

Identity and Access Management Solutions for Microsoft 365



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Overview



Identity concepts

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- Modern Authentication

Introduction to Microsoft Active Directory

- And Azure Active Directory!
- Hybrid identities

Azure Active Directory authentication methods

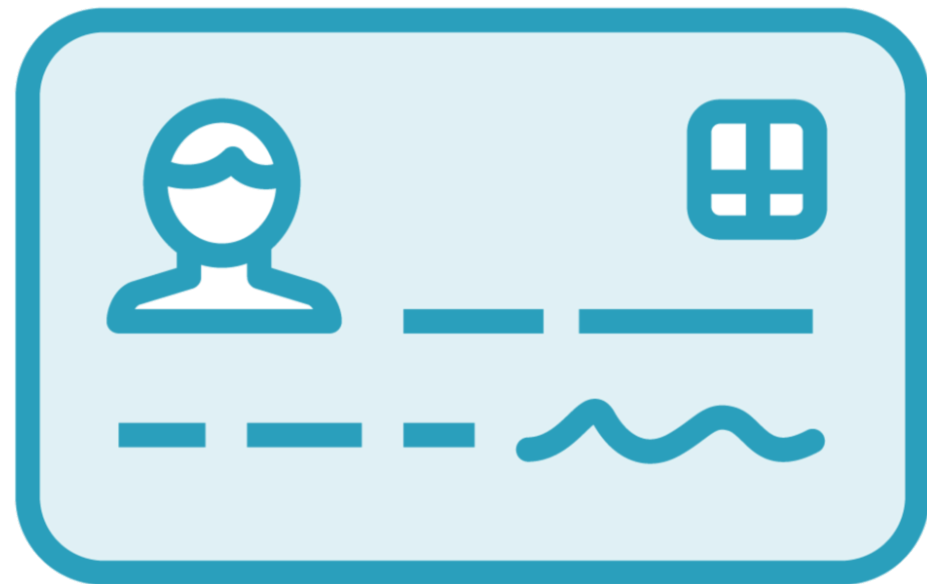
Conditional Access



Identity Concepts



Authentication and Authorization



Authentication and authorization are very different processes

Authentication is validating that users are whom they claim to be

Authorization is the process of giving the user permissions for a specific resource

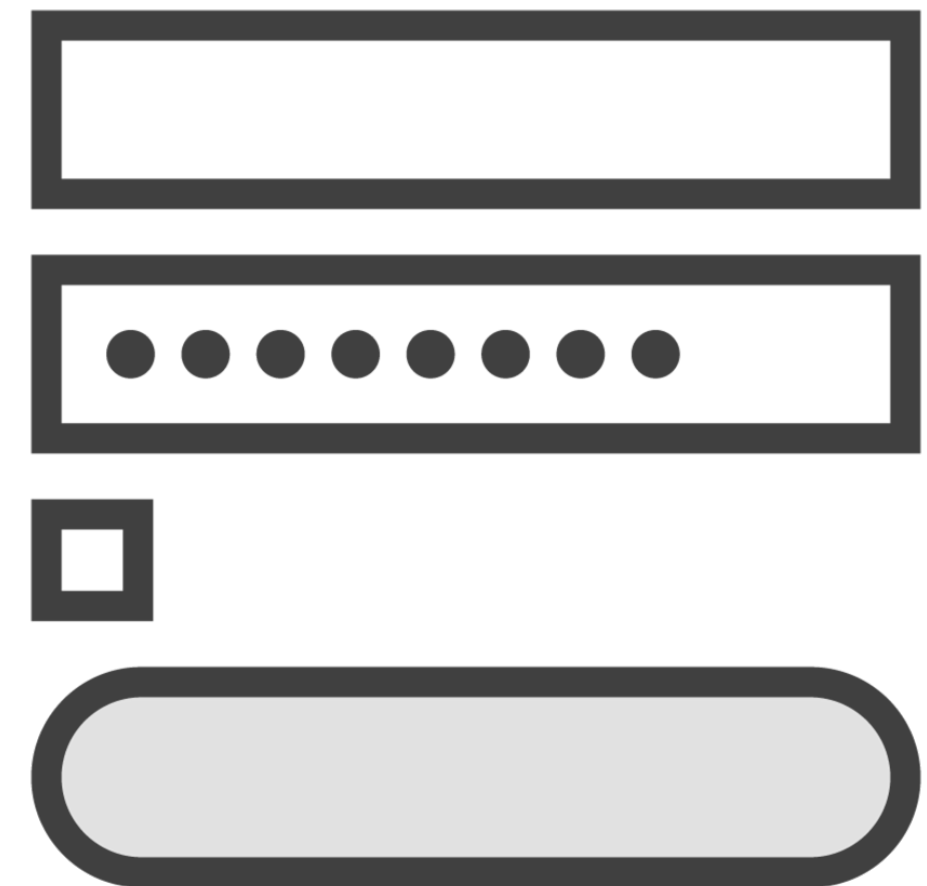
Authentication

Traditionally done by username and password

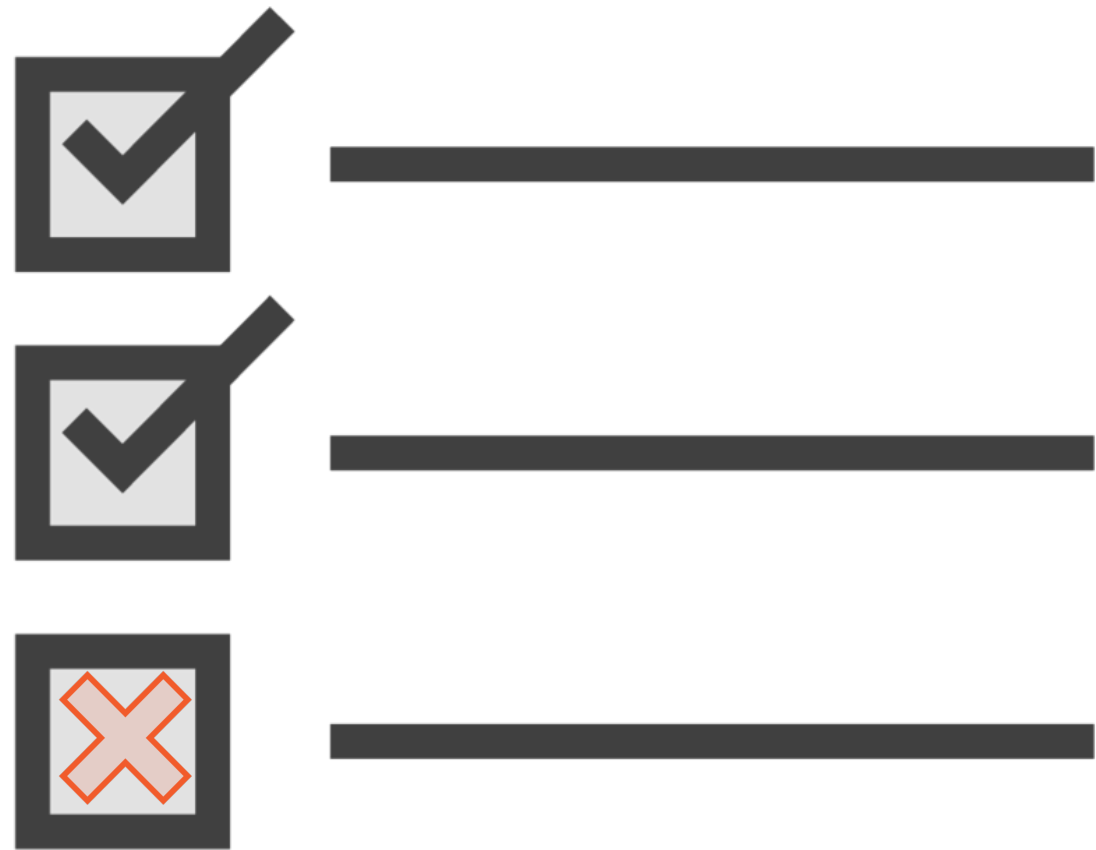
Single Factor Authentication

Authentication confirms you are who you say you are

Authentication is always done before authorization



Authorization



Determines what permissions you have



Authentication and Authorization



Authentication
Confirms users are who
they say they are



Authorization
Checks if users are
allowed to access a
resource

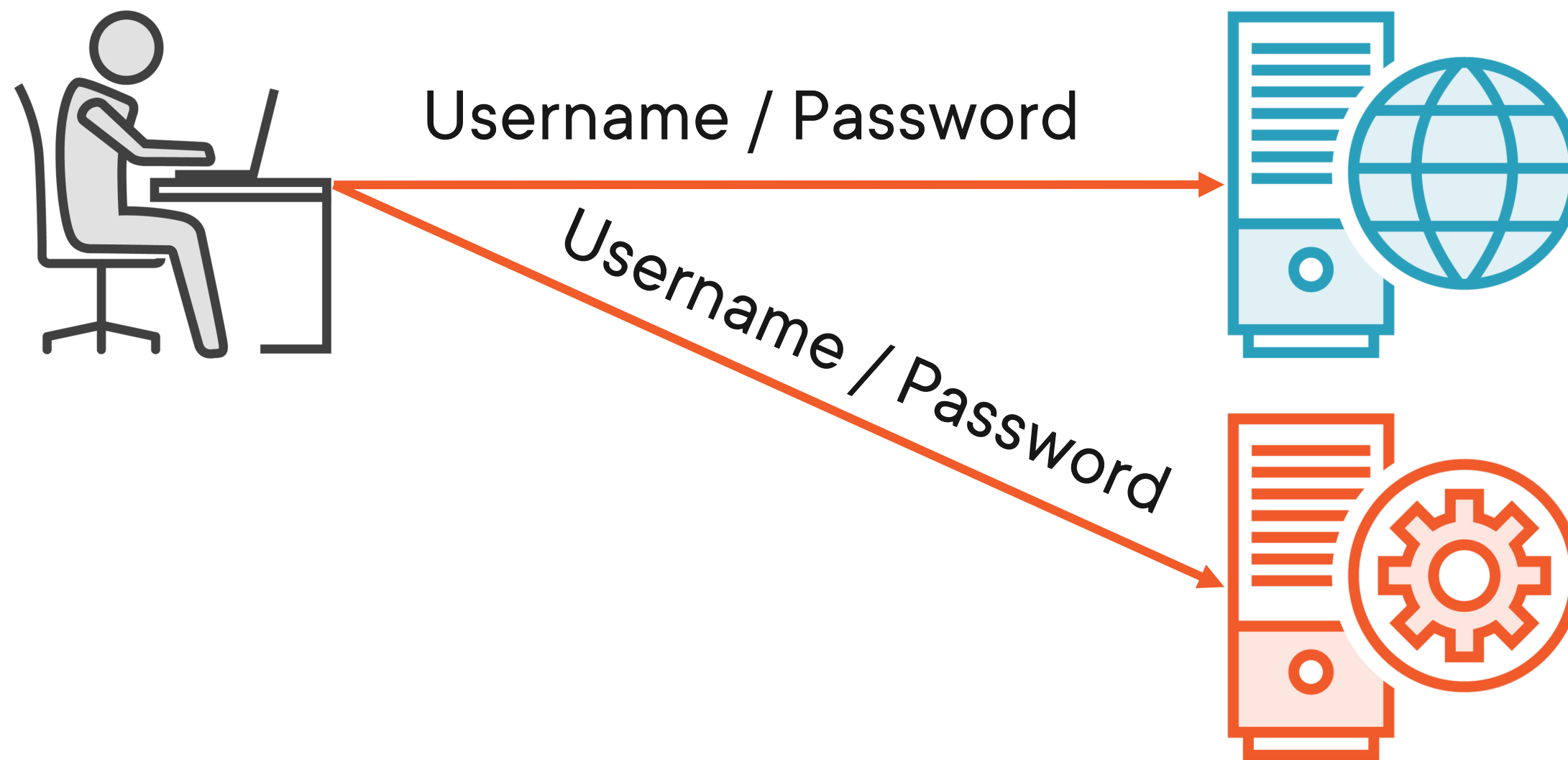


Modern Authentication

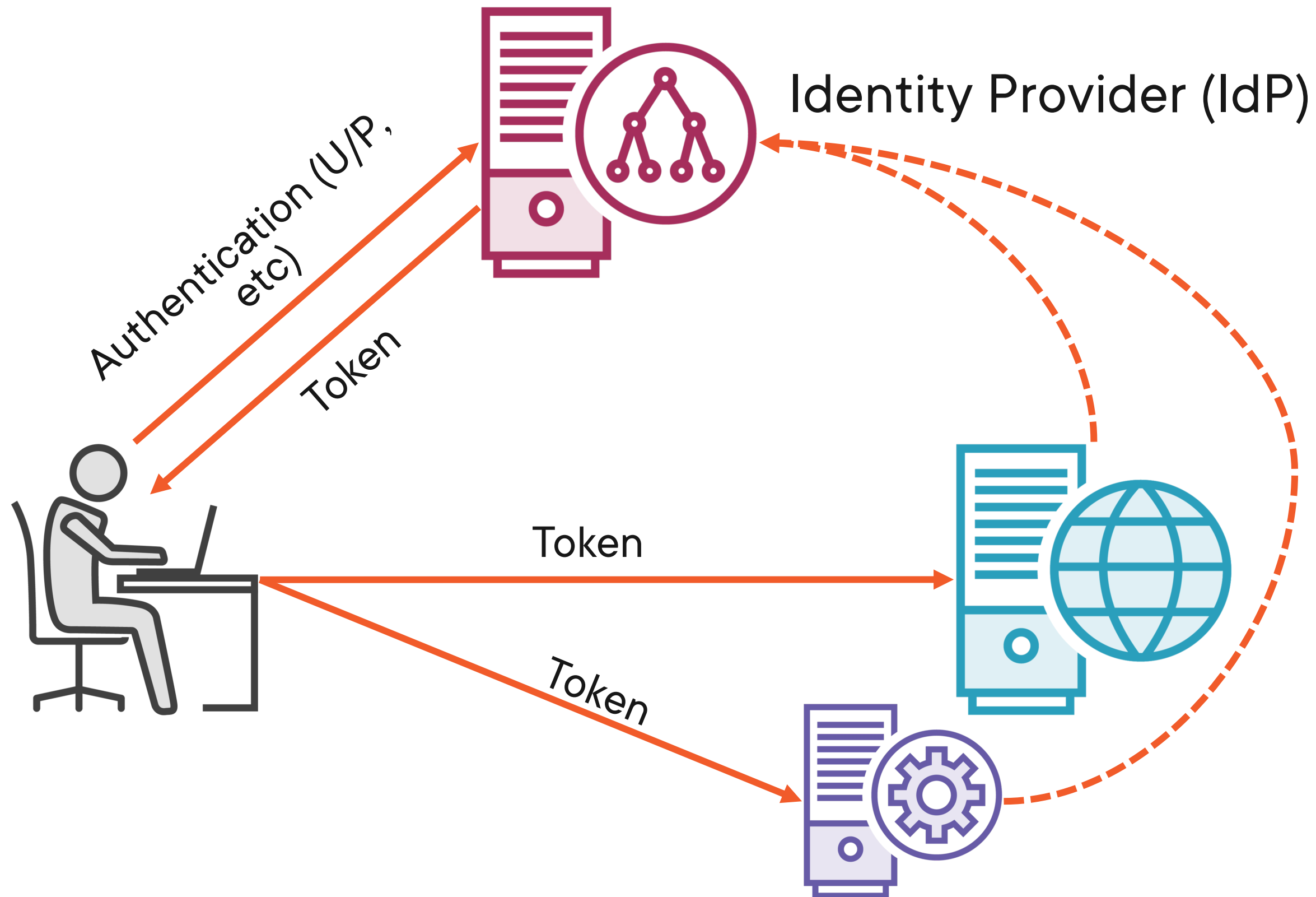
Modern Authentication is a Microsoft umbrella term for authentication & authorization methods between client and server



Before Modern Authentication



Modern Authentication



The Identity Provider



The Identity Provider is at the center of modern authentication

An Identity Provider offers authentication, authorization, and auditing services

A modern Identity Provider offers Single Sign On (SSO)



Introduction to Microsoft Active Directory



Introduction to Directory Services



Customizable information store

Functions as a single point where users can locate resources across the network

Users & Groups

Devices

Printers

& more

Single point for administrators to manage all those objects



Active Directory Domain Services (AD DS)

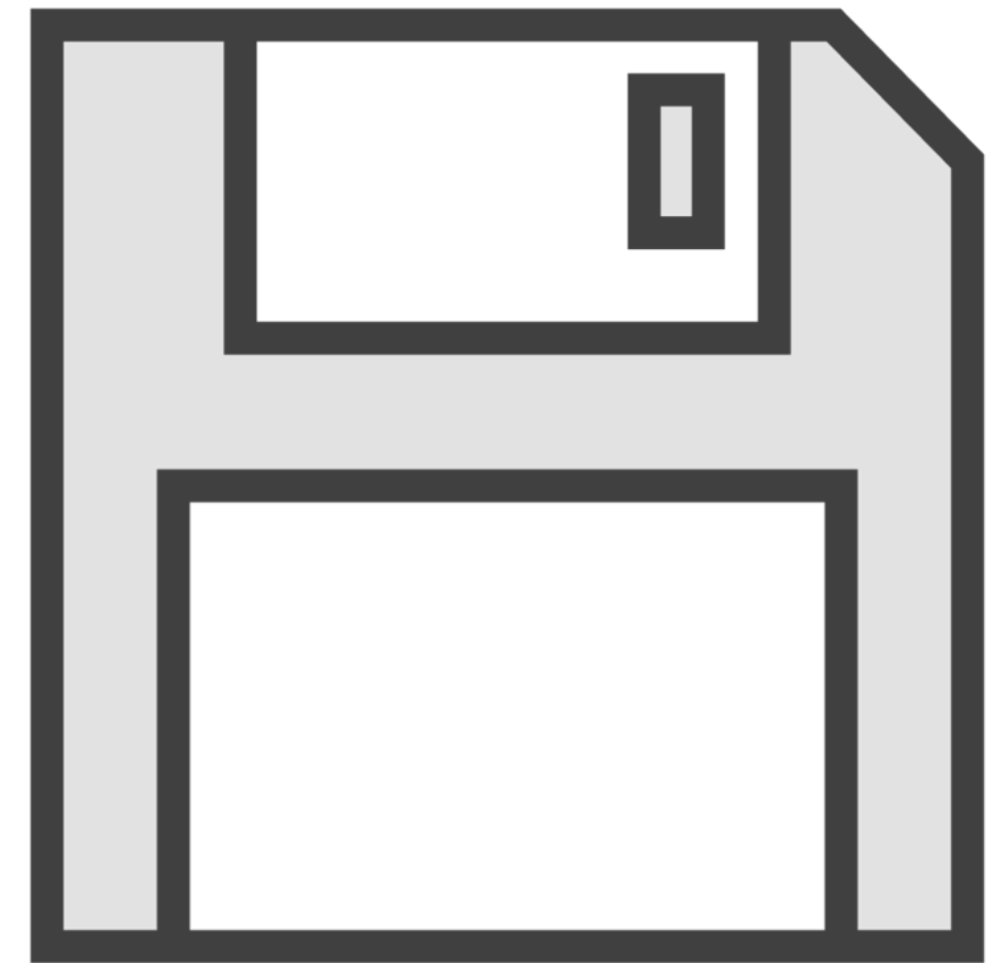
AD DS Introduced by Microsoft with Windows 2000

For On-Premises Networks

Central component in organizations with on-premises IT Infrastructure

Azure Active Directory is the next evolution of Microsoft identity solutions

Cloud based



Azure Active Directory (Azure AD)



Microsoft's cloud-based identity and access management service

- Part of the Microsoft Entra suite of services

Provide a single identity system for cloud and on-premises applications

- Internal and external users

Each Microsoft cloud subscription uses Azure AD

- Microsoft 365 / Office 365
- Azure
- Dynamics 365



Azure AD Identities

Users

Groups

**Service Principals
(Applications)**

Managed Identities

Devices



A Note on Licensing

Azure AD has multiple licensing tiers / editions

Some features we will talk about require premium licensing

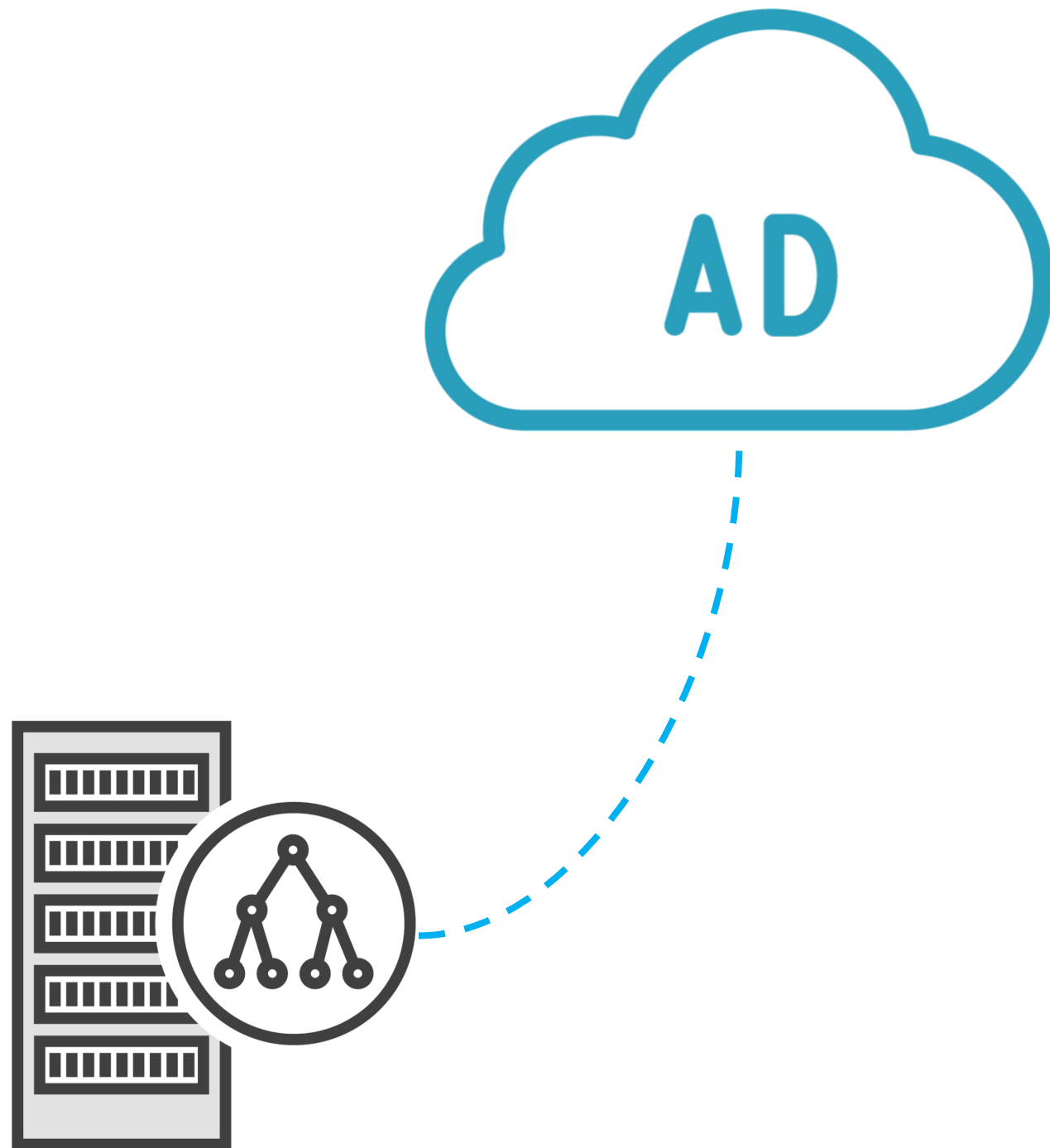
Licensing always changes

Make sure to always check the latest information

<https://azure.microsoft.com/en-ca/pricing/details/active-directory/>



Hybrid Identities

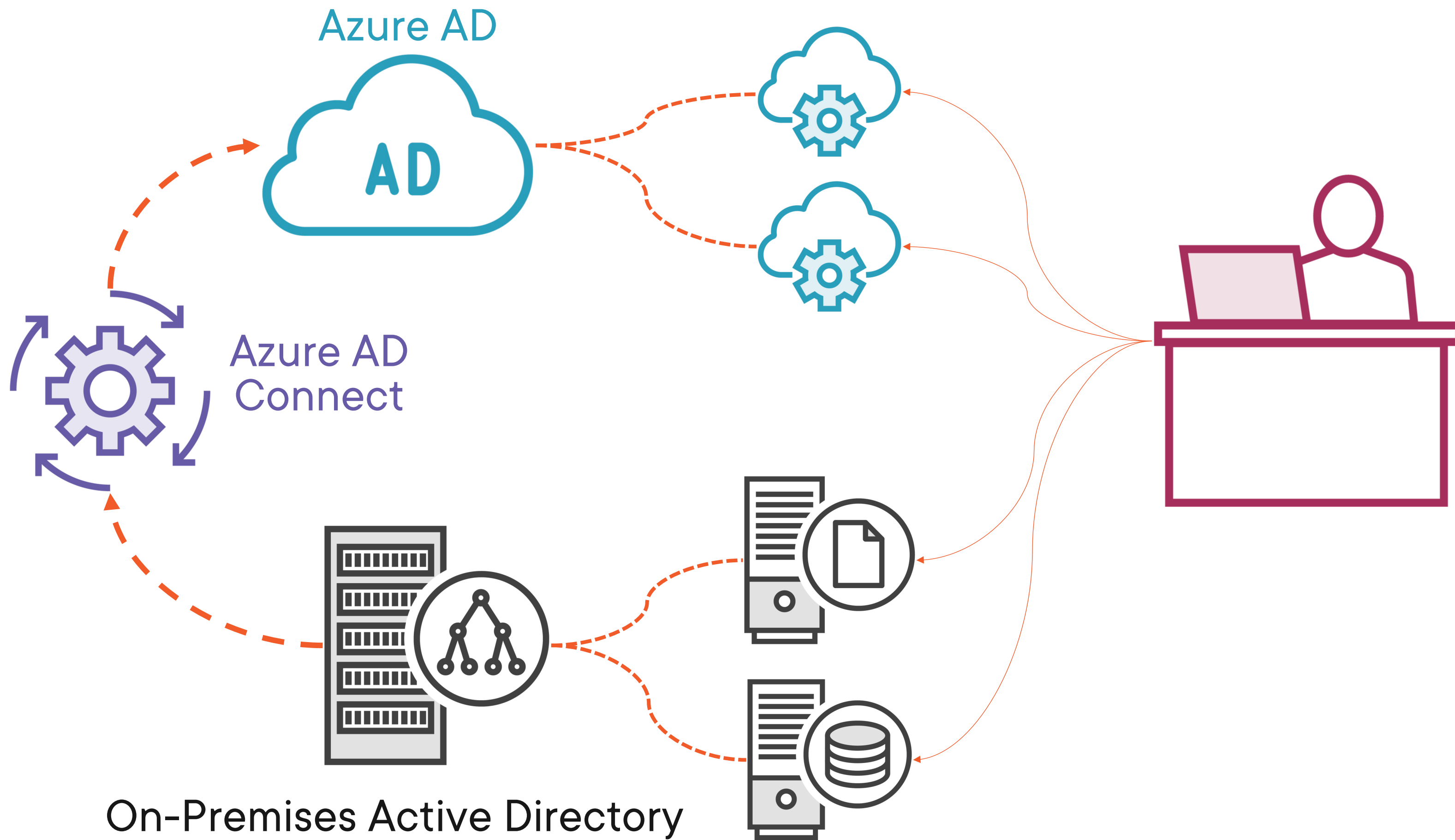


Most enterprises started with an on-premises infrastructure

- **And used Active Directory Domain Services**
- **Most enterprises still have an on-premises infrastructure**
 - **File Shares**
 - **Collaboration (Ex: SharePoint Server)**
 - **Line of Business Applications**



Hybrid Identities – High Level



Hybrid Identity User

 **Alex West** | Profile ...
User

<< [View](#) [Save](#) [Discard](#) | [Got feedback?](#)

[Diagnose and solve problems](#)

Manage

- [Profile](#)
- [Assigned roles](#)
- [Administrative units](#)
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Activity

- [Sign-ins](#)
- [Audit logs](#)

Troubleshooting + Support

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Creation time

4/26/2016, 12:15:28 AM

[User Sign-ins](#)

Group memberships

4

Mar 21 Mar 28 Apr 4 Apr 11 Apr 18

Identity

Name

Alex West

User Principal Name

alex.west@globomantics.org

Object ID

efd8f078-875e-4c91-ae89-db083bfb5ad2

First name

Alex

User type

Member

Source

[Windows Server AD](#)

Last name

West

[Manage B2B collaboration](#)

Job info

Job title

Marketing Intern

Company name

Department

Marketing

Employee ID

Manager

John Smith



Terminology

Accounts that only exist in Azure AD

Cloud-Only

Cloud-Sourced

Cloud-Mastered

Accounts that are synced from On-Prem

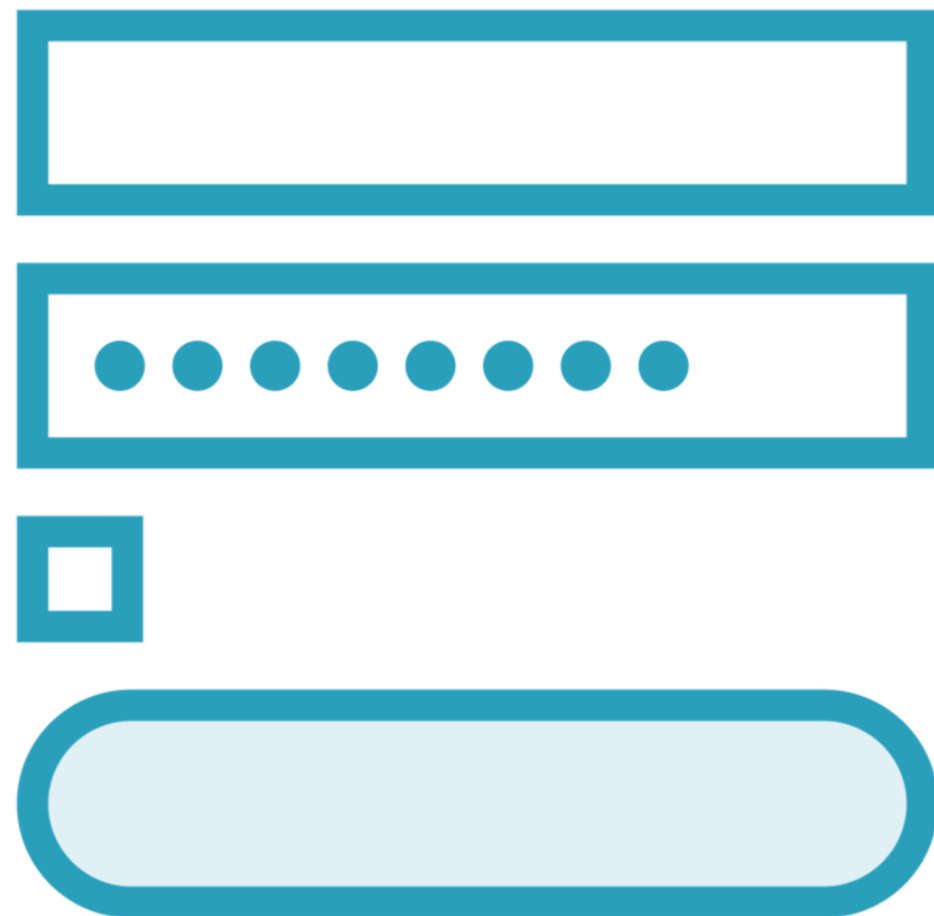
Directory synchronized user



Azure AD Authentication Methods



Authentication



Authentication is the process of verifying an identity to be legitimate

Traditionally we have used passwords

- Passwords are not perfect**
 - Users re-use passwords across services**
 - Good passwords are difficult to remember**
 - Decreasing productivity**



Some Statistics around Passwords

80%

Of data breaches in 2019 were caused by password compromise

<https://enterprise.verizon.com/resources/reports/dbir/>

65%

Of people reuse passwords across multiple sites

https://services.google.com/fh/files/blogs/google_security_infographic.pdf

13%

Of people use the same password for all passworded accounts and devices

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Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)



MFA requires more than one form of verification

- **Something you know (Ex: password)**
- **Something you have (phone, hardware key)**
- **Something you are (biometrics)**

Microsoft studies show that enabling MFA can reduce the risk of identity compromise by as much as 99.9%*

This is always the first thing to enable in order to provide greater protection to user identities



Supported forms of additional verification

Microsoft authenticator app

OATH Hardware token

SMS

Voice Call

Administrators can disable certain methods

SMS / Voice Call are considered the least secure MFA methods

But still way better than no MFA!

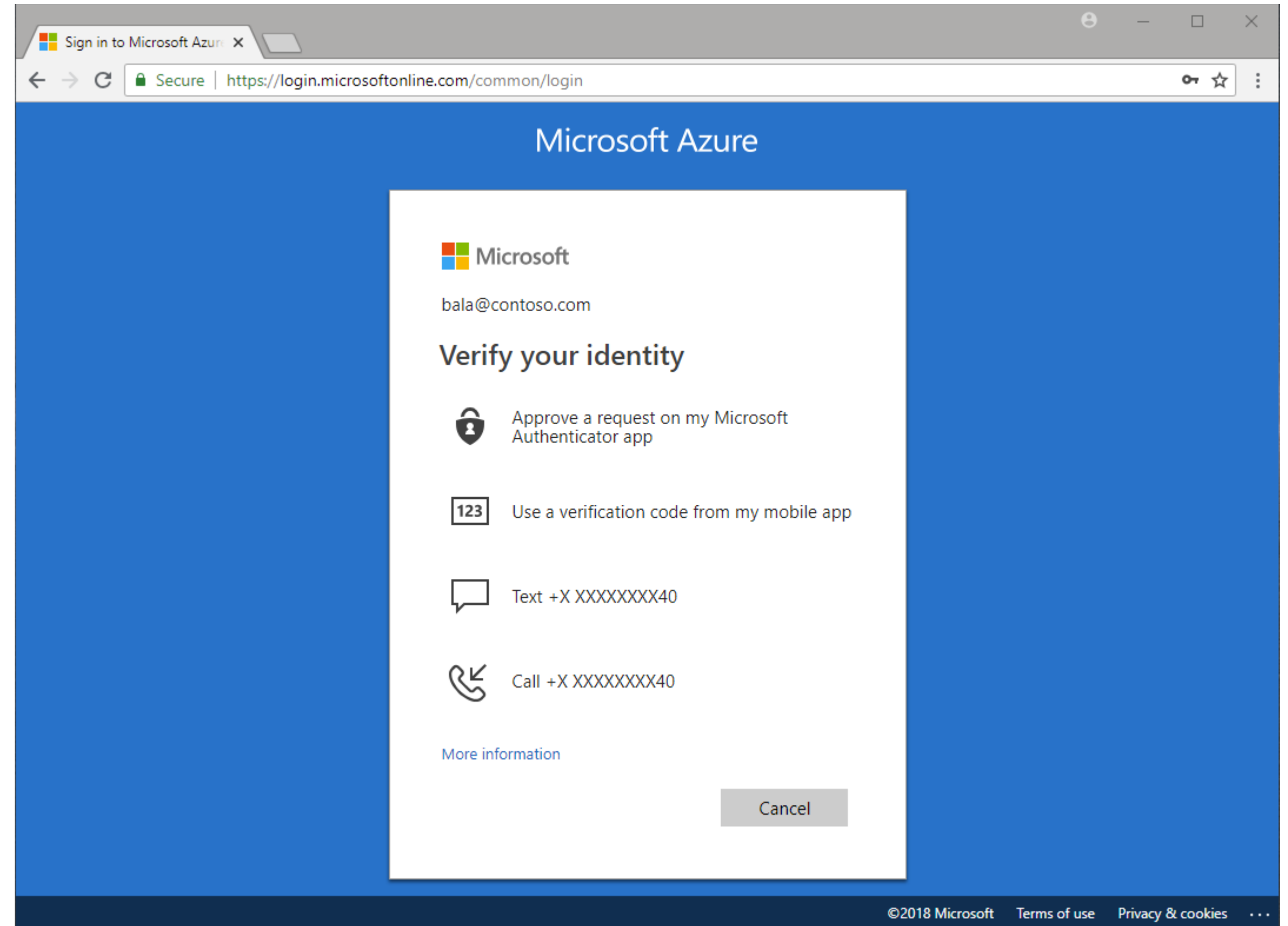


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<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/active-directory/authentication/concept-mfa-howitworks>



Passwordless



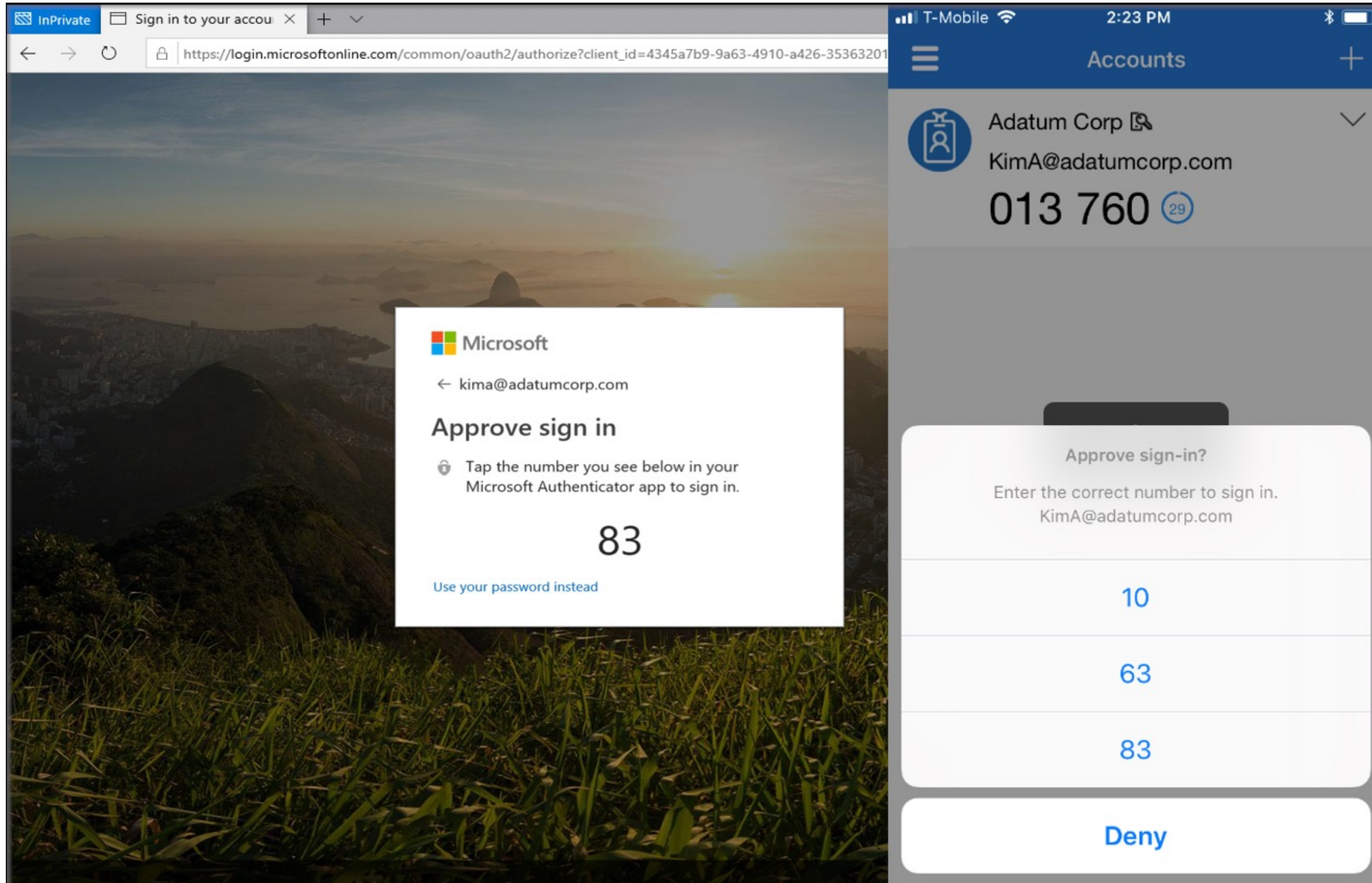
Based on something you are

- **Rather than something you know**

Passwordless options

- **Microsoft Authenticator Fingerprint Scan**
- **FIDO2 Security Key**
- **Windows Hello**

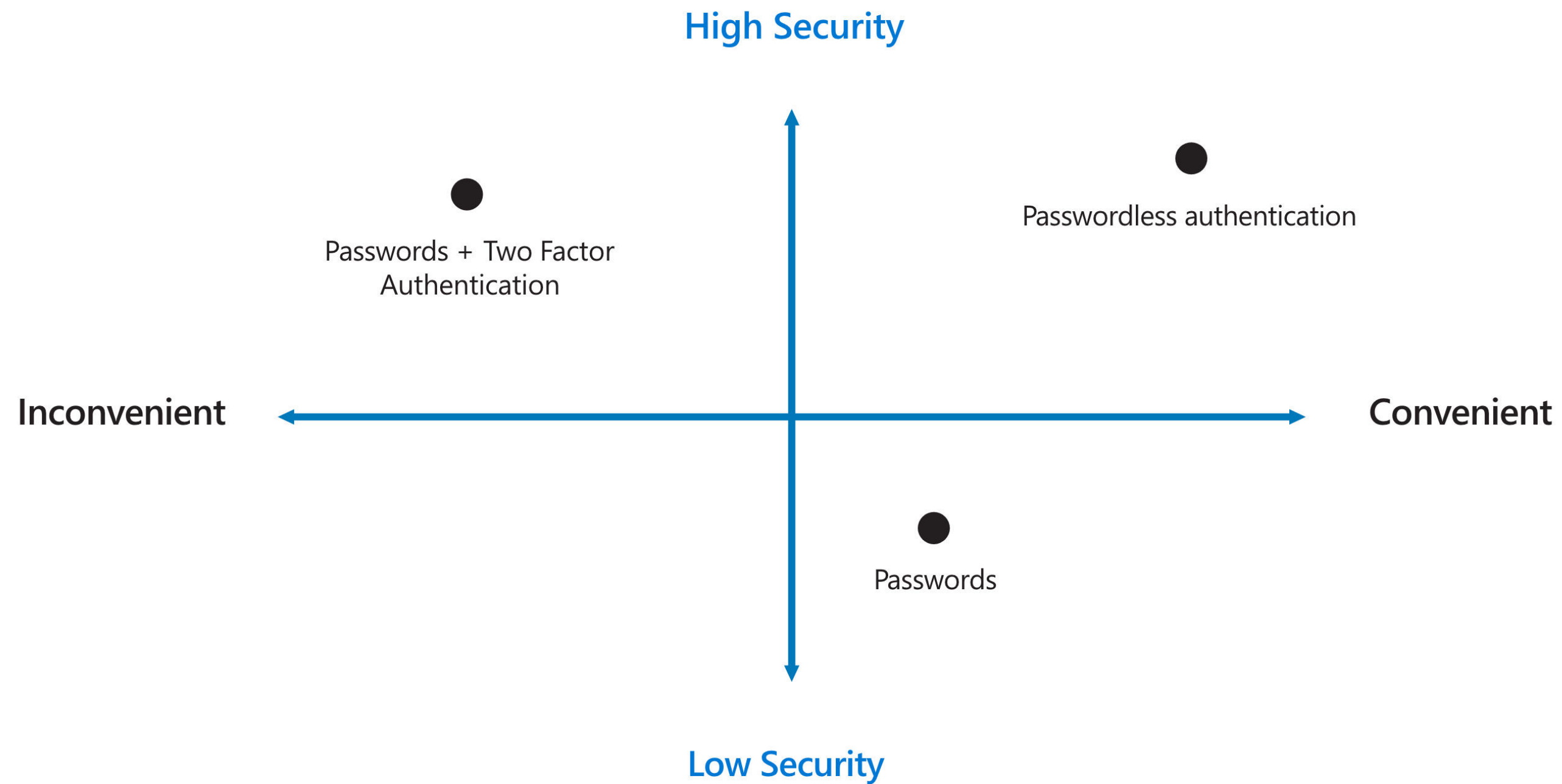
Passwordless Prompt



<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/active-directory/authentication/howto-authentication-passwordless-phone>



Passwordless as Positioned by Microsoft



Demo



Multi Factor Authentication

Passwordless Authentication



Conditional Access



Azure AD Conditional Access



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**

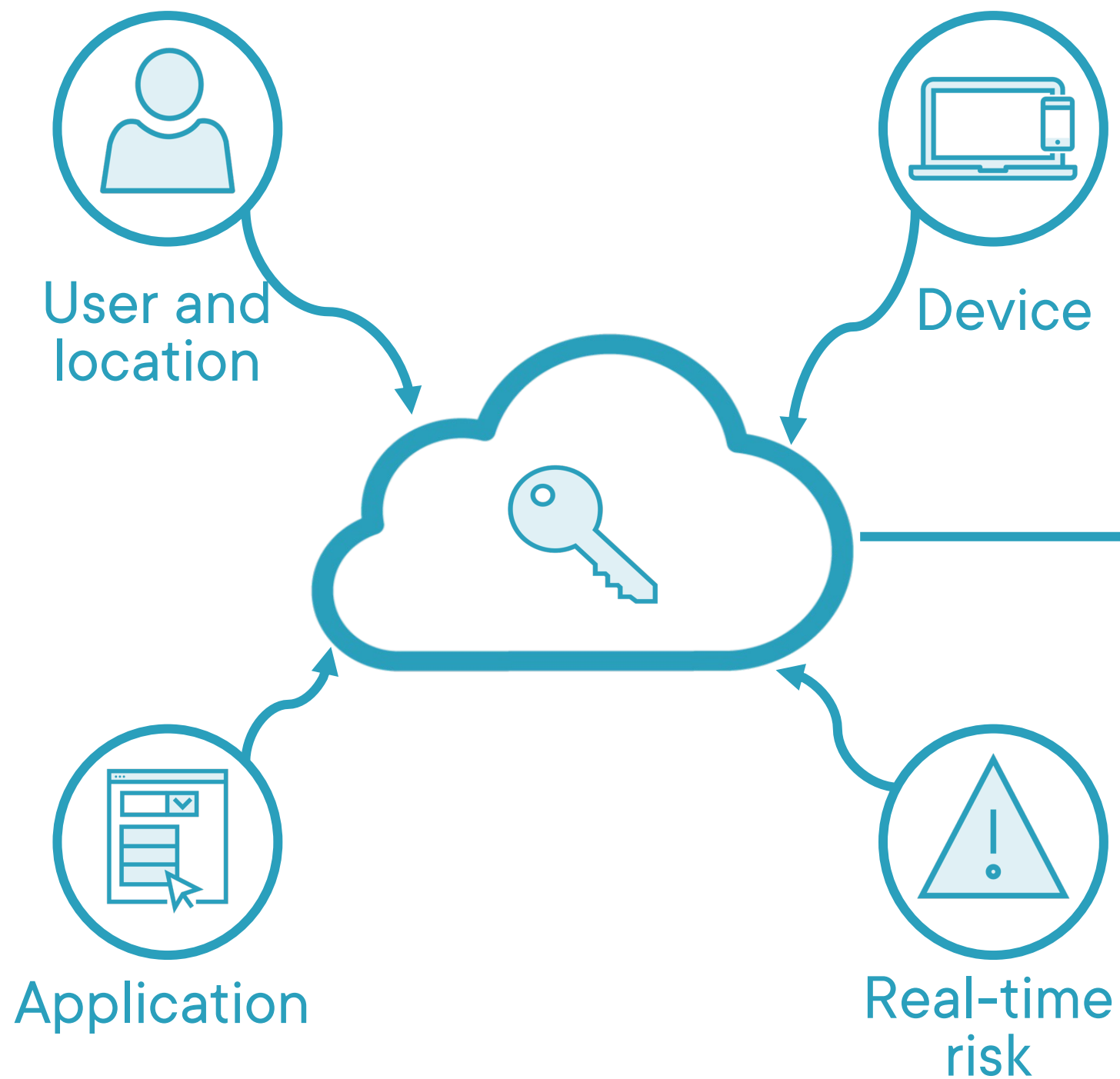
Conditional access is implemented through policies created by each organization

- **Can be applied to users or applications**

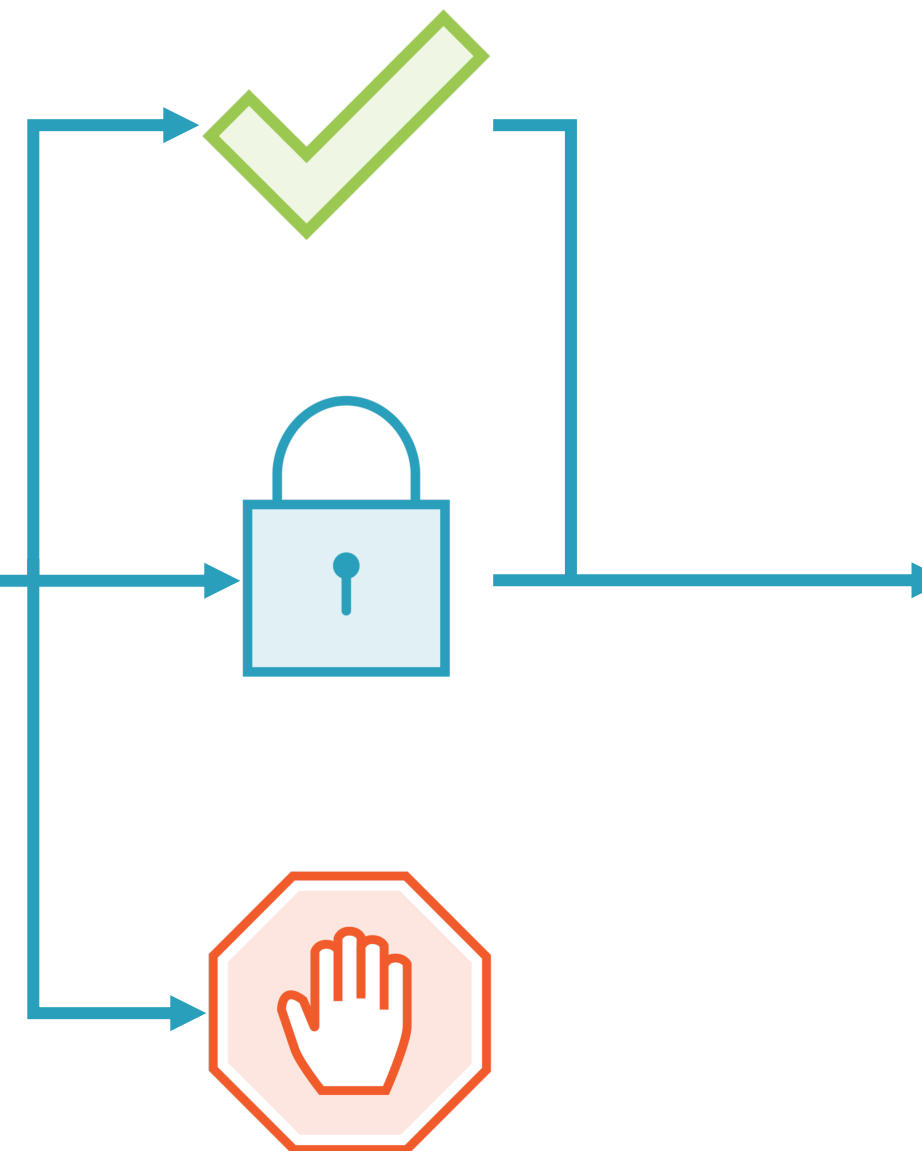


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Signals



Verify every access attempt

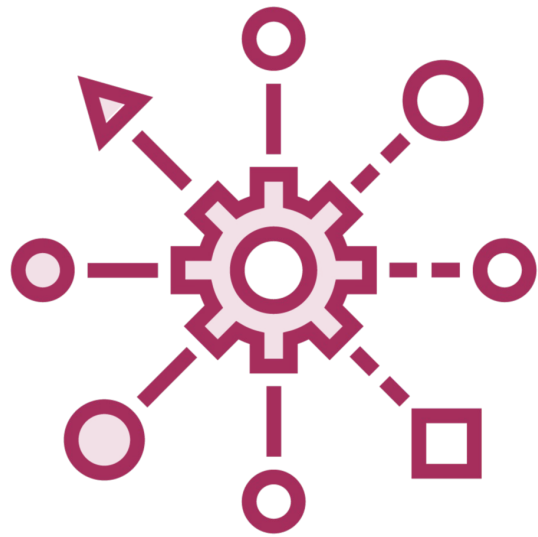


Apps and data



Conditional Access Allows You to Find a Balance

Productivity



Security



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 mangled device and trusted network and browses the intranet

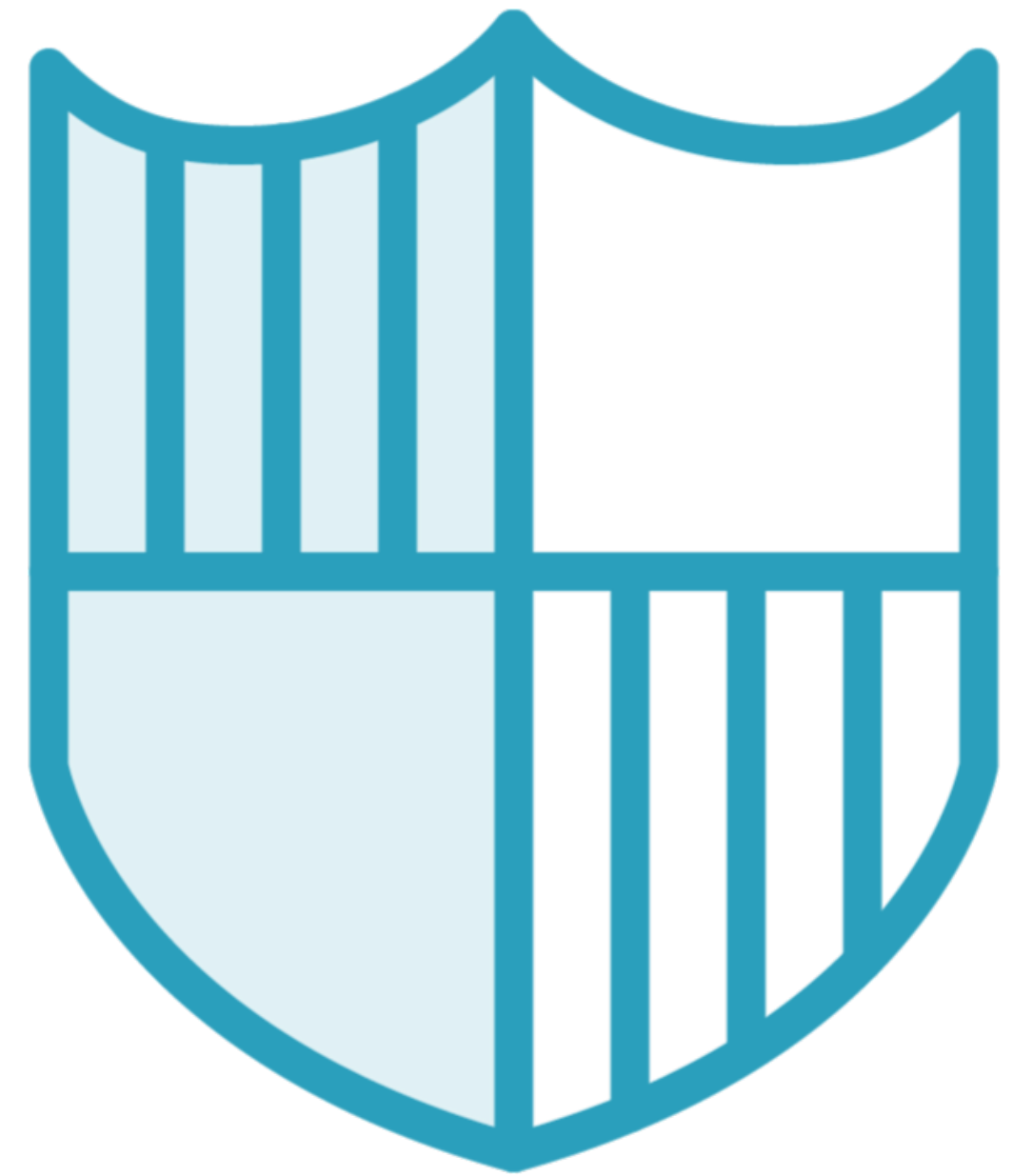
- Allowed

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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