

Microsoft Entra ID Access Management Capabilities



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Overview



Role-based access control

Microsoft Entra Conditional Access

Security defaults in Microsoft Entra ID



Introduction to Role-based Access Control



Role-based Access Control



A role is a set of pre-packaged permissions for one or multiple applications

- Entra ID
- Microsoft 365
- Power Platform
- And more

Entra ID has multiple built in roles

- Users can be assigned one or more roles



The Global Administrator

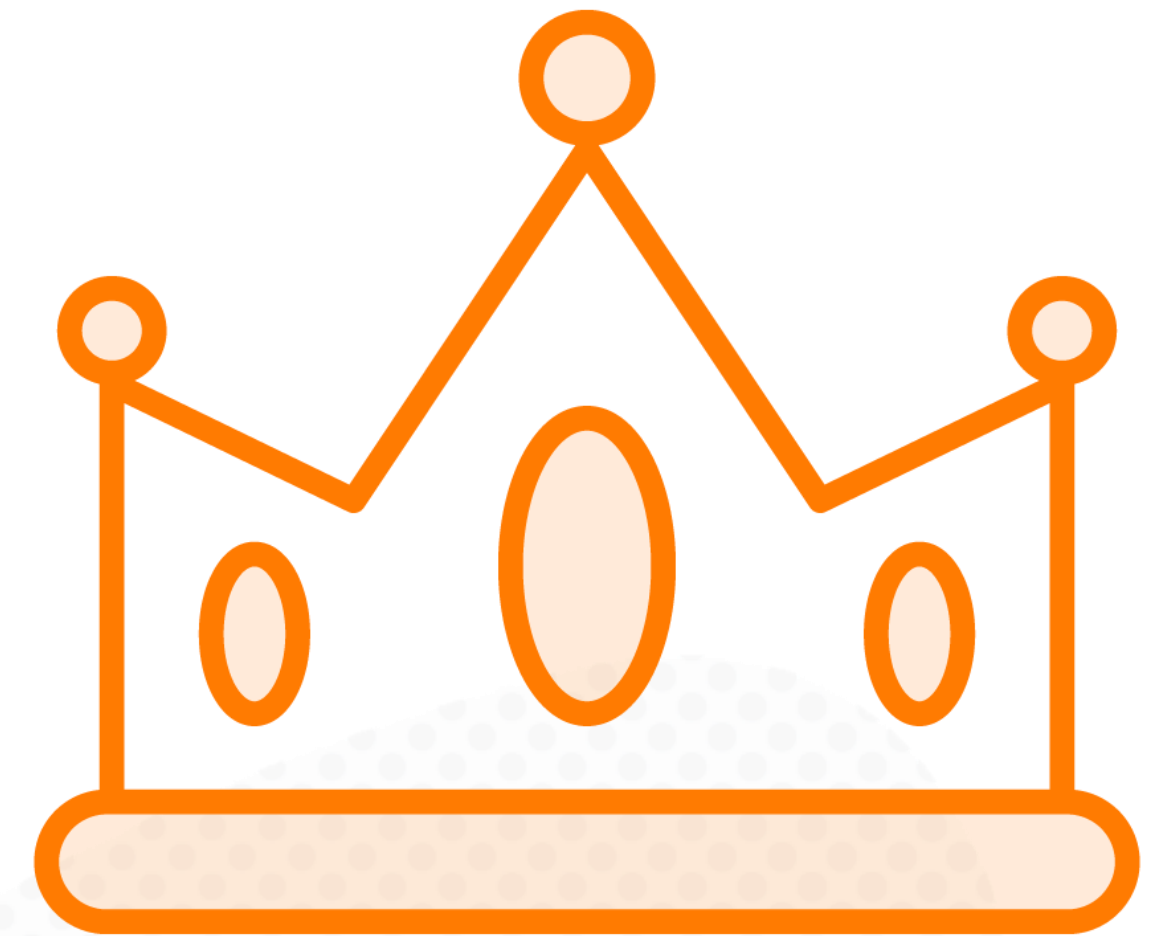
Global administrator has full control over the tenant

- Users
- Licenses
- Billing
- Etc.

Global admin doesn't give you access to content directly

- But gives you the ability to grant yourself access

Limit the number of administrators with this role



Application Administrative Roles

SharePoint admin

**Microsoft Teams
admin**

Exchange admin

**Power Platform
admin**

Search admin

Fabric admin



Multiple Roles per Application

Applications can have multiple roles

Microsoft Teams

- Teams service administrator
- Teams communication administrator
- Teams devices administrator

Microsoft Search

- Search admin
- Search editor



User and License Management Roles

**User
admin**

Resets user passwords, creates and manages users and groups, including filters, manages service requests, and monitors service health

**License
admin**

Assigns and removes licenses from users and edits their usage location

**Helpdesk
admin**

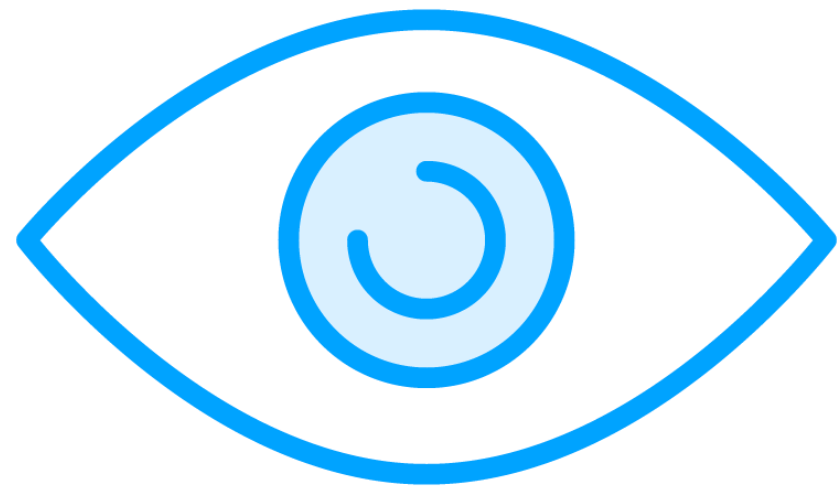
Reset password, force users to sign out, manage service requests, Monitor service health

**Billing
admin**

Makes purchases, manages subscriptions, manages service requests, and monitors service health



Multiple Reader Roles



Global reader

- Read access to everything in the tenant including admin centers

Message center reader

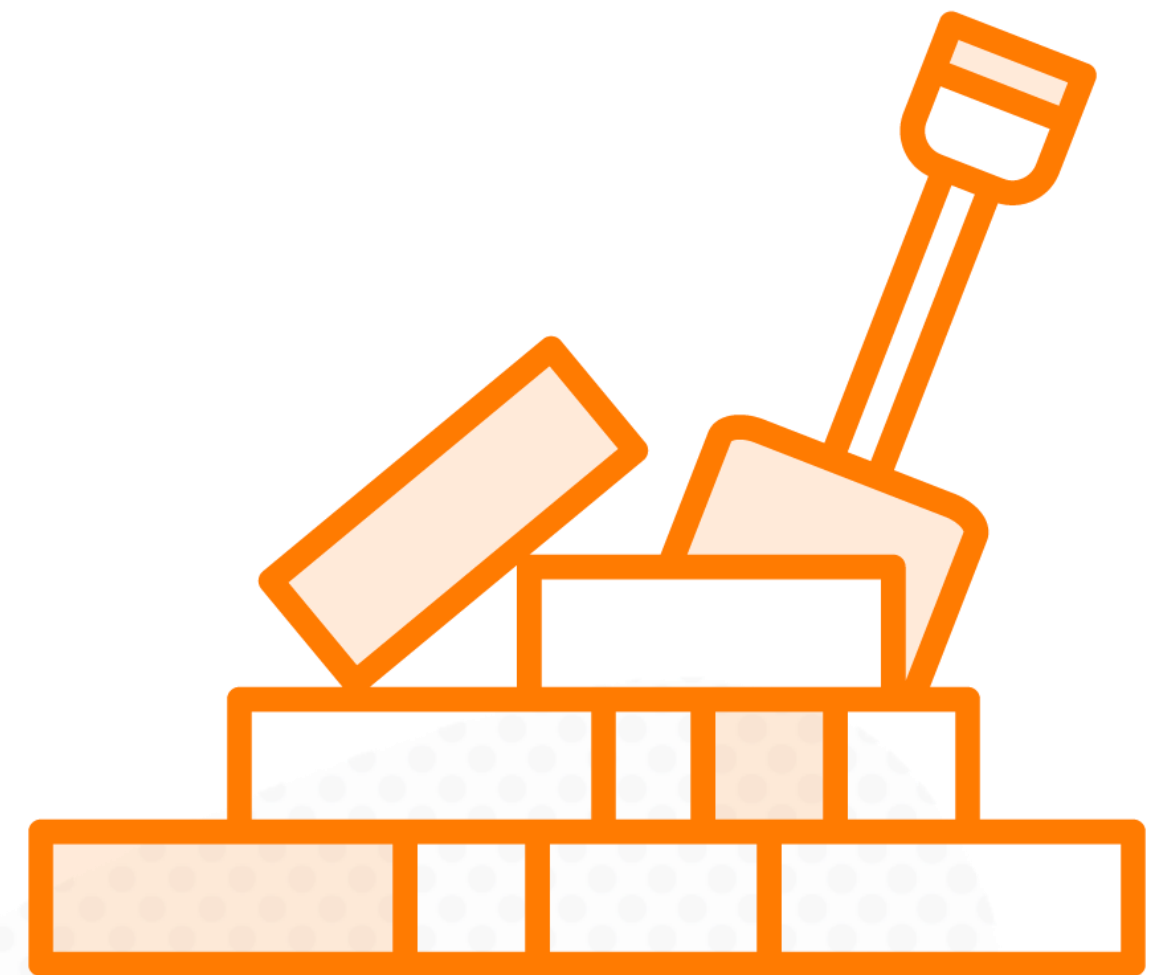
Security reader

Reports reader



Custom Roles

Entra ID allows you to create custom roles
Useful if pre-built roles don't meet needs of
the organization



Best Practices



Only grant the access user need

- Just Enough Access (JEA)
 - What's the least privileged role I can assign for this admin to do their job

Limit the number of global administrators

- Check your current global admins and see if any can be assigned less powerful roles





Microsoft Entra Built-in Roles

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/entra/identity/role-based-access-control/permissions-reference>



Demo



Overview of available roles

Analyzing role permissions





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Additional layer of security between authentication and authorization

Conditional access policies evaluate every access attempt and decide if

- Grant access
- Block access
- Require one or more conditions to be met
 - Require MFA
 - Require device to be marked as compliant

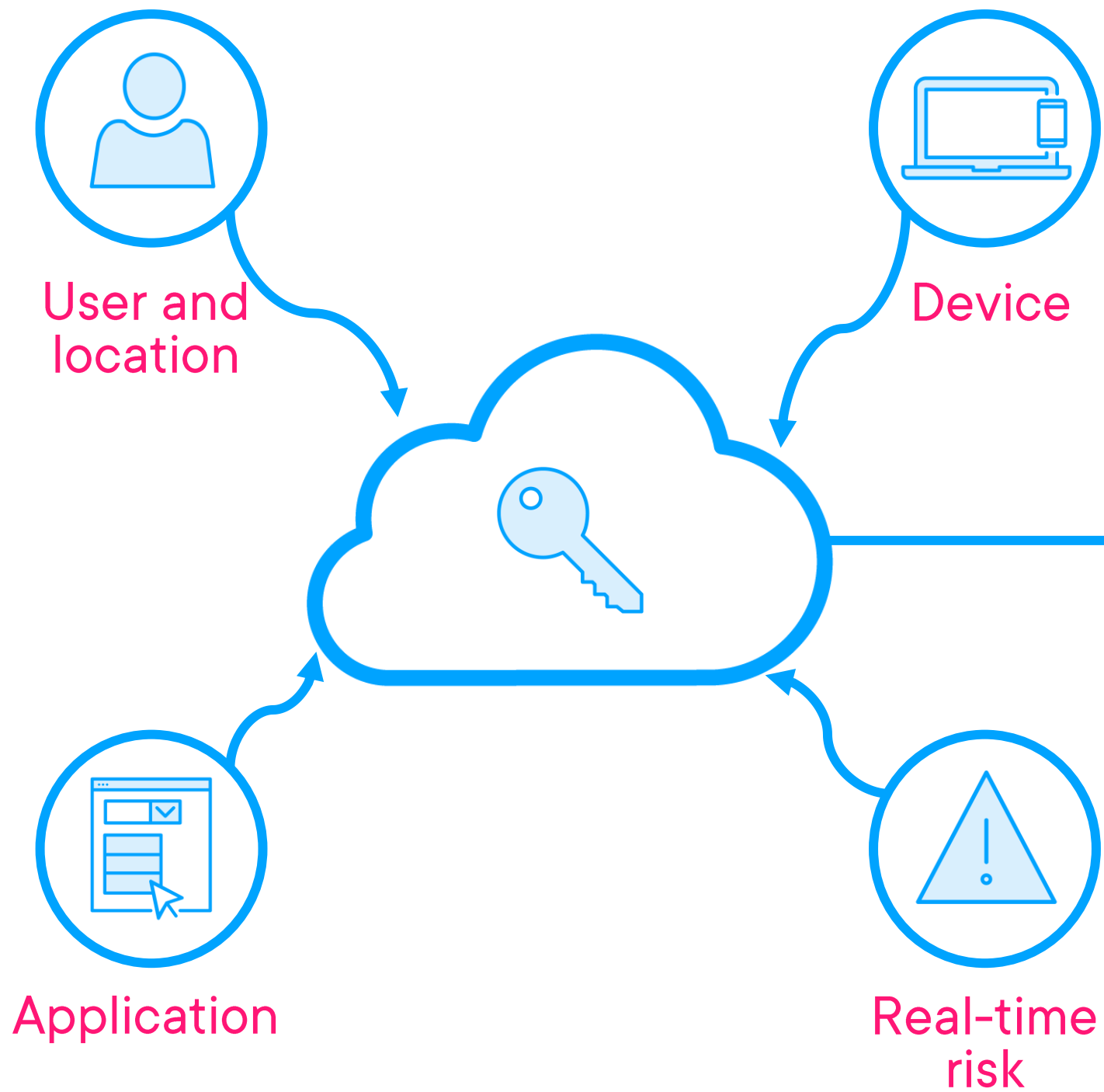
Conditional access is implemented through policies created by each organization

- Can be applied to users or applications

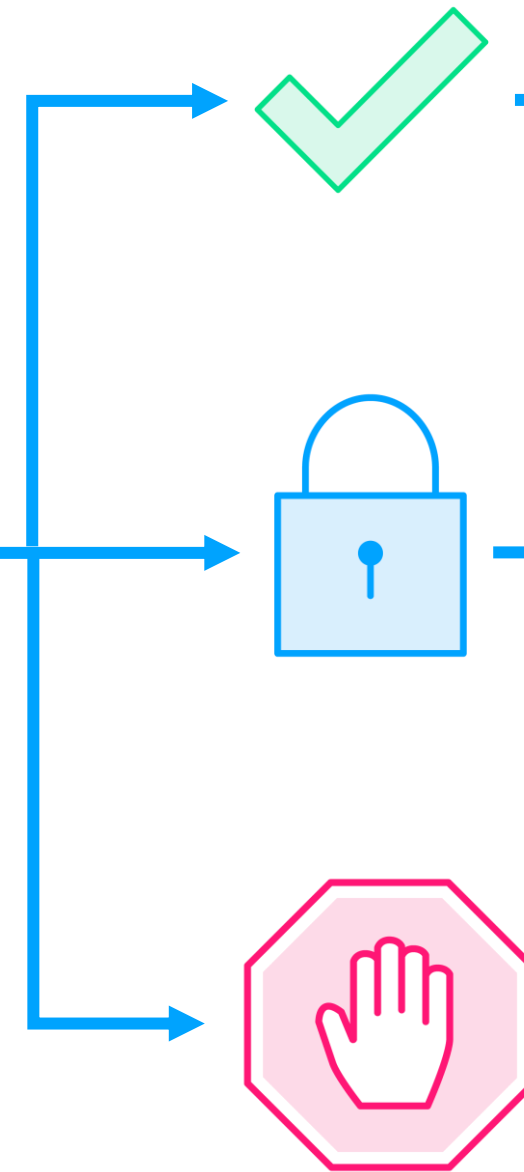


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Signals



Verify every access attempt

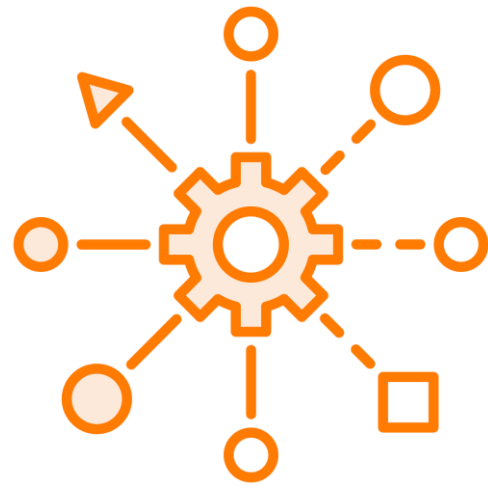


Apps and data

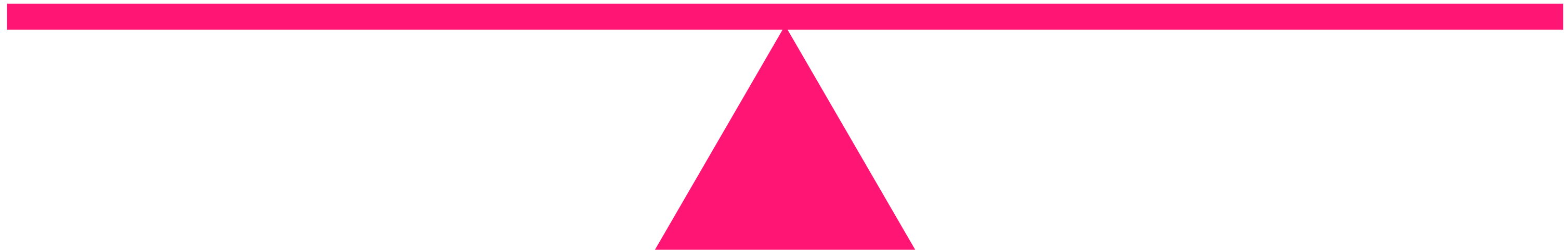


Conditional Access Allows You to Find a Balance

Productivity



Security



Conditional Access Signals

**User or group
membership**

Location
(Based on IP)

Device

Application

**Real-time sign-in risk
detection**

User risk



Example Conditional Access Policies



If a user wants to access SharePoint Online from a trusted network after authenticating on a compliant device

- Grant access

If a user wants to access a collaboration SharePoint site from an untrusted network

- Prompt MFA

Any user that logs in that has an administrative role

- Prompt MFA



Example Conditional Access Policies

A user authenticates at home on a managed device and trusted network and browses the intranet

- Allowed
 - Same user tries to access the SharePoint site where employee files are stored
 - Ask for MFA prompt

A user tries to access SharePoint Online from another country

- Block access



Demo



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Security Defaults



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Security defaults are an easy way to enable security mechanisms recommended by Microsoft

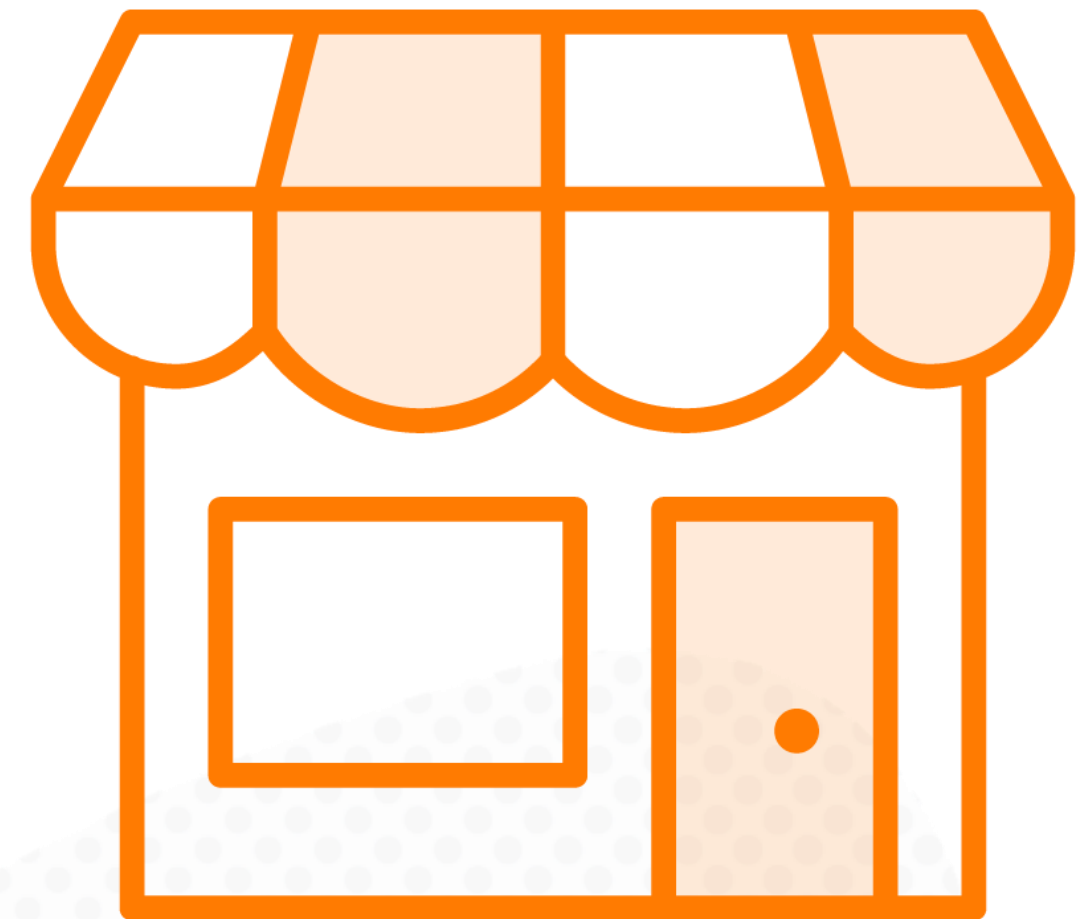
- Requiring all users to register for multi-factor authentication
- Requiring administrators to perform multi-factor authentication
- Blocking legacy authentication protocols
- Requiring users to perform multi-factor authentication when necessary
- Protecting privileged activities like access to the Azure portal



Who's It For?

Targeted at organizations that do not have premium Entra ID licenses or limited IT

Organizations with premium Entra ID licenses or advanced requirements should use Conditional Access



One click enable

Microsoft has already enabled them on newly created tenants

Most existing tenants will automatically get it unless they opt out

Enable Security defaults



Security defaults is a set of basic identity security mechanisms recommended by Microsoft. When enabled, these recommendations will be automatically enforced in your organization. Administrators and users will be better protected from common identity related attacks.

[Learn more](#)

Enable Security defaults

Yes

No



Module Conclusion



Role-based access control

- Pre-packaged permissions for one or multiple applications
- Multiple Entra ID and application roles
- Custom roles

Microsoft Entra Conditional Access

- Additional layer of security between authentication and authorization
- Helps you find balance between productivity and security

Security defaults

- One click experience to enable recommended security mechanisms
- Built for orgs without premium Entra ID



Up Next:

Microsoft Entra ID Identity Protection and Governance Capabilities

