

Multi-Factor Authentication & Zero Trust

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 Bridge between board-level strategies and technical solutions

- MFA Foundations
- Moving To 6 Factor Authentication
- Conditional & Continuous Authentication
- Stop Using SMS for MFA
- MFA & Zero Trust
- MFA Futures
- Q&A

Why We Care About MFA

Privilege Misuse		
Denial of Service		
Crimeware		
Lost and Stolen Assets	1,000+ USdata	190 days on average
Web Applications	breaches yearly	to detect a data breach
Miscellaneous Errors		
Everything Else		
Cyber-Espionage	80% of breaches	81% of breaches start
Point of Sale	account being exploited	with either stolen and / or weak passwords
Payment Card Skimmers		
•	Username & Passwords	
Incidents From Verizon 2019 Data Breach Report	Are Not Good Enough	

From Verizon 2019 Data Breach Report

Thesis

- Multi-Factor Authentication is gaining traction as a best practice for enterprise security programs.
- It is based on the premise that traditional, single factor authentication schemes (like IDs and passwords) are relatively easy to break
- MFA is one of the cornerstones of IAM infrastructure.



Business Drivers for MFA

Business Facilitation

 the need to improve interoperability and efficiency through interconnected systems to support employees, affiliates, business partners and customers

• Enhancing User Experience

 simplifying the process of authentication and letting the end user not have to remember another password

Cost Containment

- planning to reduce the cost of management of multiple disparate authentication systems and processes
- Security Effectiveness and IT Risk Management
 - improving the level of assurance that maps to an identity for appropriate authentication
- Support Administrative and End-user Efficiency and Effectiveness
 - consolidating the authentication infrastructure and better defining and reducing the number of access points

MFA In the IAM Reference Architecture



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Level of Authentication is Based On Risk

Privileged Access Management (PAM) focuses on securing access to high value systems and data



Balancing MFA Requirements

 MFA must be deployed with a well-thought-out strategy that weighs the risks, costs and usability



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MFA In Conditional Authentication Pattern



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SMS is not Secure

The US Department of Homeland Security recommends that government agencies and enterprises stop using SMS for sensitive communication.

SMS Vulnerabilities

No Encryption – SMS messages are sent as clear text that is readable by anyone on the sender's carrier network, anyone on the carrier-interchange network, and anyone on the recipient's carrier network.

SMS Hijacking – Organized crime and hackers may motivate international mobile network operator employees to mis-direct SMS messages

SIM Swapping Exposure – The Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) inside a smartphone is used to uniquely identify its owner. Criminals who gather details about a victim such as their mobile phone number can get a wireless network company to transfer a phone number to a new phone for a short period of time.

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Microsoft Zero Trust Architecture



Zero Trust Hybrid/Multi-Cloud



Zero Trust provides a 1:1 mapping of users, devices, services, applications, and data

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Evolution of Identity



Great IAM is the foundation of great security

What is Decentralized Identity?

- Potentially reducing the hundreds of IDs/passwords often maintained today
- Move from BYOD to BYOI, to Decentralized (AKA Self-Sovereign) Identity
- Identity control by identity owner like in the physical world
- Peer-to-peer (no 3d party)
- Integrity of the identity record can be verified via blockchain
- Stronger authentication via digitally signed, verifiable credentials
- Better privacy by limiting non-essential verification data
- Requires the development of an underlying ecosystem
- Significant investment by Microsoft, IBM and several early stage companies



Decentralized Identity



Enterprises should be evaluating Decentralized Identity as part of their future-state IAM portfolio. There is a real opportunity to solve key security, privacy and usability challenge across the Internet in a "game changing" way.

Key Take-Aways

- 1) Identity using MFA will be the cornerstone of enterprise and government security
- 2) The industry is moving from a 3-tier authentication model (something you know, have, are) to a 6-tier (adds location, time, context/history)
- 3) Avoid using SMS for highly-secure MFA
- 4) Decentralized identity and authentication without passwords is worth looking into





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