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Secure Access Made Easy!

Single Sign-On, Multi-Factor Authentication and Passwordless Solutions

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Who am I?

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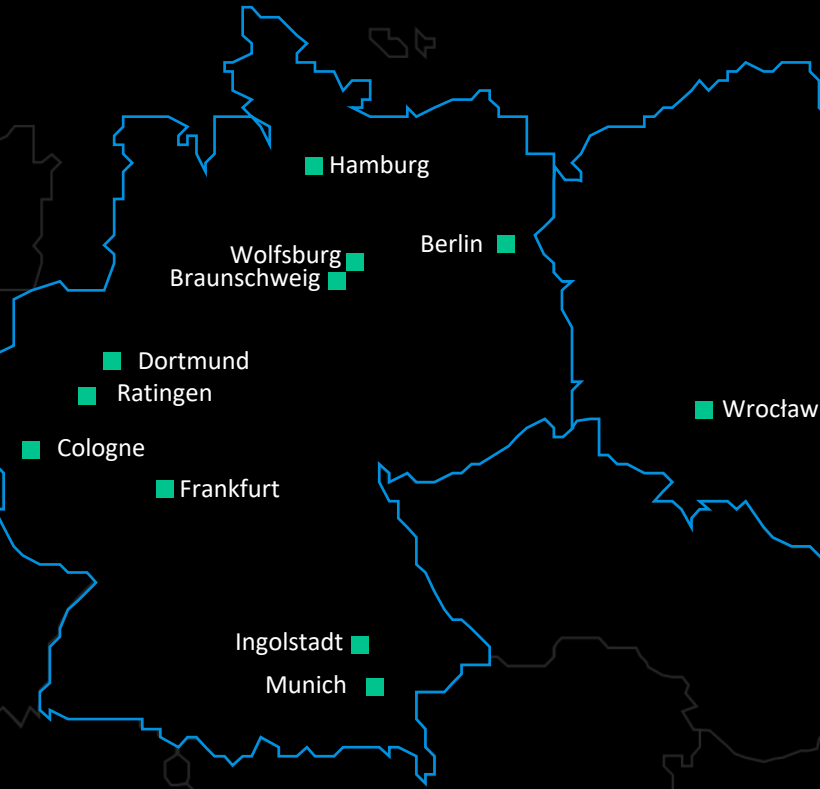
Born in 1983, two children and living in Germany



Oracle ACE
Associate

GOD III

Two become Hyand Ranked among the top 15 IT service providers in Germany



Kaunas

Vilnius

Pune

> 900

Employees
(of which 160 in shoring
locations)

> 150

Clients

> 10

Industries

16

Locations

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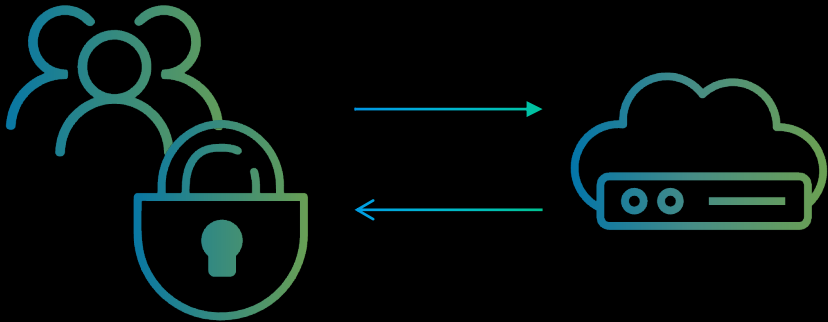
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Secure Access Made Easy!

Authentication vs. Authorization.

Authentication

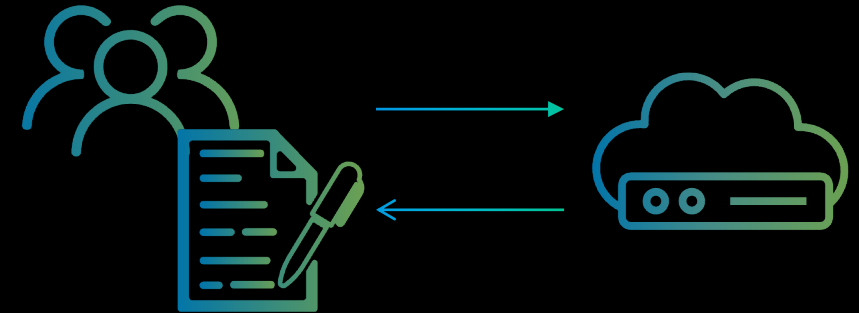
Who are you?



401 Unauthorized

Authorization

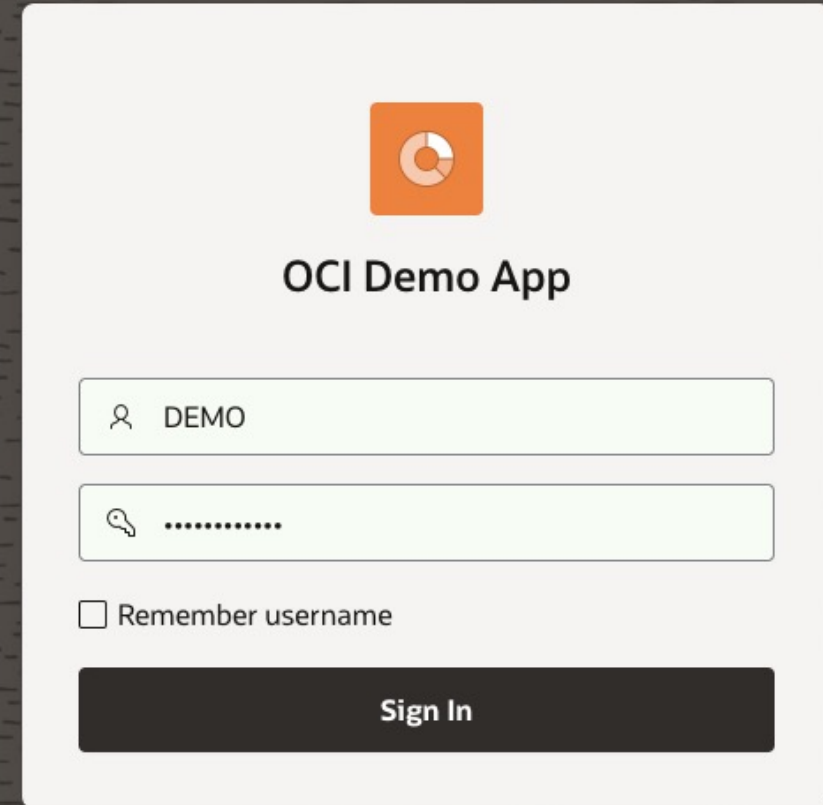
What you can do?



403 Forbidden

Authentication.

- 👉 No Authentication (only for a public app ok, but be aware of DDoS)
- 👉 Open Door Credentials (only allowed in a dev/test environment)
- 👉 Custom (why reinvent the wheel and store passwords yourself?)
- 👉 LDAP-Directory (insecure)
- 👉 Database Accounts (only for legacy reasons)
- 👍 Oracle APEX Accounts (if no external Identity Provider is available)
- 👍 HTTP Header Variable (delegates authentication to external IdP)
- 👍 Social Sign-In (delegates authentication to external IdP)



The image shows a login interface for the 'OCI Demo App'. At the top is an orange square icon with a white circular arrow. Below it, the text 'OCI Demo App' is centered. There are two input fields: the first for a username with a magnifying glass icon and the text 'DEMO', and the second for a password with a key icon and masked characters '.....'. Below the password field is a checkbox labeled 'Remember username'. At the bottom is a dark grey button with the text 'Sign In'.

Social Sign-In!





Google
Cloud IAM



Azure



Source of truth for identities

Single Sign-On provides a single point of authentication

Developers

- Delegating a critical task like security to an expert in authentication is a smart move
- It removes the need to support or code a user management system within the APEX application
- This relieves the APEX developer from managing users and worrying about the security risks
- Not to mention the challenge of implementing Two-Factor Authentication and so on...

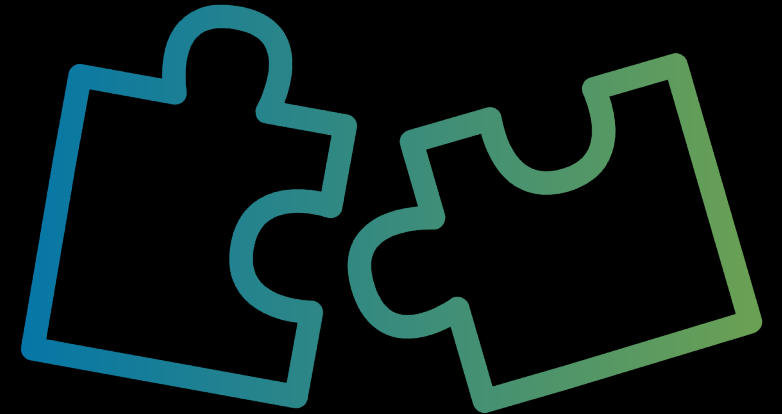
Users

- It improves User Experience by integrating with a suitable IdP, like using Oracle IAM for authentication in enterprises, allowing APEX login with the same credentials
- For public APEX apps, using IdPs like Google or Facebook simplifies user signup, avoiding the need for new account details

Why Oracle IAM?

Why Oracle IAM?

- Oracle Identity & Access Management is a **cloud-based** platform
- It's **free** in OCI, making it a great starting point for learning
- You can manage both - **cloud and on-premise** - with Oracle IAM
- We work with Oracle **every day**... so why not dive into Oracle IAM too?
- Oracle APEX integrates **easily** with Oracle IAM, requiring no to minimal coding and can be done in about **30 minutes**



Always free Resources.

2000

Users

250

Groups

2

Domains

2

non Oracle Apps

3

external IdPs

5

Sign-In Policies

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Implementing Social Sign-In in APEX.

OCI Configuration for Social Sign-In.

The screenshot displays the Oracle Cloud console interface for configuring an APEX application. The top navigation bar includes the Oracle Cloud logo, a search bar, and the region 'Germany Central (Frankfurt)'. The breadcrumb trail indicates the path: Identity > Domains > Default domain > Integrated applications > My APEX Application.

My APEX Application

On the left, a green circle with a white 'I' represents the application icon, with the status 'ACTIVE' below it. Action buttons include 'Deactivate', 'Edit application', 'Add tags', 'Delete', and an information icon.

Application information

Application ID: ...4e96b2 [Show](#) [Copy](#)

Description: -

Custom sign-in URL: -

Custom error URL: -

Display in My Apps: No

User can request access: No

Enforce grants as authorization: Disabled

Application type: Confidential Application

Application icon:

Application URL: <https://gfc4fe40cd2a327-apex1.adb.eu-frankfurt-1.oraclecloudapps.com/ords/r/demo/oci-demo-app>

Custom sign-out URL: -

Custom social linking callback URL: -

OAuth configuration

[Edit OAuth configuration](#)

Resource server configuration

Resource server configuration for this application is disabled.

General Information

Client ID:

Client secret: [Show secret](#) [Regenerate](#)

APEX Configuration for Social Sign-In.

Workspace Utilities \ Web Credentials \ Create/Edit

Web Credentials

Cancel Create

Attributes

Name OCI ?

Static ID OCI ?

Authentication Type Basic Authentication ?

Client ID or Username 8179Bd379a243ba9fd524f791787b2f ?

Client Secret or Password ?

Verify Client Secret or Password ?

Valid for URLs ?

Prompt On Install On ?

Comments ?

Application 107 \ Shared Components \ Authentication Schemes \ Create / Edit

Authentication Scheme

Cancel Create Authentication Scheme

Name

Name OCI Sign-In ?

Scheme Type Social Sign-In ?

Settings

Credential Store OCI ?

Authentication Provider OpenID Connect Provider ?

Discovery URL https://idcs-d1aac9203f554619968a2fd77c60a3e0.identity.oraclecloud.com:443/.well-known ?

Scope profile ?

Authentication URI Parameters ?

Username #sub# (#APEX_AUTH_NAME#) ?


Convert Username To Upper Case No ?

Additional User Attributes ?

Map Additional User Attributes To ?

Verify Attributes Yes ?

Social Sign-In!



OCI Demo App

☐ Remember username

Sign In



ORACLE Cloud

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Oracle Cloud Account Sign In

Identity domain ⓘ
Default

User Name

Password

Forgot Password?

Sign In

Need help signing in?

Manage User rights in APEX using Oracle IAM Groups!

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Settings

Credential Store: OCI

Authentication Provider: OpenID Connect Provider

* Discovery URL: `https://idcs-d1aac9203f554619968a2fd77c60a3e0.identity.oraclecloud.com:443/.well-known`

* Scope: `profile,groups`

Authentication URI Parameters:

* Username: `#sub#`

Convert Username To Upper Case: No

Additional User Attributes: `groups`

Map Additional User Attributes To:

Verify Attributes: Yes

```
1 procedure get_user_groups
2 as
3     l_group_names apex_t_varchar2;
4 begin
5     for i in 1 .. apex_json.get_count('groups')
6     loop
7         apex_string.push (
8             p_table => l_group_names,
9             p_value => apex_json.get_varchar2 (
10                 p_path => 'groups[%d].name',
11                 p0      => i
12             )
13         );
14     end loop;
15
16     apex_authorization.enable_dynamic_groups (
17         p_group_names => l_group_names
18     );
19
20 end get_user_groups;
```

Manage User rights in APEX using Oracle IAM Groups!

Create Authorization Scheme

✓

Details

Application: **107 OCI Demo App** (?)

* Name (?)

* Scheme Type (?)

Type (?)

* Name(s) (?)

Identify error message displayed when scheme violated

Controlling Access to...

- Applications
- Pages
- Page Components



Multi-Factor Authentication!

By adding an extra barrier and layer of security, **MFA can stop more than 99.9 percent** of attempts to hack into accounts!



Authentication Factors!

- **Security Questions:** Users verify their identity by answering a set number of questions after entering their username and password.
- **Email:** OCI sends a one-time passcode to the user's primary email for second verification.
- **Duo Security:** Enable Duo Security for MFA, allowing users to authenticate via the Duo App or other factors.
- **Fast ID Online (FIDO):** Configure FIDO authentication for users to utilize external devices like YubiKey or internal devices like Windows Hello or Mac Touch ID for identity domain authentication.
- **Mobile App Passcode:** Use an authenticator app like Oracle Mobile Authenticator or Google Authenticator for generating OTPs.
- **Mobile App Notification:** Send a push notification with an approval request for login attempts. After entering credentials, a request is sent to the user's phone app, and they tap Allow to authenticate.
- **Text Message (SMS) or Phone Call:** Users receive a passcode via text or call for use as a second verification method after entering their username and password.

Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) in OCI.

Enabling Multi-Factor Authentication

Multi-factor authentication (MFA) settings *in* Default *Domain*

Factors

Select the factors that you want to enable. [What are the different MFA factors?](#)

☐ Security questions
[Configure](#) security questions.

☐ Email
[Configure](#) email settings.

☐ Bypass code

☐ DUO security
[Configure](#) DUO security.

☒ Fast ID Online (FIDO) authenticator
[Configure](#) FIDO authenticator.

Mobile
[Configure](#) mobile app passcode.

Phone number
[Configure](#) phone number.

☒ Mobile app passcode

☒ Text message (SMS)

☒ Mobile app notification

☐ Phone call

Creating a Sign-On Policy to activate MFA

Actions

☒ Allow access ☐ Deny access

Let users that meet the specified conditions of this rule sign in to this identity domain.

☐ Prompt for reauthentication
Require users to provide credentials the next time they sign in to this identity domain.

☒ Prompt for an additional factor
Require users to perform multifactor authentication.

☒ Any factor ☐ Specified factors only

Frequency ⓘ

☐ Once per session or trusted device
☒ Every time
☐ Custom interval

Enrollment ⓘ

☒ Required
☐ Optional


Multi-Factor Authentication!

ORACLE Cloud
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timo.herwix@mt-ag.com
Identity domain ⓘ
Default

Enable Secure Verification

Secure verification methods prove who you are. Two types of verification methods are passwordless and multi-factor authentication (MFA). Passwordless verification allows you to verify your identity without requiring you to remember a password. MFA is an extra security step to the authentication process. Your administrator might have set up one or both verification methods and require that you enroll in them before accessing your account.

Password + Proof = Secure Access



Click below to enable secure verification methods for your account.

Enable Secure Verification

[What is Secure Verification?](#)

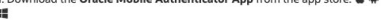


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Identity domain ⓘ
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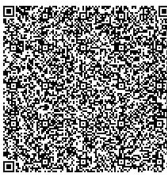
Select a Method [What are the differences? ⓘ](#)

☒ Mobile App ☐ FIDO Authenticator

Download and Configure the Mobile App

1. Download the **Oracle Mobile Authenticator App** from the app store. 
2. Open the App, tap **Add Account**, and then scan the QR code below.

☐ Offline Mode or Use Another Authenticator App ⓘ



[Can't Scan QR code?](#)
Configure the App using this URL

[What is Secure Verification?](#)

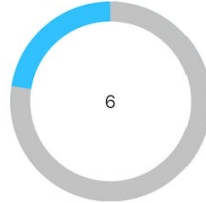


Accounts

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Passwordless Authentication!

Passwordless Authentication!



Something
You **Know**

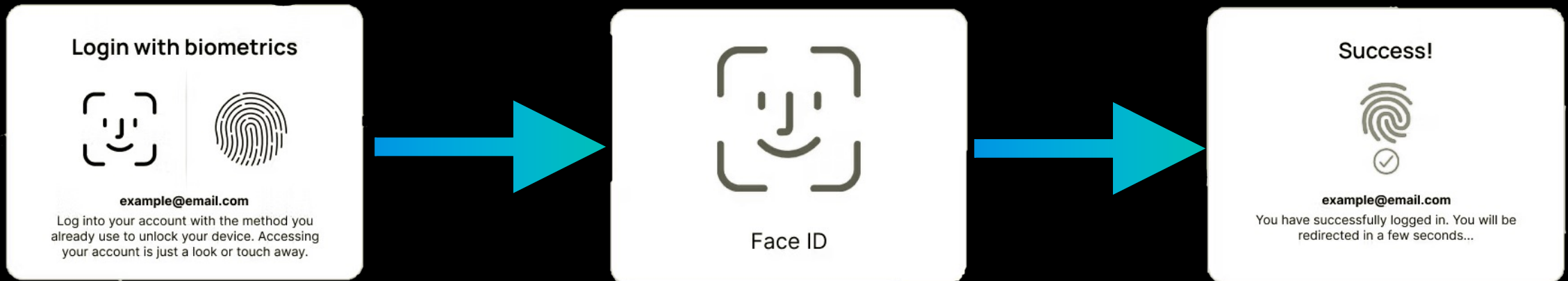


Something
You **Have**



Something
You **Are**

Passwordless Authentication!



Setting up Username only Sign-In!

Session settings *in Default Domain*

Session limits

Session duration (in minutes)

480

The duration that you want the session to remain active after the user signs in. Valid values are between 1 and 32,767.

My Apps idle timeout (in minutes)

480

The duration after which a user is automatically signed out of the My Apps console of this identity domain due to inactivity. Valid values are between 5 and 480. To set the OCI Console timeout, open the Profile menu (User menu icon) and then click Console Settings.

Customer endpoint settings

Sign-in URL *Optional*

/ui/v1/signin

Enter the URL where the user is redirected to log in.

☐ Allow custom sign-in page
Allow sign-in page customization for the identity domain console.

☒ **Enable username first flow**
Select this to show only the username field on the Sign In page. After the user provides their username and clicks Sign In, the identity domain will determine identity providers and local authentication factors should be available to the user for sign in.

☒ **Enable Session Picker for OCI console**
This option is selected by default. Unselect this option to disable session picker for OCI console.



ORACLE Cloud

timohewix

Oracle Cloud Account Sign In

Identity domain ⓘ
Default

User Name

User name or email

Forgot Password?

Sign In

Need help signing in?

Setting up the Identity Provider Policy!

Add identity provider rule

[Help](#)

Rule name

Passwordless Authentication with Fido

Assign identity providers

Fido Authenticator ✕

The identity providers to use to authenticate the user accounts evaluated by this rule.

Conditions

Expression placement

Starts with expression

Enter user name expression

Exclude users *Optional*

Select...

One or more user accounts to exclude from this rule.

Group membership *Optional*

Select...

Groups that the user must be a member of to meet the criteria of this rule.

Filter by client IP address

☒ Anywhere

☐ Restrict to the following network perimeters:

Add IdP rule Cancel



Identity > Domains > Default domain > Security > IdP policies > IdP policy details

Passwordless for APEX

Edit IdP policy Delete IdP policy

IdP information

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Resources

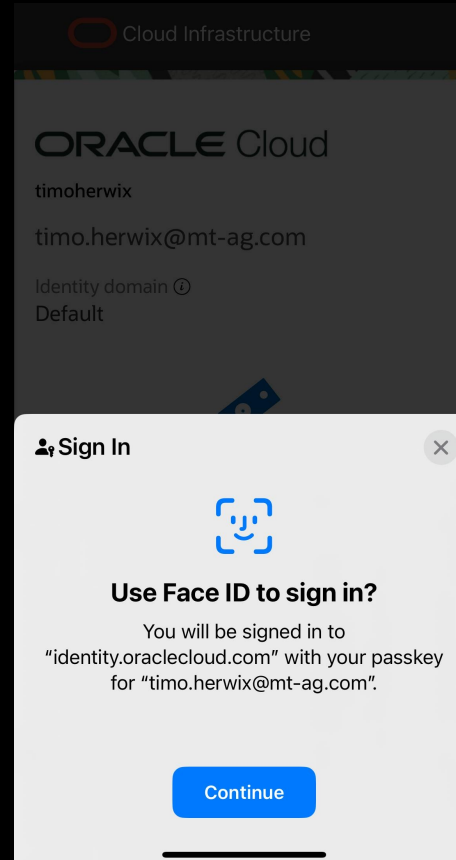
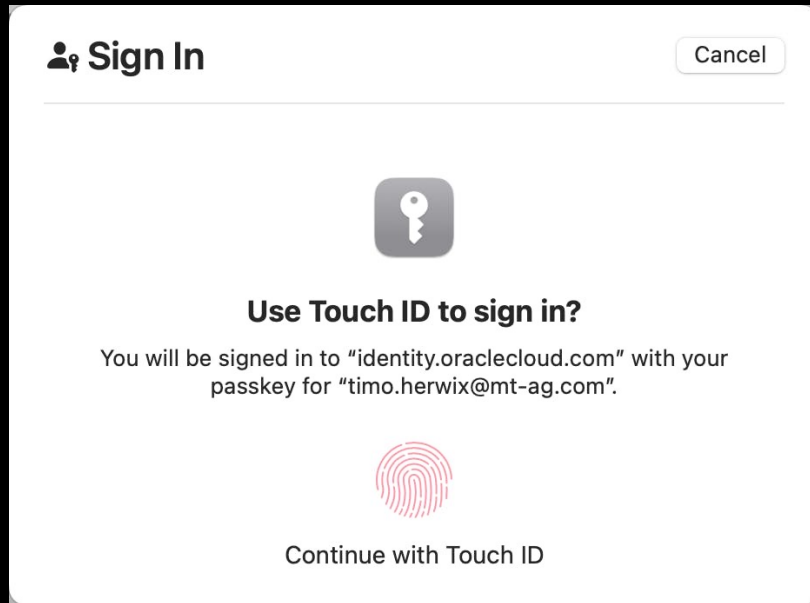
Identity provider rules

Add IdP rule Edit priority Remove IdP rule

<input type="checkbox"/>	Priority	Name	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	Passwordless Authentication with Fido	

0 selected Showing 1 item

Passwordless Authentication!





Conclusion!

High Security



Password + 2 Factor



Passwordless

Inconvenient

Convenient



Password

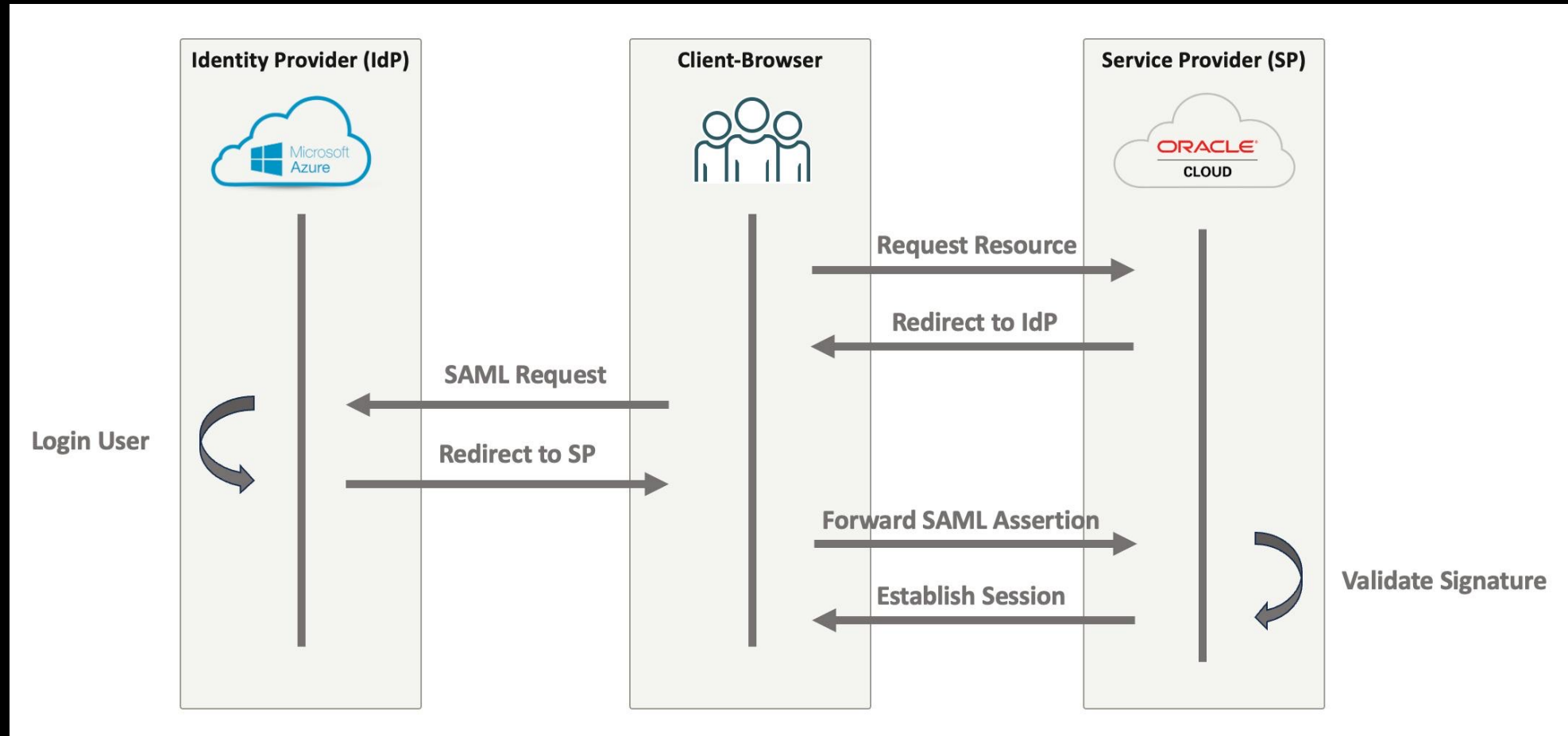
Low Security

RIP passwords - the future is passwordless!

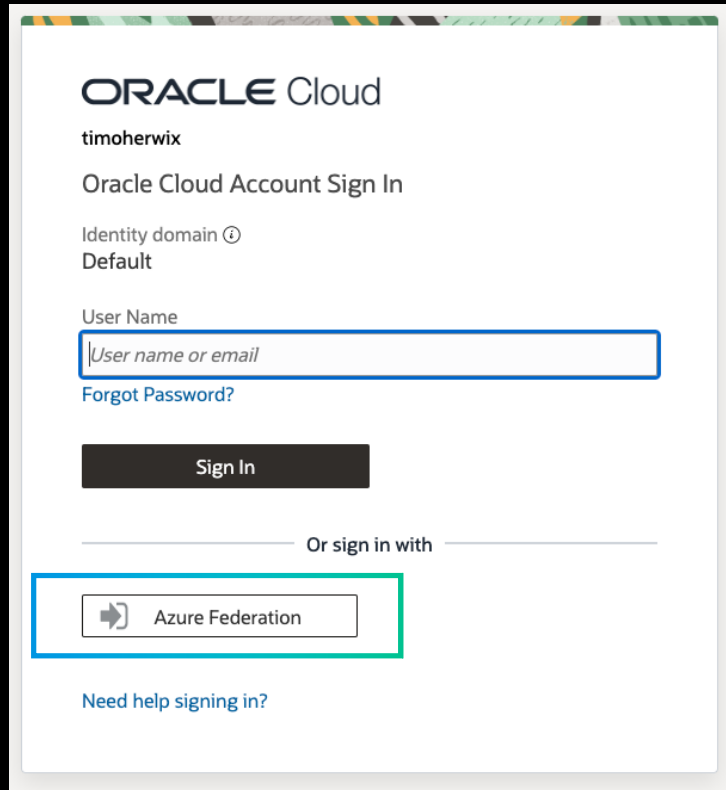
Single Sign-On between OCI and Microsoft Azure!

By setting up a federation between Azure AD and OCI IAM, you allow users to access services and applications in OCI using their Azure AD Credentials.

Single Sign-On between OCI and Microsoft Azure!



Single Sign-On between OCI and Microsoft Azure!



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Oracle Cloud Account Sign In


Identity domain ⓘ
Default

User Name

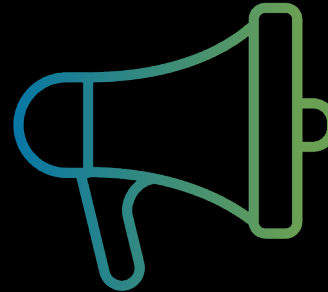
[Forgot Password?](#)

Sign In

Or sign in with

 Azure Federation

[Need help signing in?](#)



To make this work, the user you're using for Single Sign-On needs to be in both OCI IAM and Azure AD!

From now on, both identity access managers can be used. In this case OCI and Azure.



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Top five.



Super easy to set up



Makes things smoother for users (like with Single Sign-On)



Boosts security (think MFA)



Helps everyone get more done



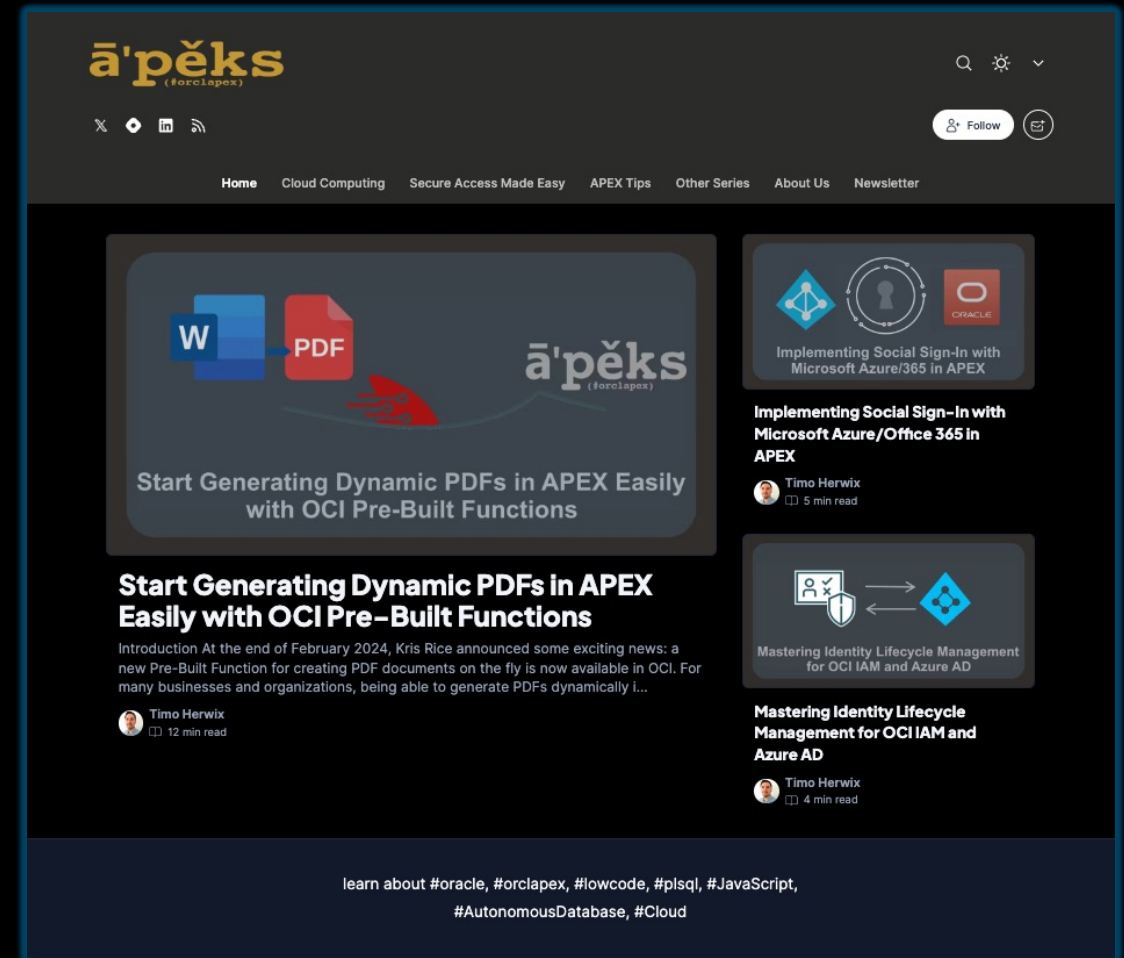
Opens the door to sign in without a password



Blog.



Scan me!



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