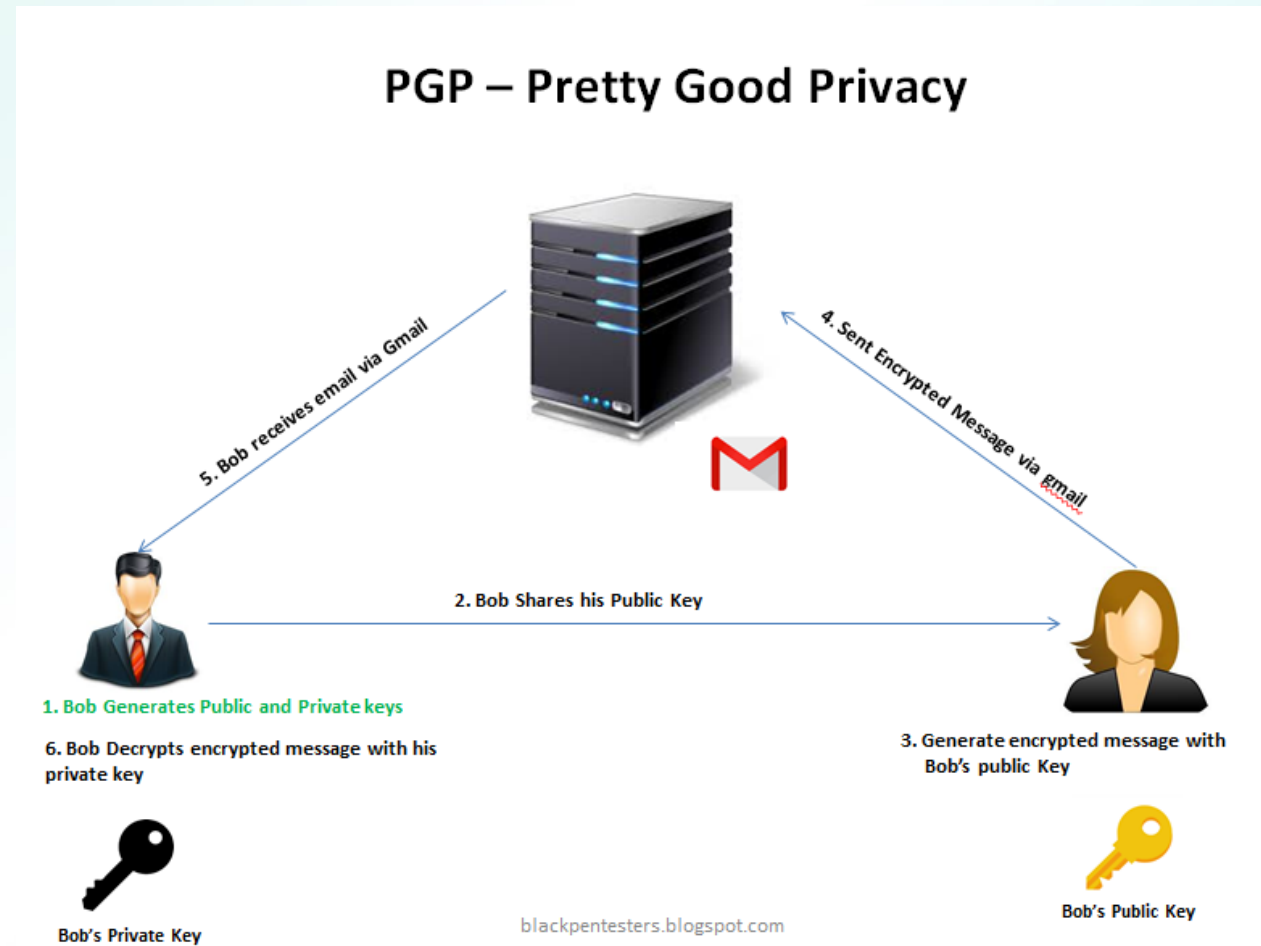


**Challenge Handshake Authentication Protocol (CHAP):** A challenge-response authentication that uses the industry standard md5 hashing scheme to encrypt the response.



# PGP - Pretty Good Privacy

- ❑ Public email security
- ❑ Digital signing
- ❑ Encrypt message contents and encrypt key



**Pretty Good Privacy (PGP)** is a freeware email encryption system that uses symmetrical and asymmetrical encryption. When an email is sent, the document is encrypted with the public key and a session key.



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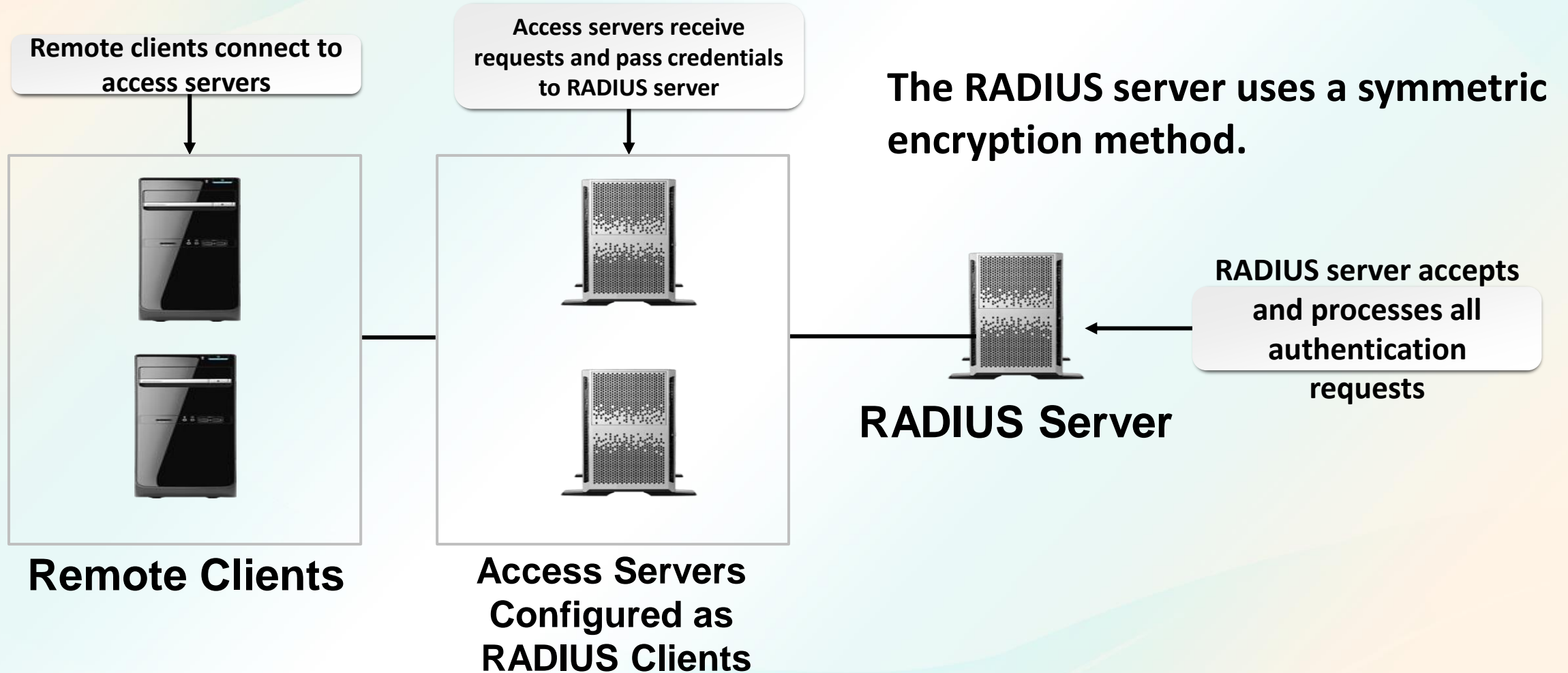
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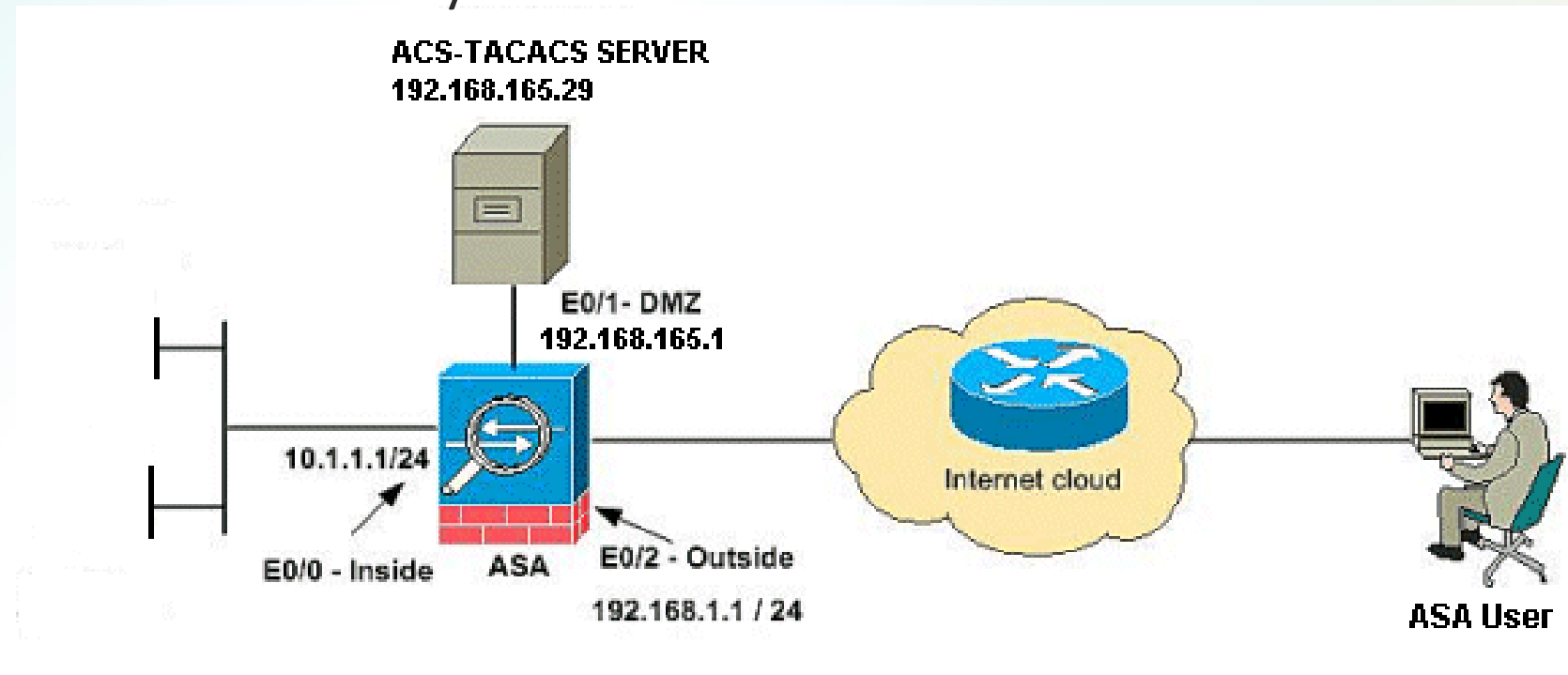
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# RADIUS - Remote Authentication Dial-In User Service



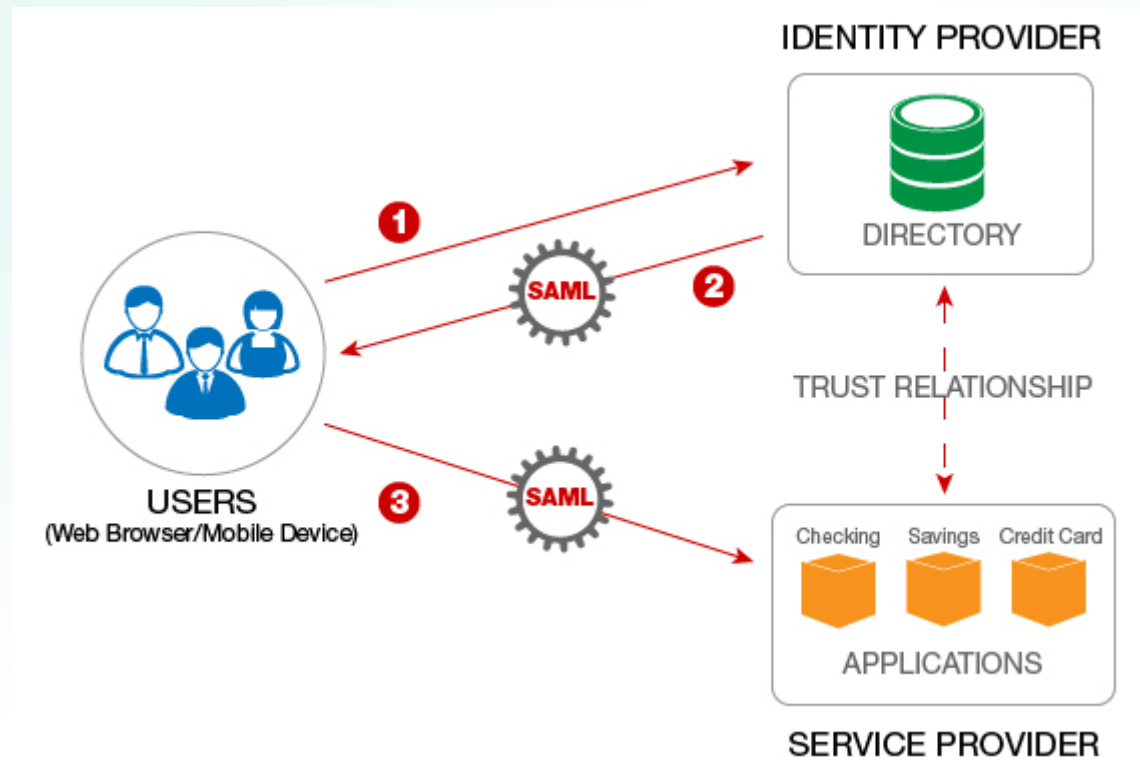
# TACACS

- ❑ **TACACS** is known as **Terminal Access Controller Access Control System**, is a remote protocol used to link with a server in networks.
- ❑ It permits a remote access server to connect with an authentication server to determine if the user has access to the system.



# SAML - Security Assertion Markup Language

**Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML)** is an open standard that allows identity providers (IdP) to pass authorization credentials to service providers (SP).



# One-Time Passwords – HOTP and TOTP

Verified by VISA

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For added security, an SMS One-time Password (OTP) is required to complete this transaction.  
Please enter the SMS-OTP which has been sent to your mobile phone ( ).

Merchant: ECART SERVICES MALAYSIA S

Amount: MYR 151.24

Date: 12/05/2016

Card Number:

Verified by Visa SMS-OTP: HahK

Proceed

Get Another SMS-OTP

Cancel

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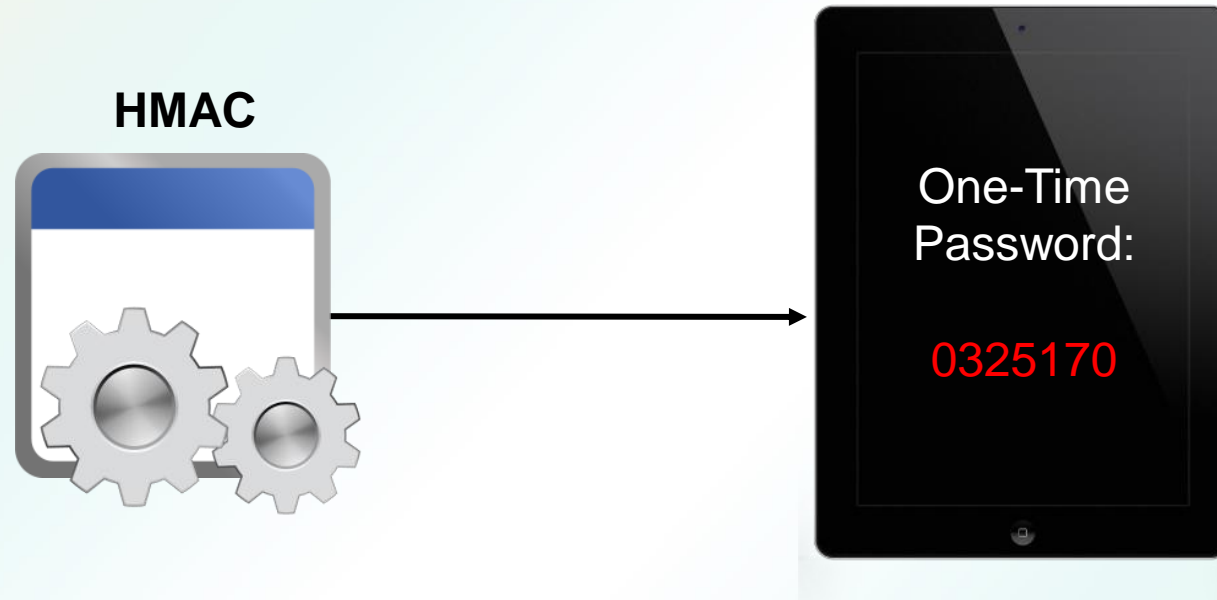
is not my current mobile phone number but I would like to proceed with this transaction. I understand that this will be the only permitted transaction without OTP and I need to register my mobile number with UOB for future internet transactions.

Continue without SMS-OTP

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**One-Time Passwords (OTP)** are pretty much what their name says: a password that can be only used one time.

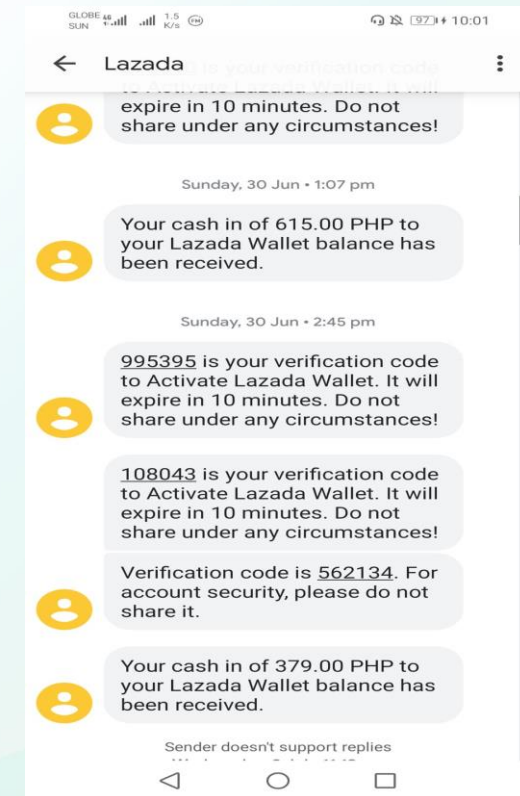
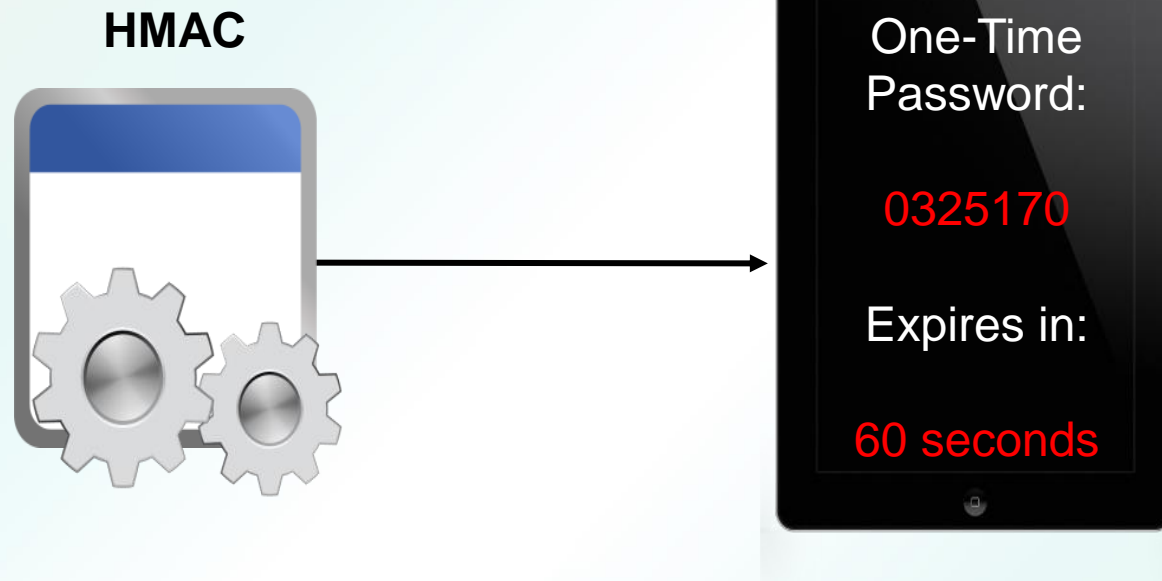
# HOTP



**HMAC-based one-time password (HOTP)** tokens are devices that generate passwords based on a nonrepeating one-way function. It is not restricted to time.

# TOTP - Time-based One-Time Password

Tokens are devices or applications that generate passwords at fixed time intervals. Therefore, the password will only be valid for a predefined time interval.





# IMPLEMENT ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT SECURITY CONTROLS

## SUBTOPIC 2



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# OBJECTIVES

**Upon completion of this module, the student would be able to:**

- Explain the concepts of account management security controls;
- Discuss Account Management Security Controls concepts;
- Give different Account Policy concepts;

**ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT** is one of the most important aspects of an organization's security posture.



## ACCOUNT TYPES

**USER ACCOUNT** holds the most limited amount of access to a system, but it is also the level that the vast majority of users have.

A **SHARED ACCOUNT**, sometimes known as a generic account, is one that can be utilized by more than one assigned user.

**SERVICE ACCOUNTS** control the privileges and functions of an application.

**PRIVILEGED ACCOUNTS** should be defined for each administrative role and system within an organization, allowing for separation of duties and preventing too much power being placed in too few accounts.



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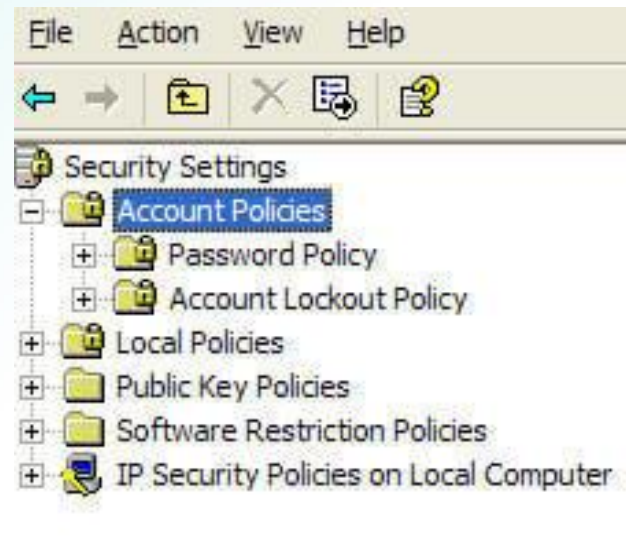


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# Account Policy Enforcement

**Account Policy** enforcement comes into play because all users have the right level of access and account type to meet their business function does not mean an organization is as secure as it could be.



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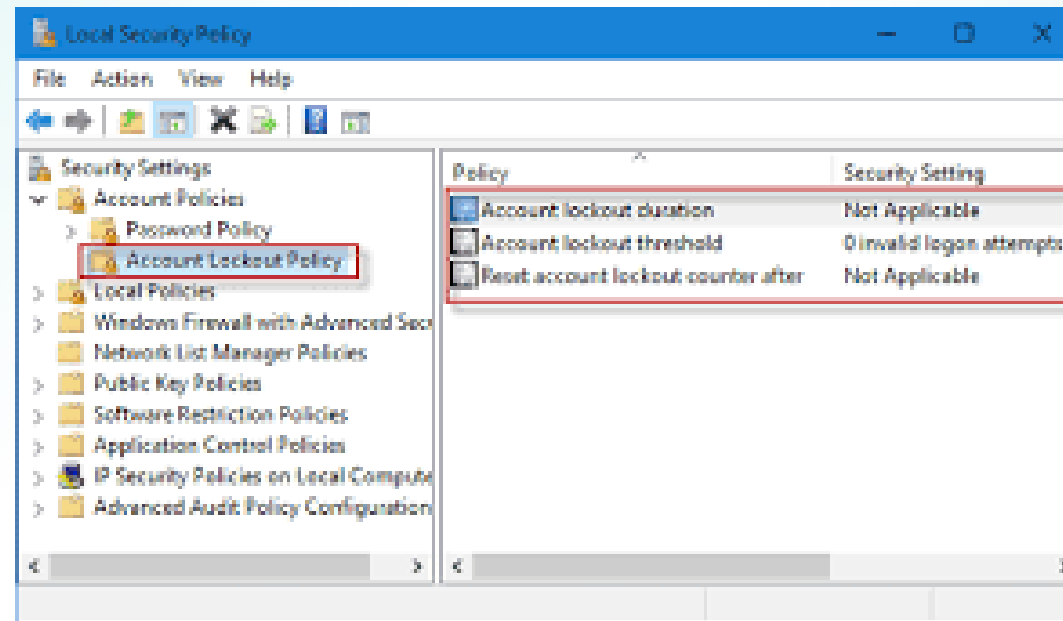
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**CREDENTIAL MANAGEMENT** is an overall service that stores, manages, and often audits logins of user credentials in a central location, offered to both individuals and enterprise networks.

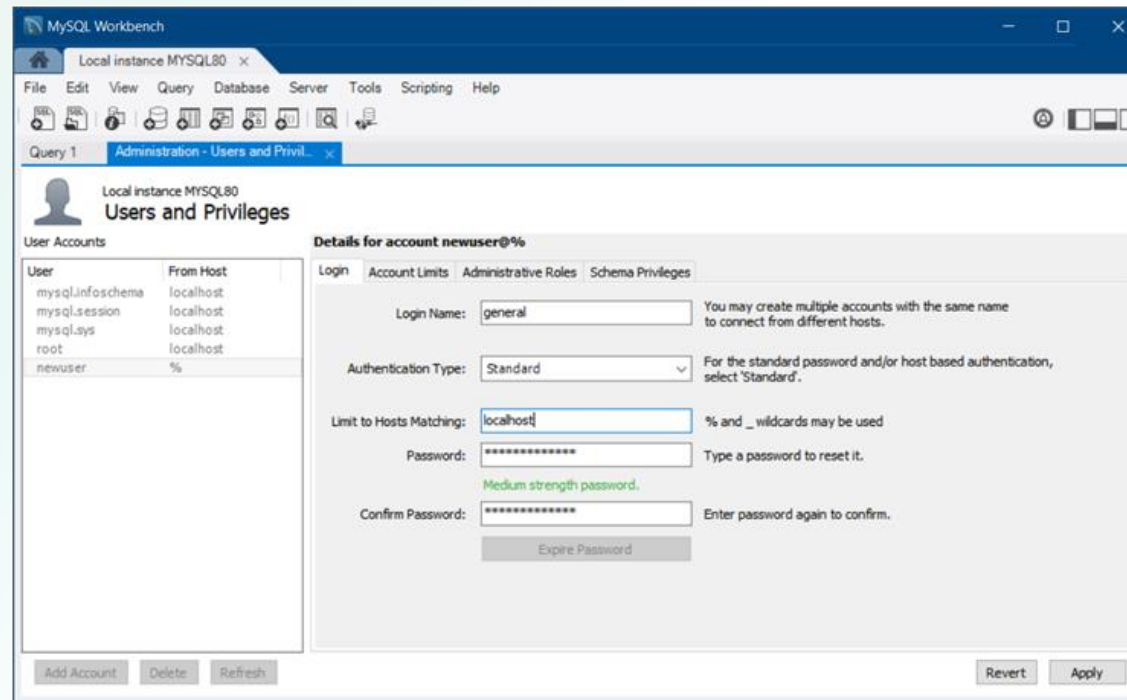


**ACCOUNT LOCKOUT** is another policy that automatically disables an account when a certain threshold of incorrect passwords are used to log in, requiring a user to recover access to their account with a new password or by satisfying other requirements, such as security questions.

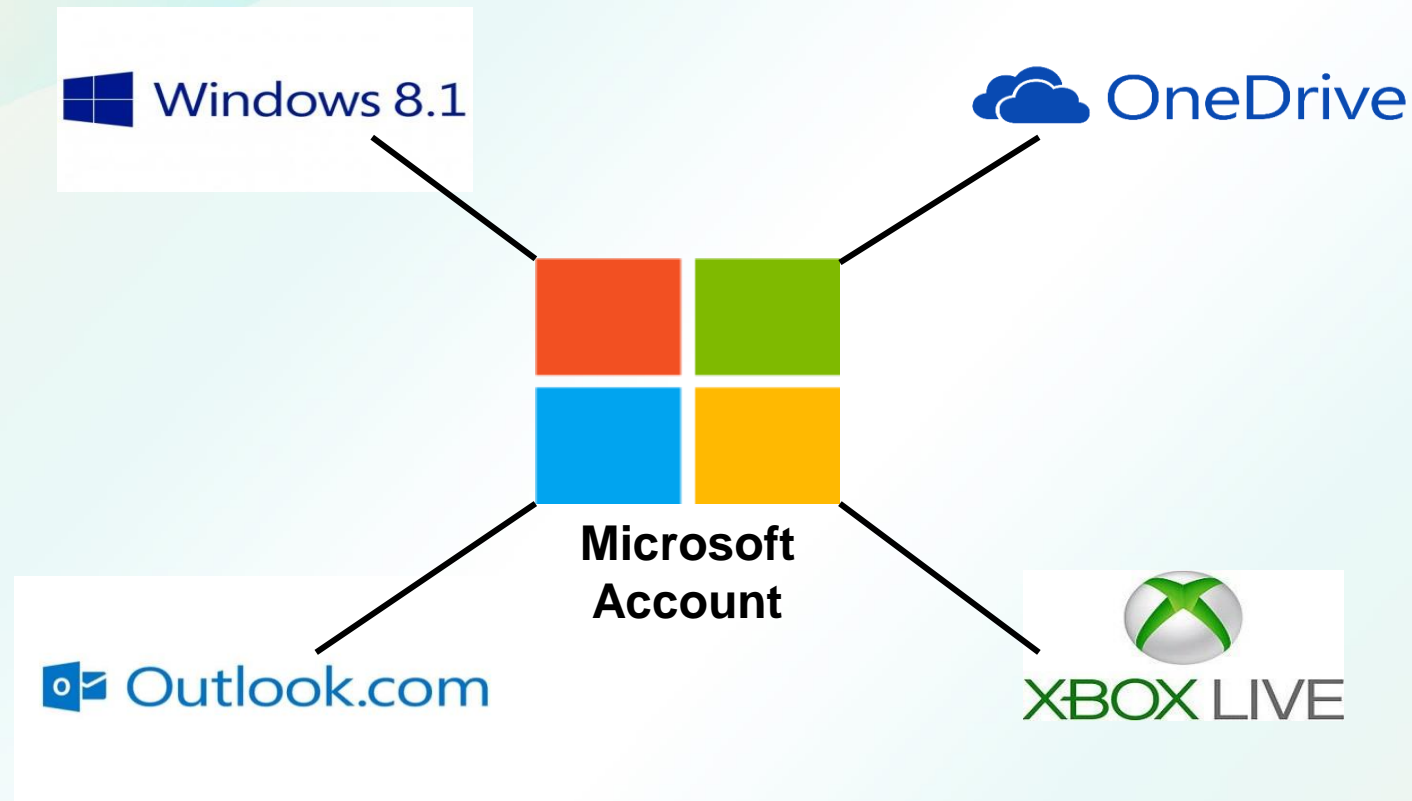


# Account Privileges

A **PRIVILEGED ACCOUNT** is a user account that has more privileges than ordinary users.



# Account Federation

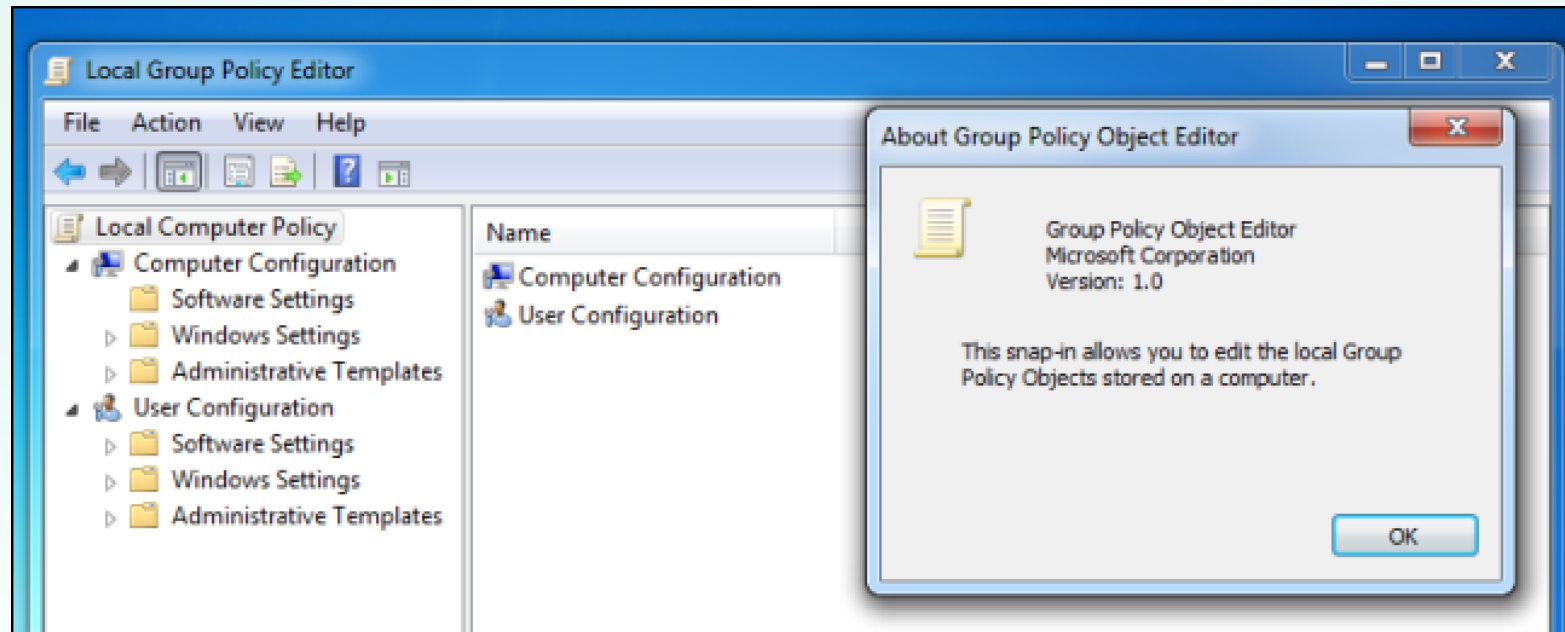


A federated identity in information technology is the means of linking a person's electronic identity and attributes, stored across multiple distinct identity management systems.



# Group Policy

**Group Policy** provides centralized management and configuration of operating systems, applications, and users' settings in an Active Directory environment.



# ACCOUNT LOCKOUT

**Account lockout** keeps the account secure by preventing anyone or anything from guessing the username and password. When your account is locked, you must wait the set amount of time before being able to log into your account again.



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# PASSWORDS

A password is a string of characters used for authenticating a user on a computer system.



# PASSWORD COMPLEXITY

A complex password uses different types of characters in unique ways to increase security. Passwords must meet or exceed these criteria:

- Changed at least every 180 days.
- Between 8 and 128 characters long.
- Use at least 3 of the following types of characters:
  - ✓ uppercase letters,
  - ✓ lowercase letters,
  - ✓ numbers, and/or
  - ✓ special characters
  - ✓ Password must be unique and cannot be re-used.



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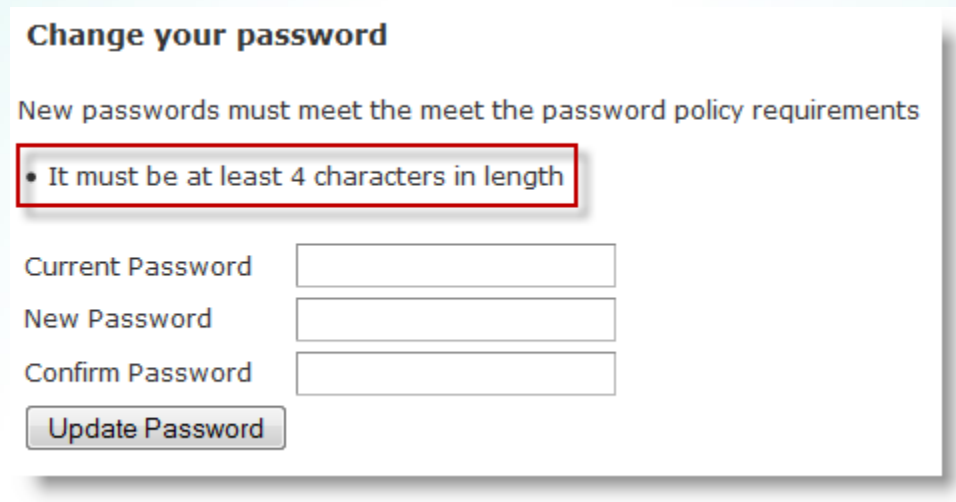


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# Password Length

The length of a password is a key component of ensuring the strength of a password. Password length is the number of characters used in a password. A password with 2 characters is considered very insecure, because there is a very limited set of unique passwords that can be made using 2 characters. A 2-character password is considered trivial to guess.



**Change your password**

New passwords must meet the meet the password policy requirements

- It must be at least 4 characters in length

Current Password

New Password

Confirm Password

**Password complexity** deals with the characters used to make up the password. A complex password will use characters from at least three of the following categories:

- ✓ English uppercase characters (A through Z)
- ✓ English lowercase characters (a through z)
- ✓ Numeric characters (0 through 9)
- ✓ Non-alphanumeric characters (such as !, @, #, \$, %, ^, &)

# **Microsoft provides several controls that can be used to ensure the security associated with passwords is maintained. These include:**

Password complexity

Account lockout

Password history

Time between password changes

Group Policies that enforce password security

Education on common attack methods



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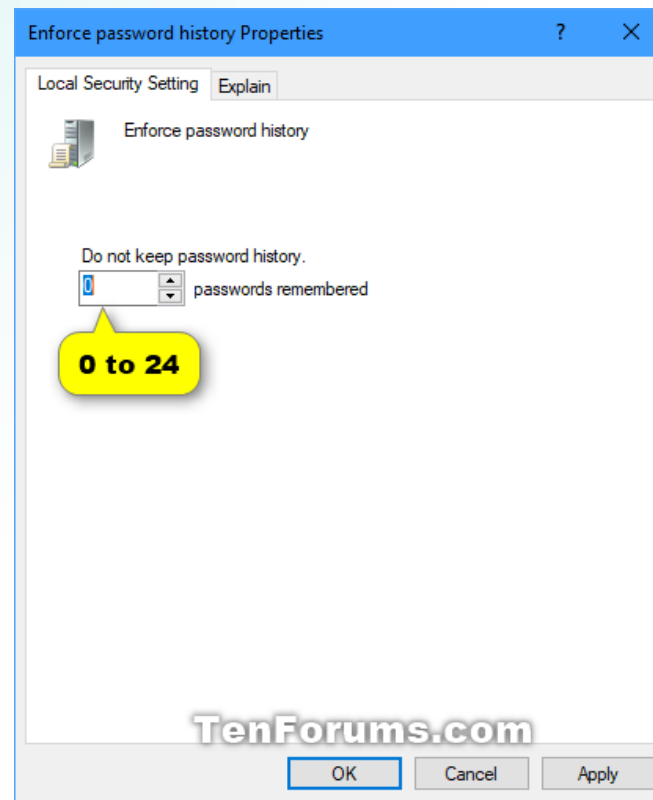
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# PASSWORD HISTORY

Password history policy setting determines the number of unique new passwords that must be associated with a user account before an old password can be reused.



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**Account lockout** refers to the number of incorrect logon attempts permitted before the system will lock the account.

- ☐ **Account lockout duration:** This setting determines the length of time a lockout will remain in place before another logon attempt can be made
- ☐ **Account lockout threshold:** This setting determines the number of failed logons permitted before the account lockout occurs.
- ☐ **Reset account lockout counter after:** This setting determines the period of time, in minutes, that must elapse before the account lockout counter is reset to 0 bad logon attempts.

# Setting Time Between Password Changes

**Minimum Password Age:** The minimum password age setting controls how many days a user must wait before they can reset their password. This can be set to a value from 1 to 998 days.

**Maximum Password Age:** The maximum password age setting controls the maximum period of time permitted before a user is forced to reset their password.

**Passwords should always expire,** unless under unique circumstances, such as service accounts for running applications.



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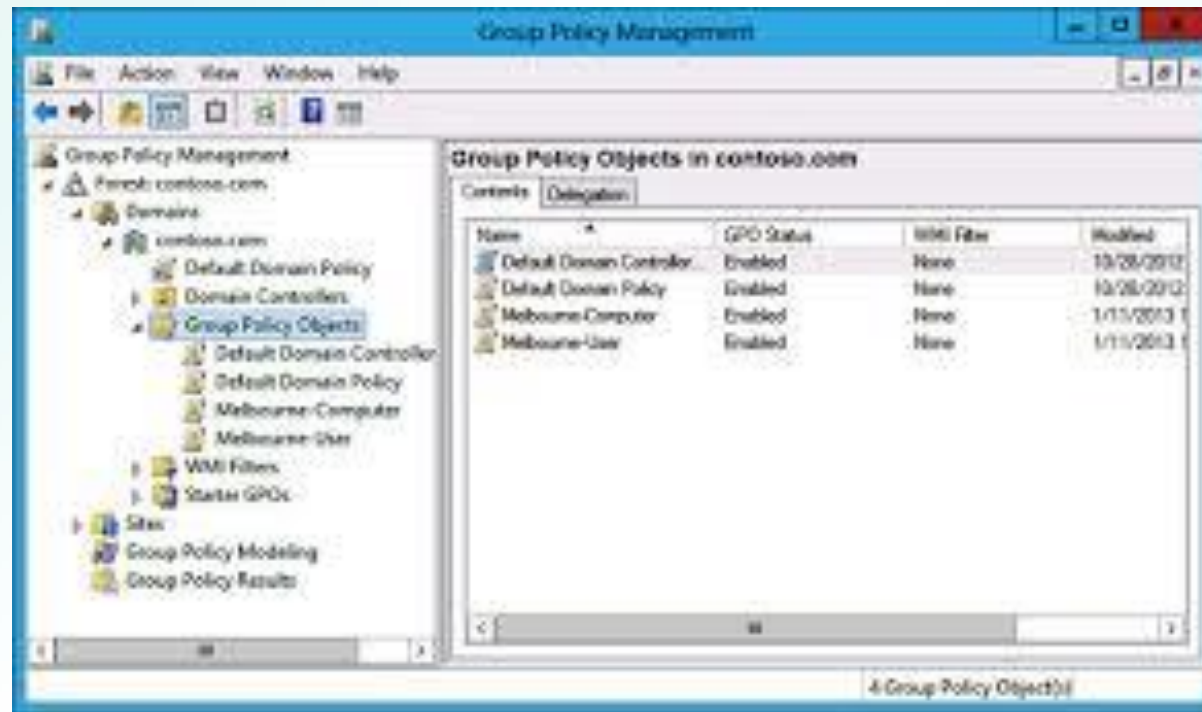


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# Group Policies to Enforce Password Security

A **Group Policy Object (GPO)** is a set of rules which allow an administrator granular control over the configuration of objects in Active Directory (AD), including user accounts, operating systems, applications, and other AD objects.



# INSTALL (CA) / ENROLL CERTIFICATES

## SUBTOPIC 3

# OBJECTIVES

**Upon completion of this module, the student would be able to:**

- Define the Certificate Authority (CA) and its goals;
- Explain the concepts of certificates;
- Demonstrate the operation of Certificate Authentication;
- Enumerate the types of CA and services provided



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# Certificate Authority

Certificate Authority (CA) (or Certification Authority) is an entity that issues digital certificates.



# Digital Certificates



**User with Certificate**

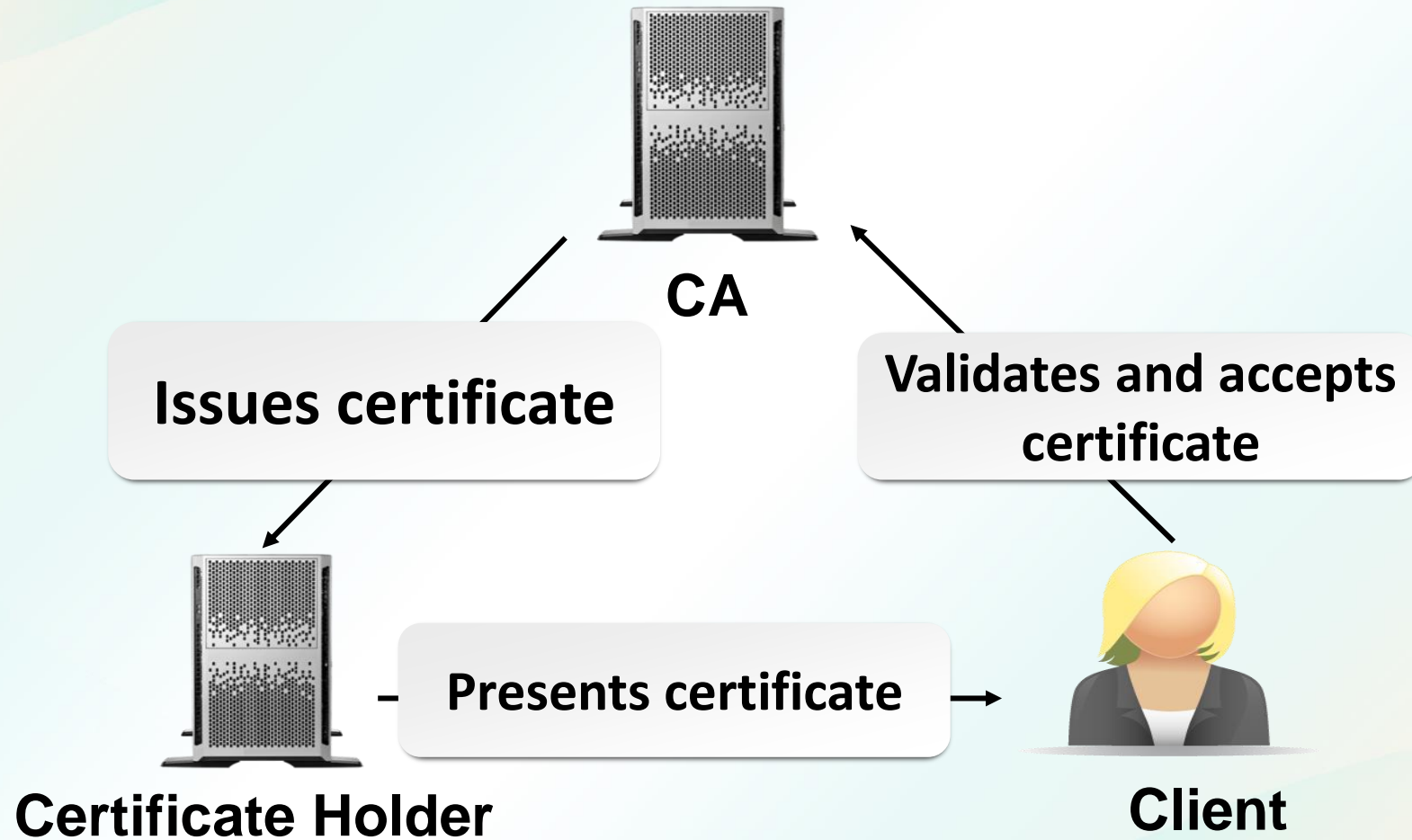


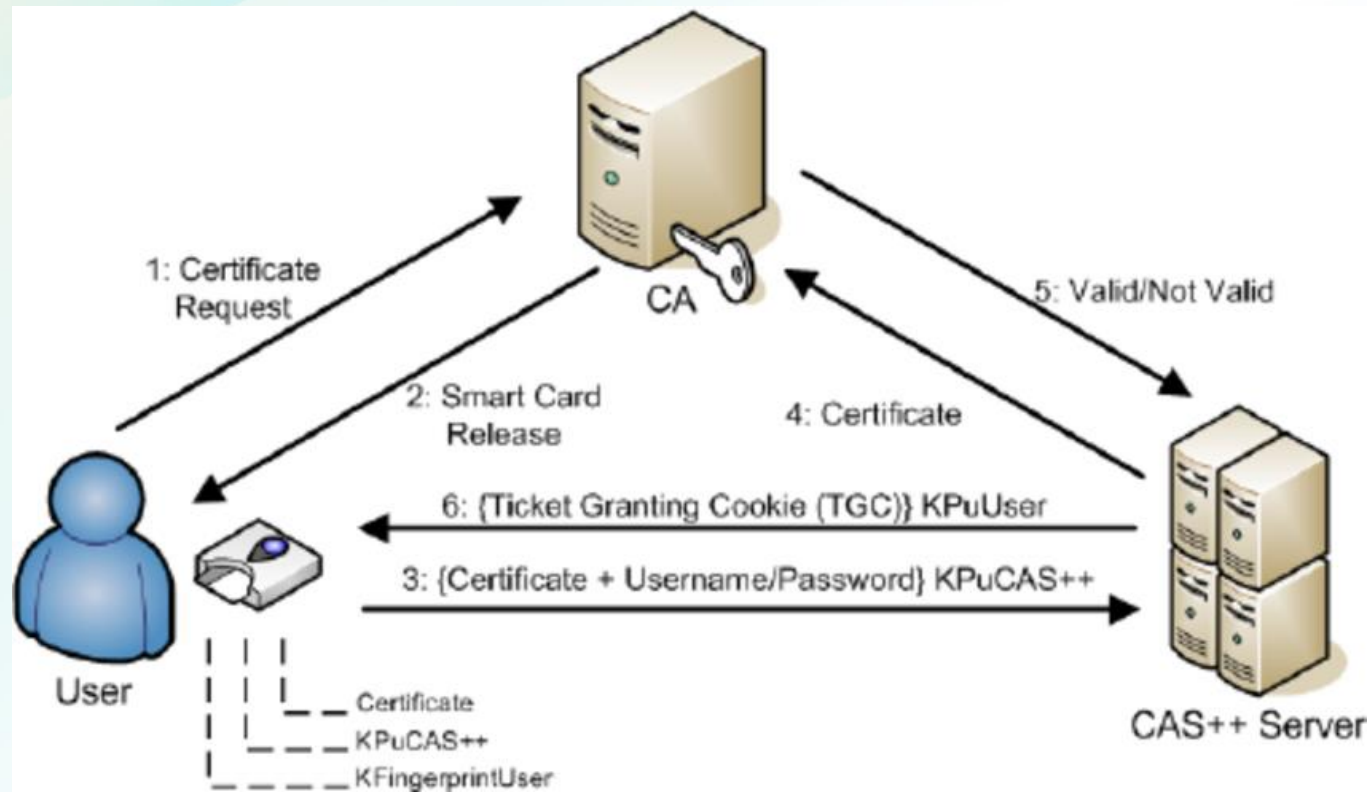
**Device with Certificate**

The ***digital certificate*** is an electronic document that contains an identity such as a user or organization and a corresponding public key.



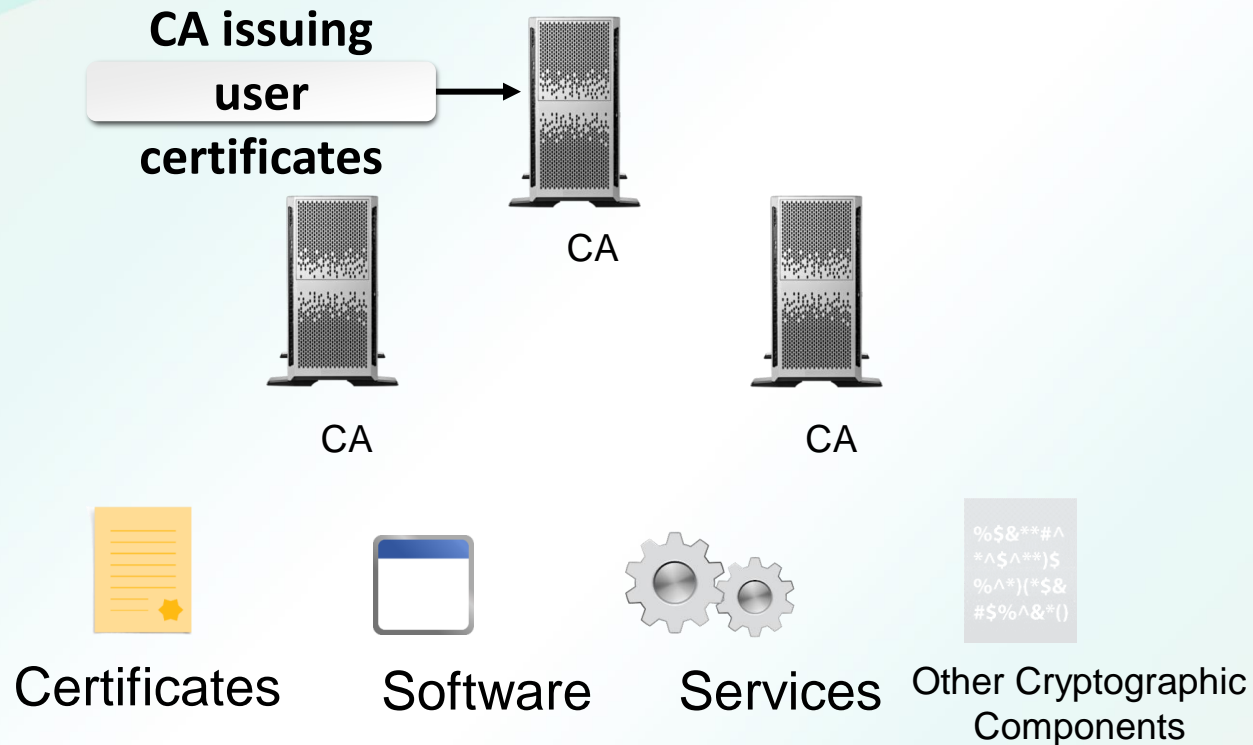
# Certificate Authentication





**Certificate authentication** is the use of a Digital Certificate to identify a user, machine, or device before granting access to a resource, network, application, etc.

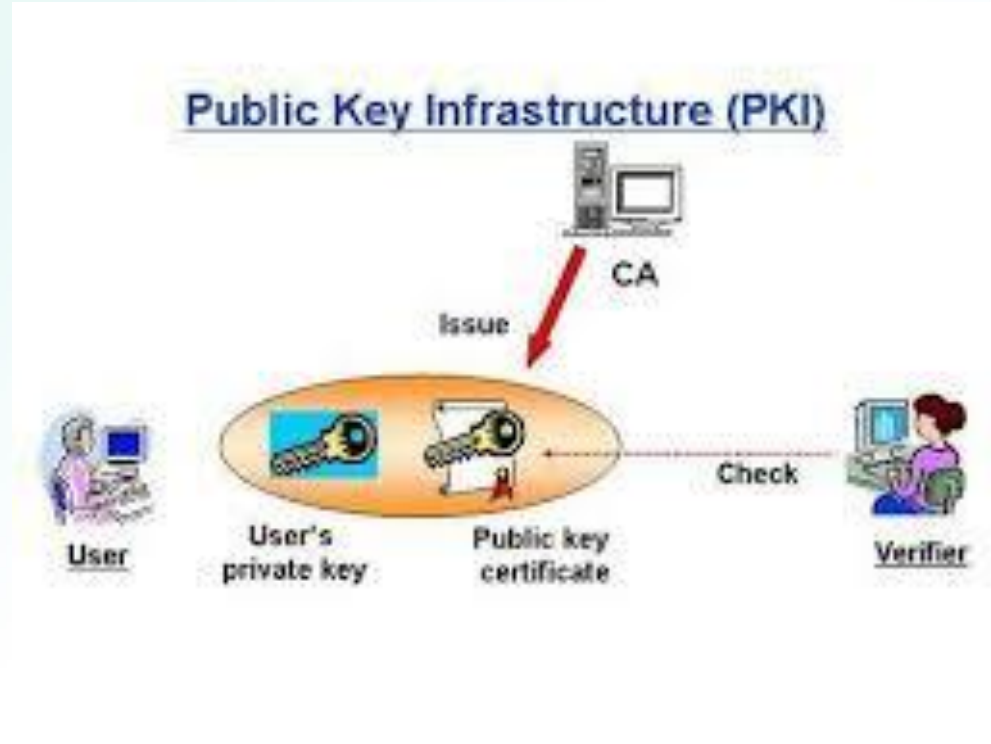
# PKI - Public Key Infrastructure



A **public key infrastructure (PKI)** is a system consisting of hardware, software, policies, and procedures that create, manage, distribute, use, store, and revoke digital certificates.

# Public Key Infrastructure

Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) is that it uses a pair of keys to achieve the underlying security service. The key pair comprises of private key and public key.



# Key Management

Key management refers to management of cryptographic keys in a cryptosystem

## KEY MANAGEMENT



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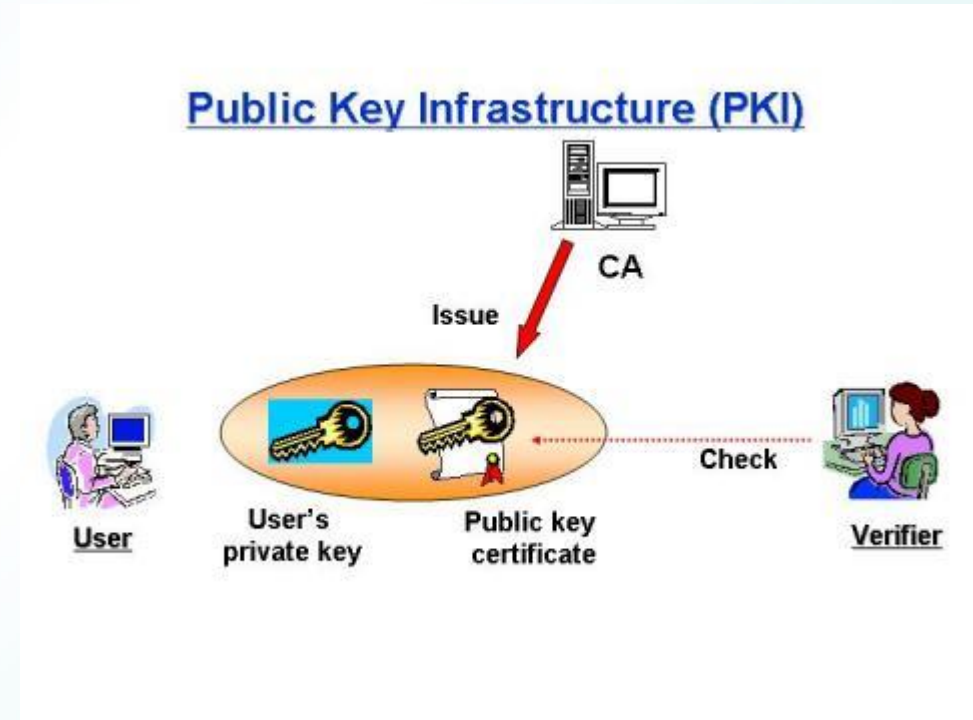


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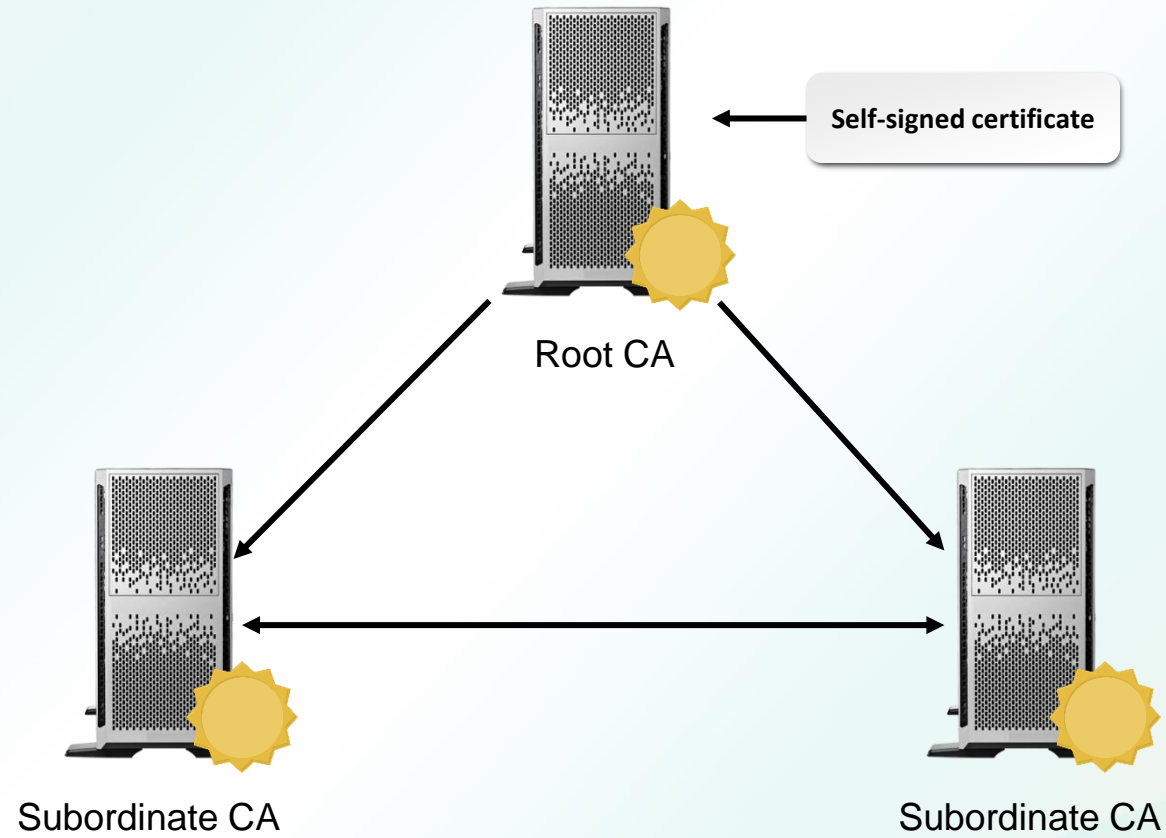
# PKI Components

- ✓ Public key
- ✓ Private key
- ✓ Certificate Authority
- ✓ Certificate Store
- ✓ Certificate Revocation List
- ✓ Hardware Security Module



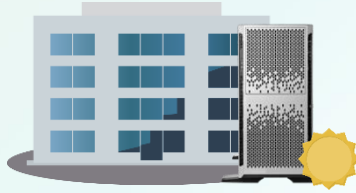


# Root CA





# Public and Private Roots



Private Root CA



Public Root CA

## When to use Public CAs?

When we provide services for the general public, we use certificates signed by a “trusted” third-party.

## When to use a Private CAs?

The situation changes completely when private services are provided, which are not for the general public.

## Offline Root CAs

- ☐ The root CA remains offline.
- ☐ Subordinate CAs will issue certificates.
- ☐ All updates are made only to subordinate CAs.

Offline root CAs can issue certificates to removable media devices (USB drive, CD/DVD) and then physically transported to the subordinate CAs that need the certificate in order to perform their tasks.



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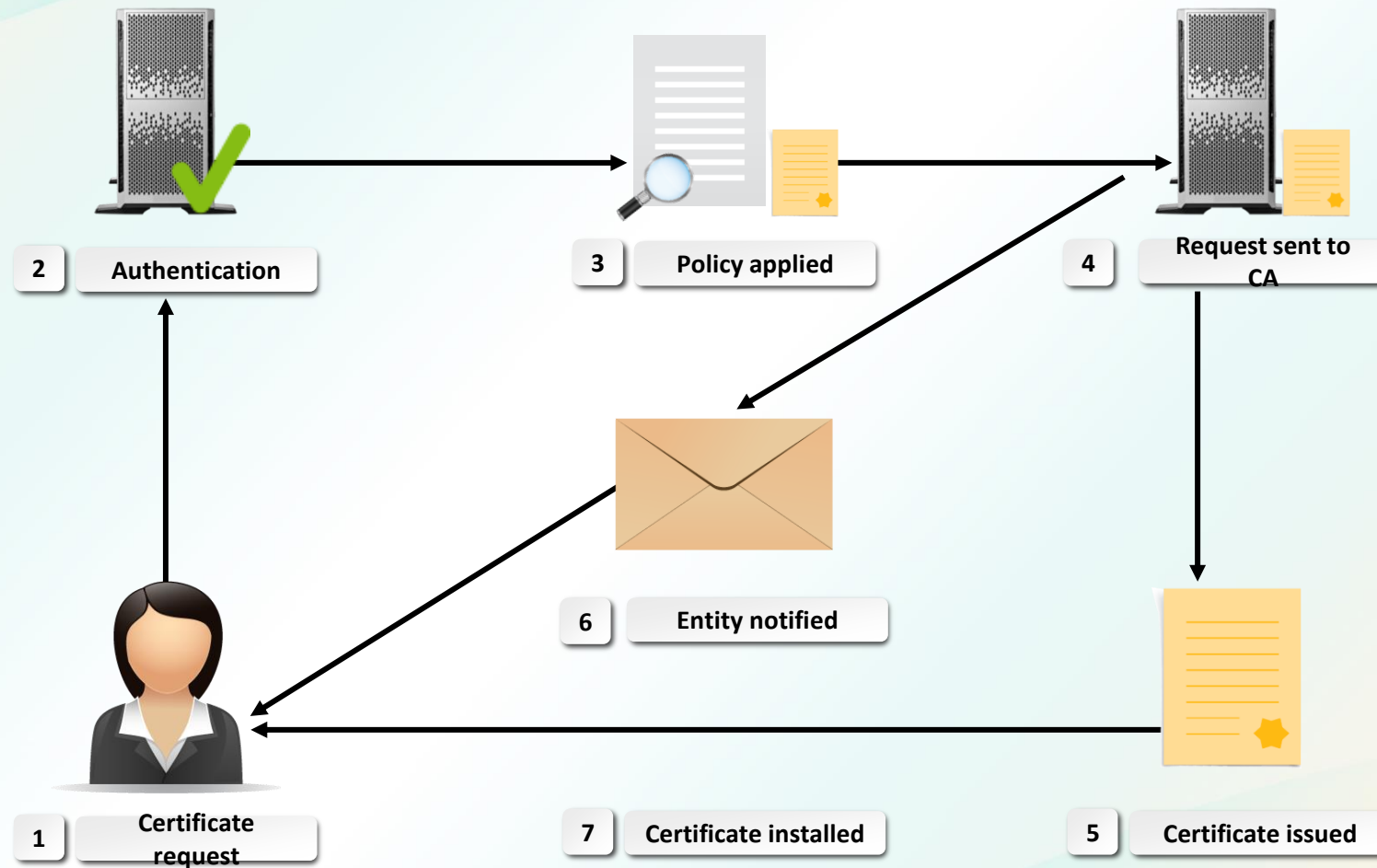
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