

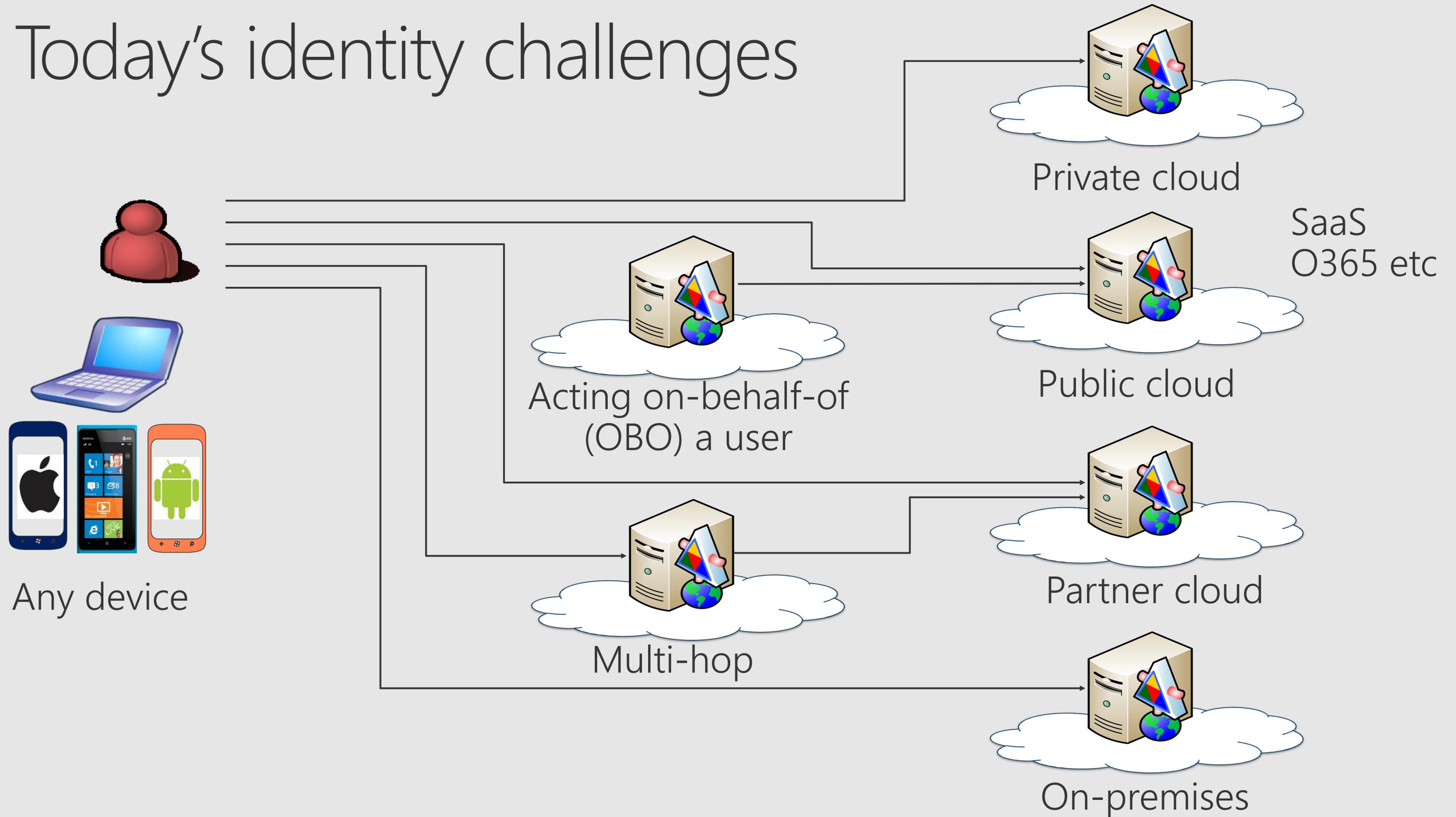


What happens with our passwords in hybrid (and what we can do about it)?

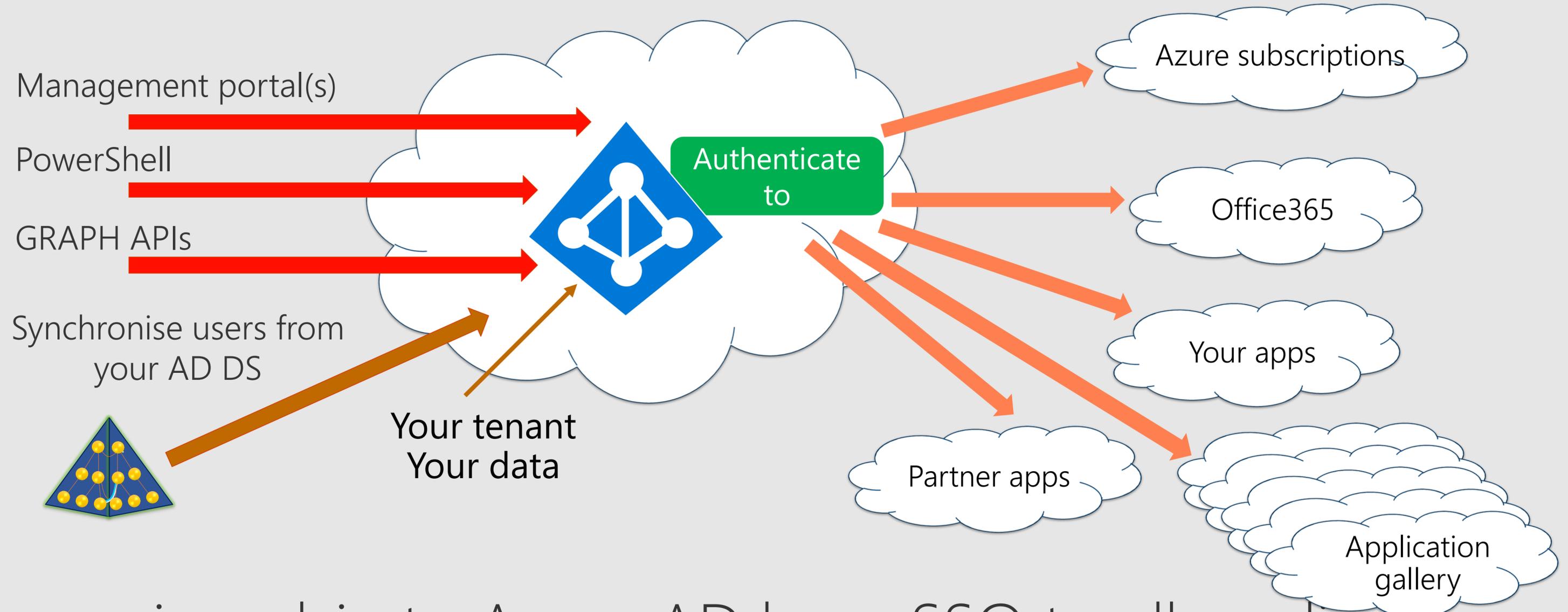
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Today's identity challenges



Microsoft Azure AD to the rescue



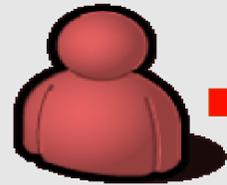
- Users signed-in to Azure AD have SSO to all applications

Azure AD benefits

- Authentication to applications via
 - OpenID Connect / Oauth 2.0
 - WS-Federation and SAML
 - Windows Kerberos Authentication via the Azure AD Application Proxy
- Self-service for:
 - Password resets, application and group management
- MFA
- Conditional access
- Identity protection
- And more...

Cloud only user

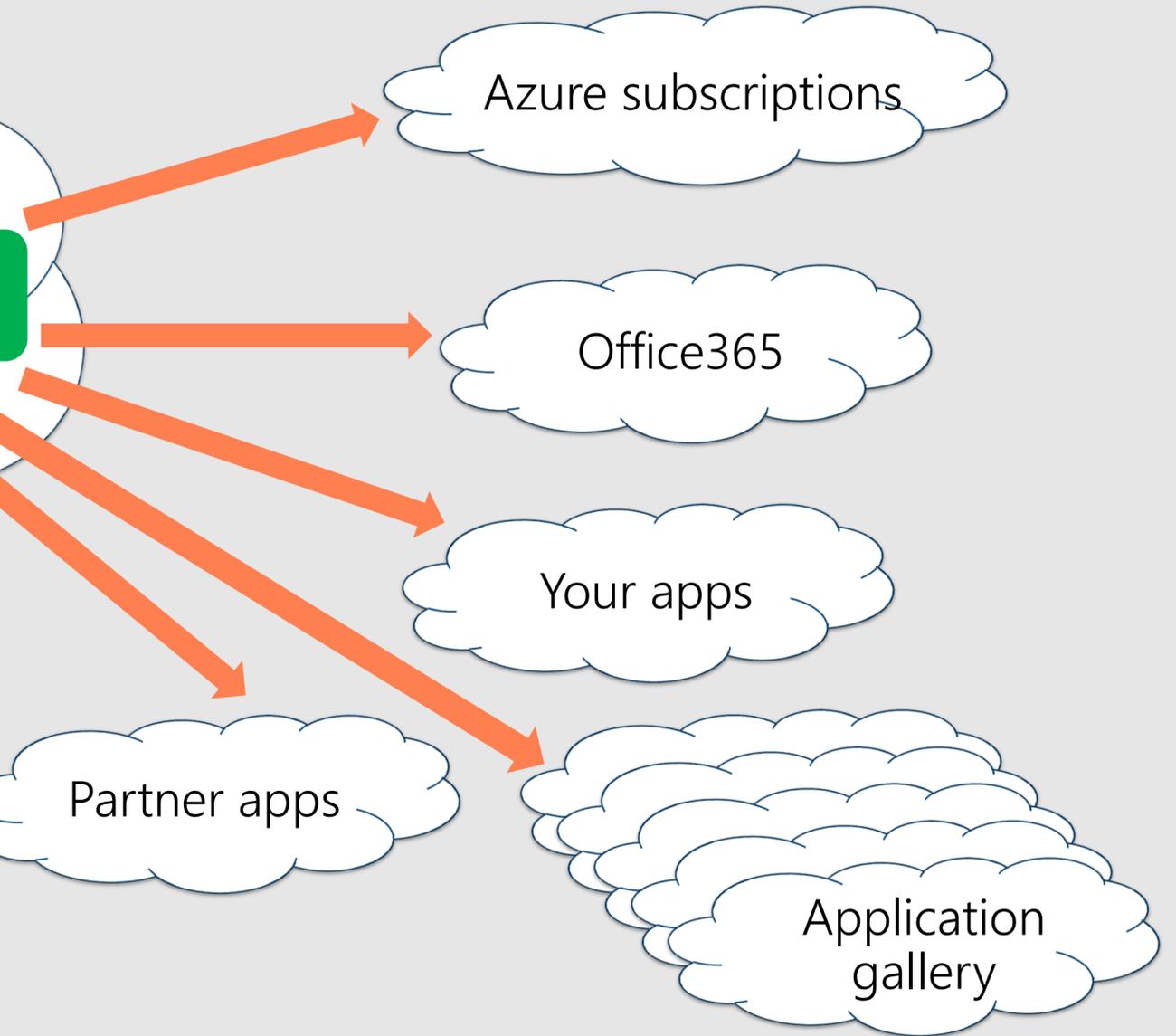
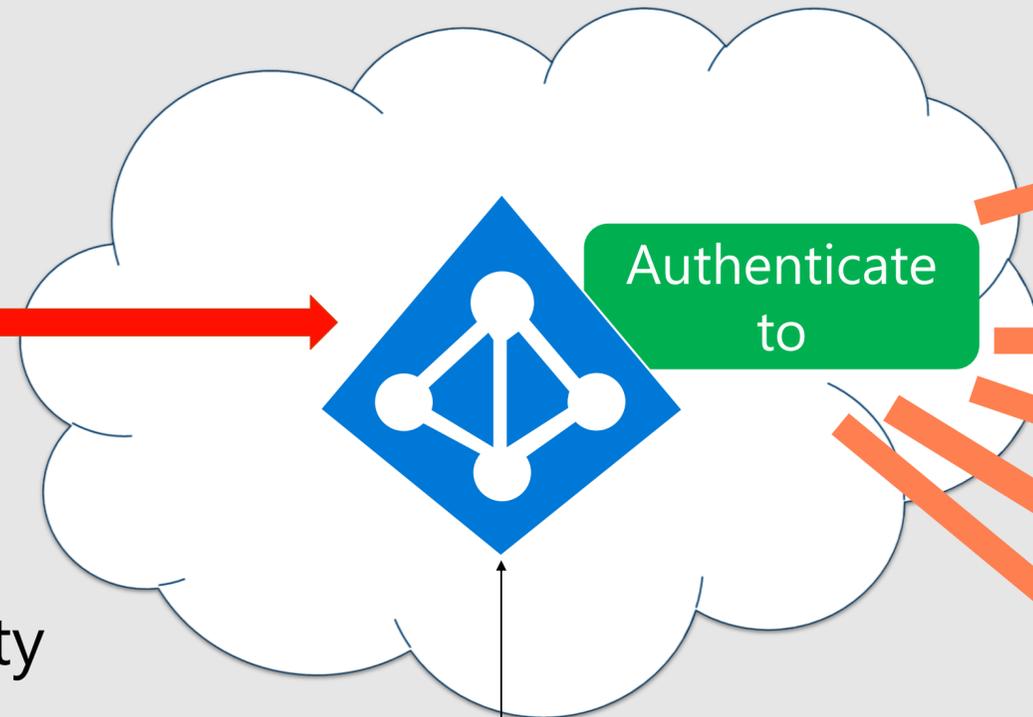
Account created and managed in Azure AD



Sign-in with Azure AD identity



Azure AD joined Windows 10 device



Azure subscriptions

Office365

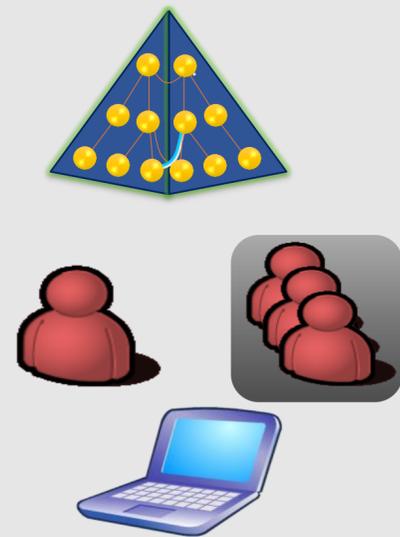
Your apps

Partner apps

Application gallery

Unleash on-premises AD users

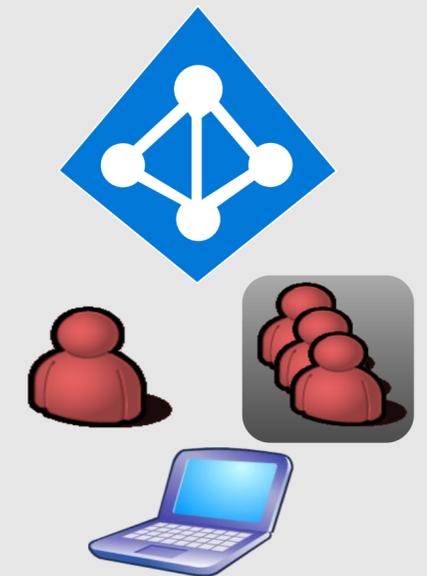
On-premises



Synchronise users, groups and devices



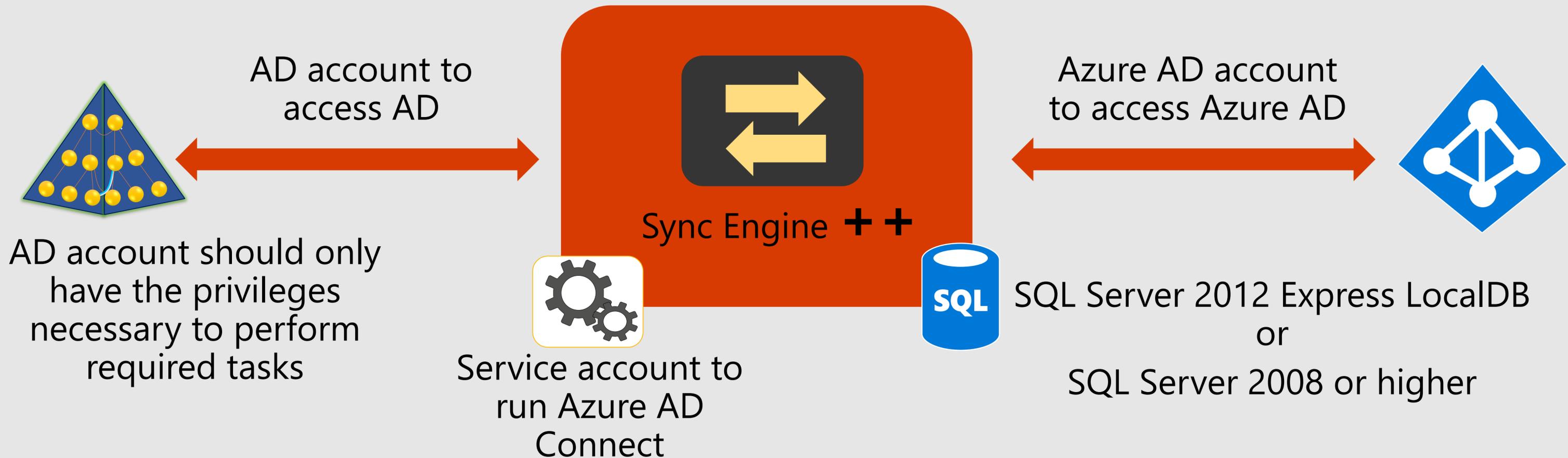
Azure AD



Enable write-back for passwords, devices and groups



Azure AD Connect



- Continuously evolving product
 - Automatic upgrades are possible
 - Set-ADSyncAutoUpgrade

Azure AD Connect Health

Azure Active Directory Connect Health
MSC-4A

Troubleshoot

Summary

Quick Start

Azure Active Directory Connect (Sync)

Sync Error
xtmsmc4a.onmicrosoft.com
0

Azure Active Directory Connect (Sync)
1

xtmsmc4a.onmicrosoft.com Healthy

Active Directory Federation Services

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No results

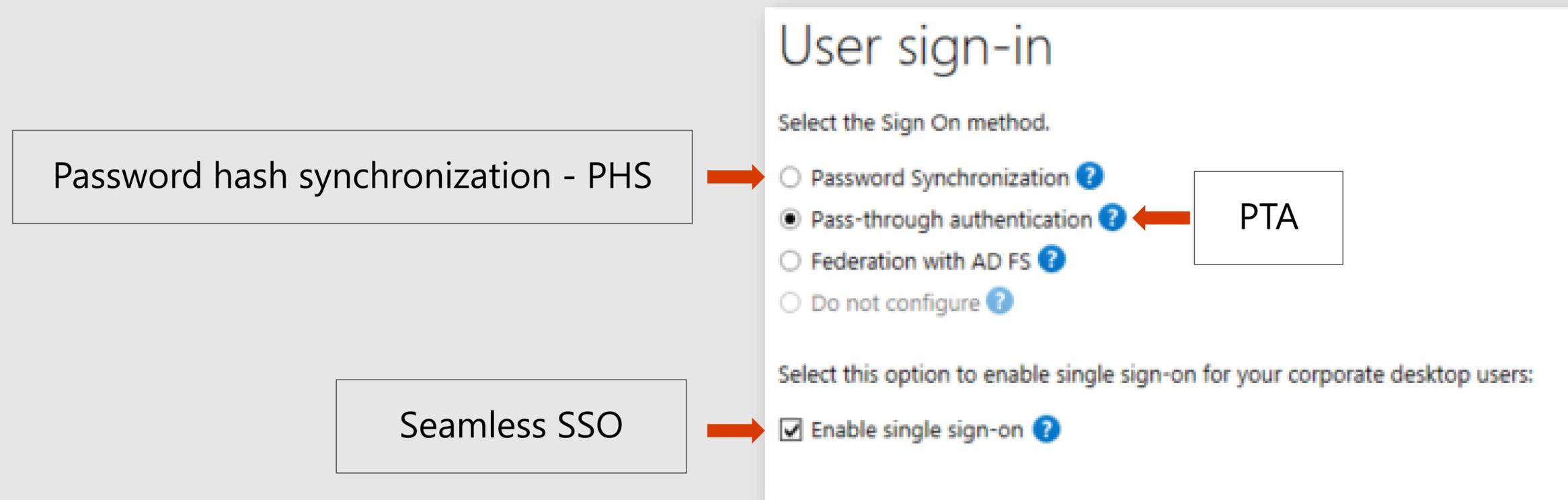
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No results

- One-stop shop for viewing the health of your identity infrastructure
 - Azure AD Connect
 - AD FS
 - On-premises AD DS
 - Roles review
- Agents installed on identity infrastructure components
 - Monitoring and alerts
 - Email notification of critical alerts
 - Trends in performance data
 - Usage reports
- Requires a P1 license

Configuring Azure AD password/auth options

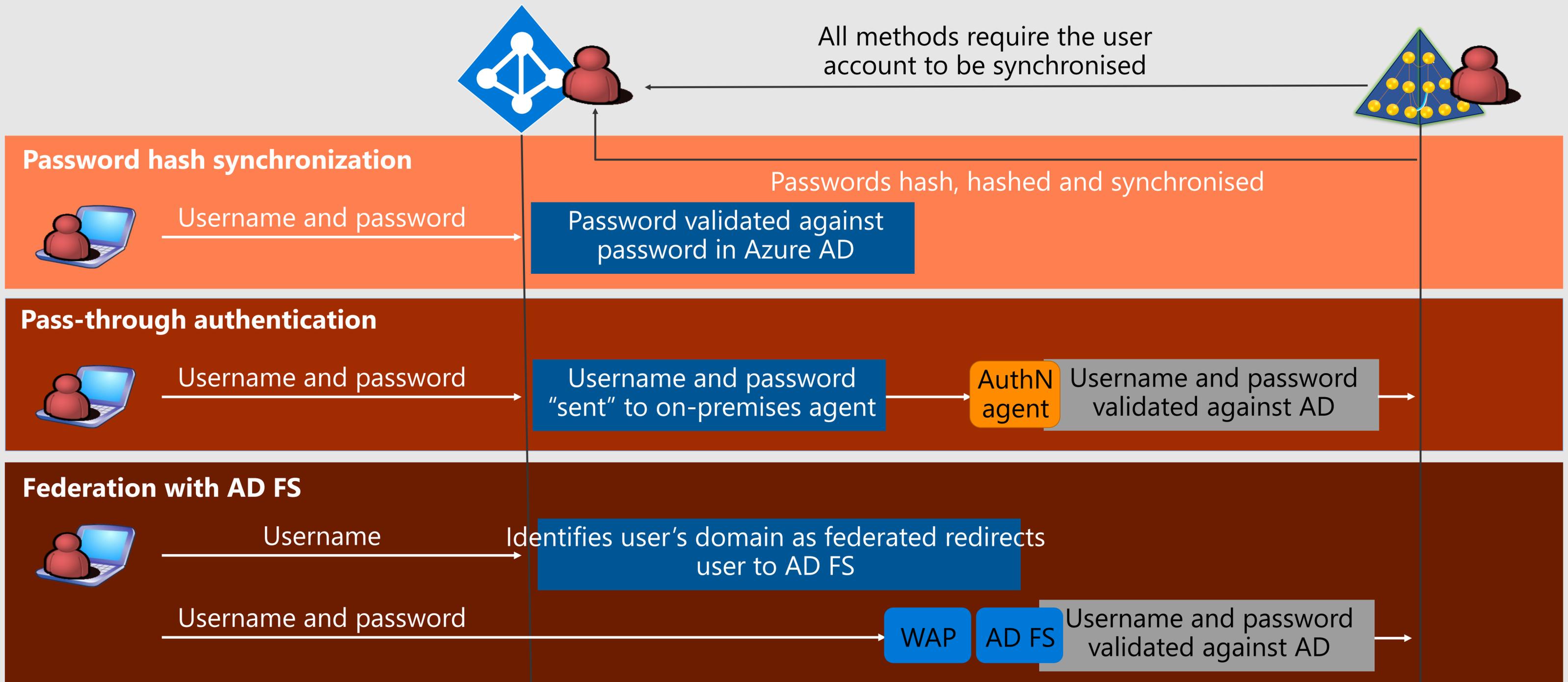


- The options defines how a synchronized on premises user signs in to Azure AD
 - "Do not configure" is used if a 3rd party federated solution is being used
- Seamless SSO works with PHS and PTA

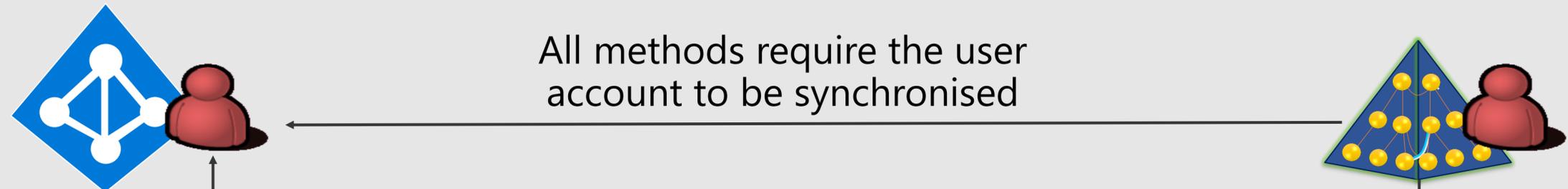
Managing on-premises passwords

- With PHS enabled, on-premises password changes sync to Azure AD within 2 minutes
- Password reset for on-premises passwords available via the Azure AD:
 - Requires password writeback
 - Works for passwords reset by the administrator
 - Works for Self-Service Password Resets (SSPR)
 - Synchronous operation
 - Enforces on-premises password policies
 - Passwords for protected on-premises accounts cannot be reset

On-premises user sign-in to Azure AD



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Password hash synchronization



Username and password

Password validated against password in Azure AD

Passwords hash, hashed and synchronised

Pass-through authentication



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AuthN agent

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Federation with AD FS



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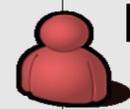
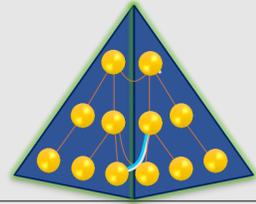
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WAP

AD FS

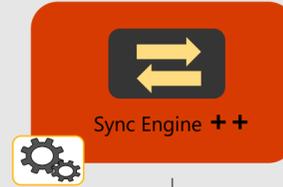
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Password synchronization



MD4 hash of password stored in unicodePwd attribute

Azure AD Connect



Requests unicodePwd attribute values via MS-DRSR replication protocol

Encrypts MD4 with salt (*) and MD5 hash of RPC session key

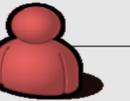
Sends result & salt

Decrypts to obtain MD4 hash of password

MD4 hash expanded, salt added input to PBKDF2 function 1000 interactions of HMAC-SHA256

Result sent to Azure AD

Password stored as original MD4 after processing with salt + PBKDF2 + HMAC-SHA256



Note: The on-premises Azure AD Connect AD account requires AD permissions:

Replicate Directory Changes
Replicate Directory Changes All



Sign in

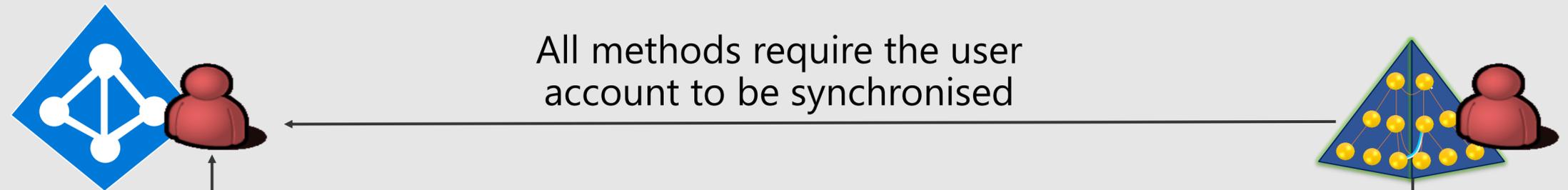
Does supplied password value, after processing with MD4, with salt, PBKDF2 and HMAC-SHA256, match stored value for user?

(*) salt is random data that is used as an additional input to a one-way function that "hashes" data

Password synchronization facts...

- On-premises password complexity applies to synchronized users
 - If an administrator changes the cloud password using PowerShell the Azure AD password policy applies
- `accountExpires` attribute **is not** synchronized to Azure AD
- An locked out on-premises AD account can still be active in the cloud
- The cloud password for a PHS user **is set to never expire.**
- A disabled on-premises AD account will not be reflected in Azure AD until the next sync cycle
 - **Potentially 30 mins delay**
- PHS can be used in addition to federation and used as a fall-back

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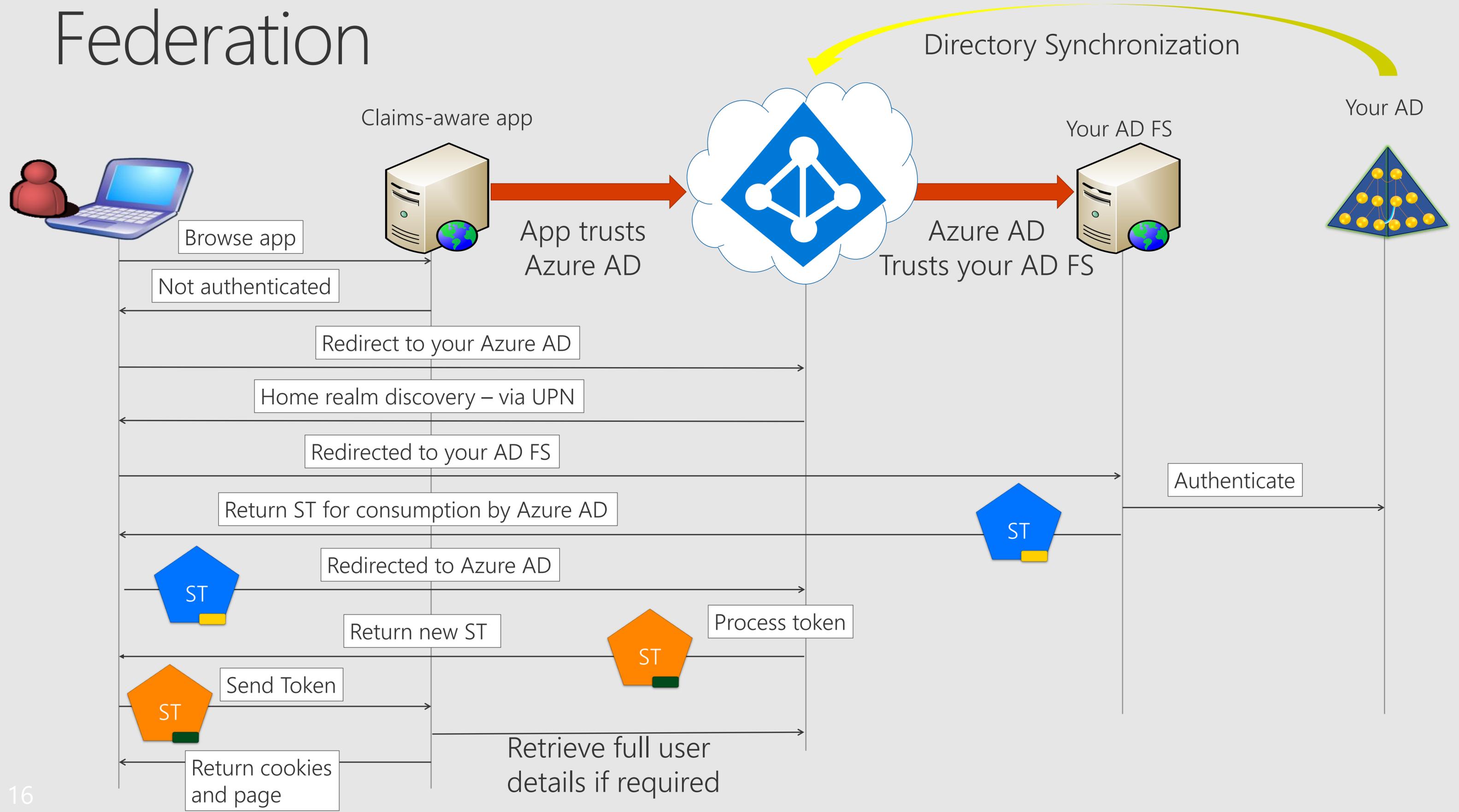
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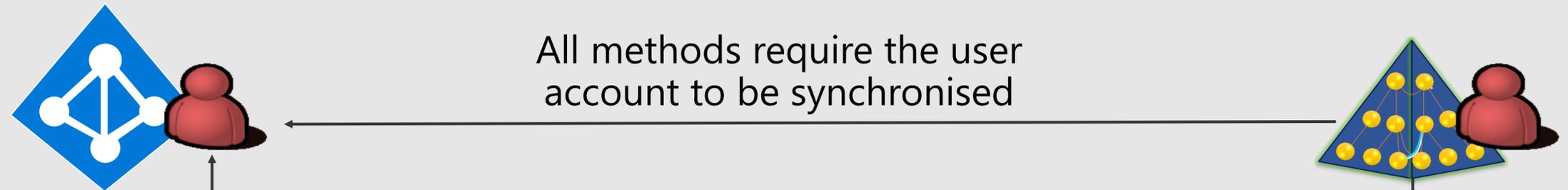
To federate or not? The facts...

- Federation gives you
 - SSO via on premises AD credentials
 - Seamlessly authenticate to AD FS when the client is attached to the corporate network
 - Now supported by Seamless SSO for PHS and PTA
 - Passwords remain on-premises
 - Now supported via PTA
 - On-premises authentication policies
 - Now supported via PTA
 - On-premises authentication methods (multi-factor)
 - Conditional access via AD FS
 - Capabilities++ provided by Azure AD
- Federation requires
 - On-premises AD FS infrastructure with high-availability
 - High-availability for the company's Internet connection
 - Remote workers will not be able to authenticate to Azure AD If the link is down
 - Planned recovery from the loss of AD FS availability

To federate or not? More facts...

- Federation may require manual certificate rollover
 - Auto renewal possible for most configurations (AD FS auto certificate rollover enabled)
- Federation **doesn't** give you
 - Cloud authentication scalability
 - Identity Protection
 - Requires P2 license
- **PHS & PTA**
 - Cloud authentication
 - Cloud scalability
 - Identity protect
- **PTA**
 - Simple deployment of agents
 - Automatic update of on-premises agents
 - Automatic rollover of certificates
 - Requires high-availability for the company's Internet connection

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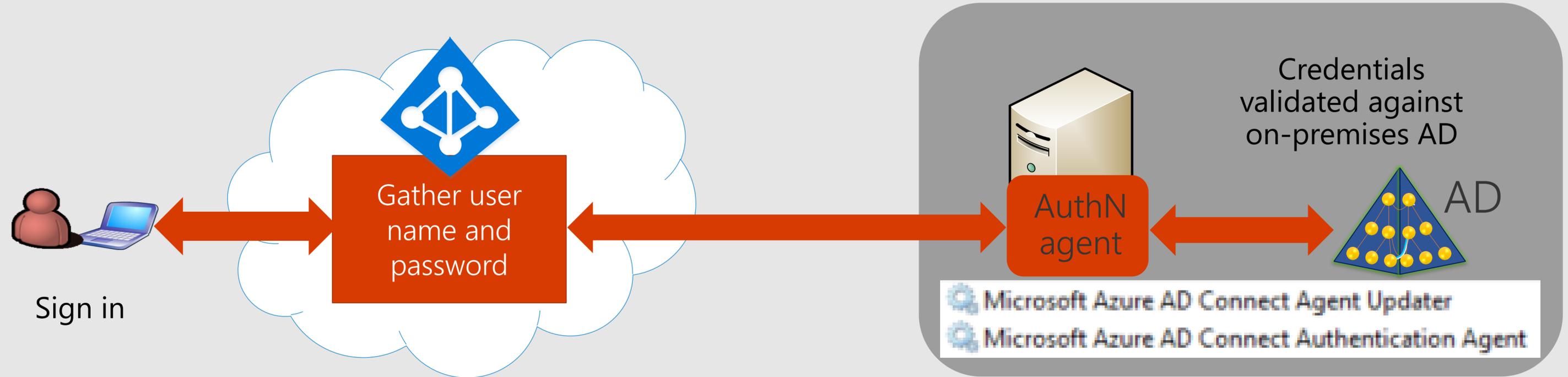
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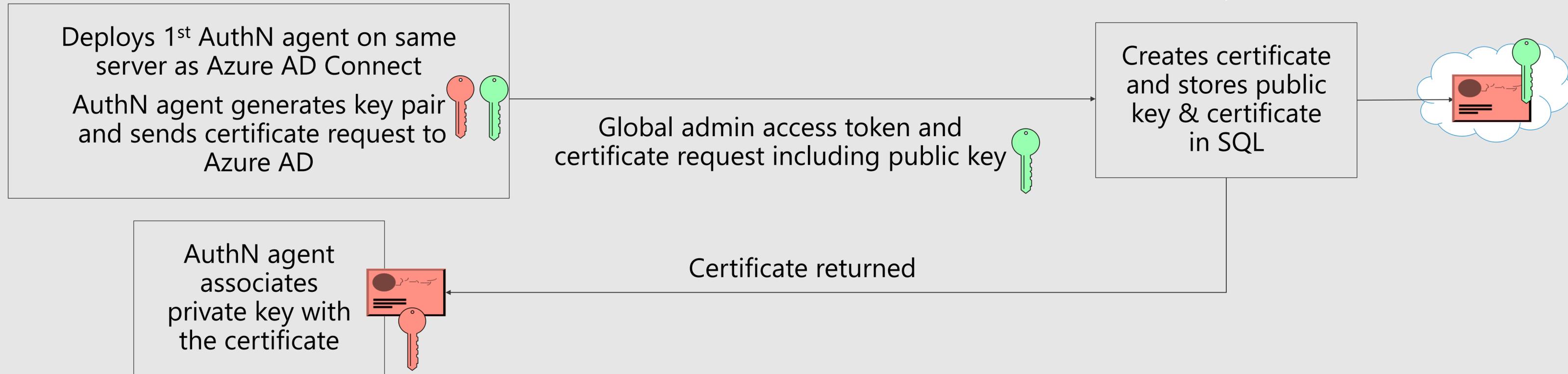
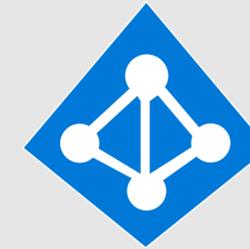
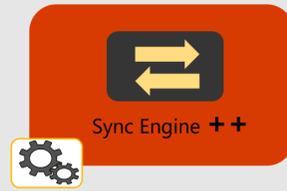
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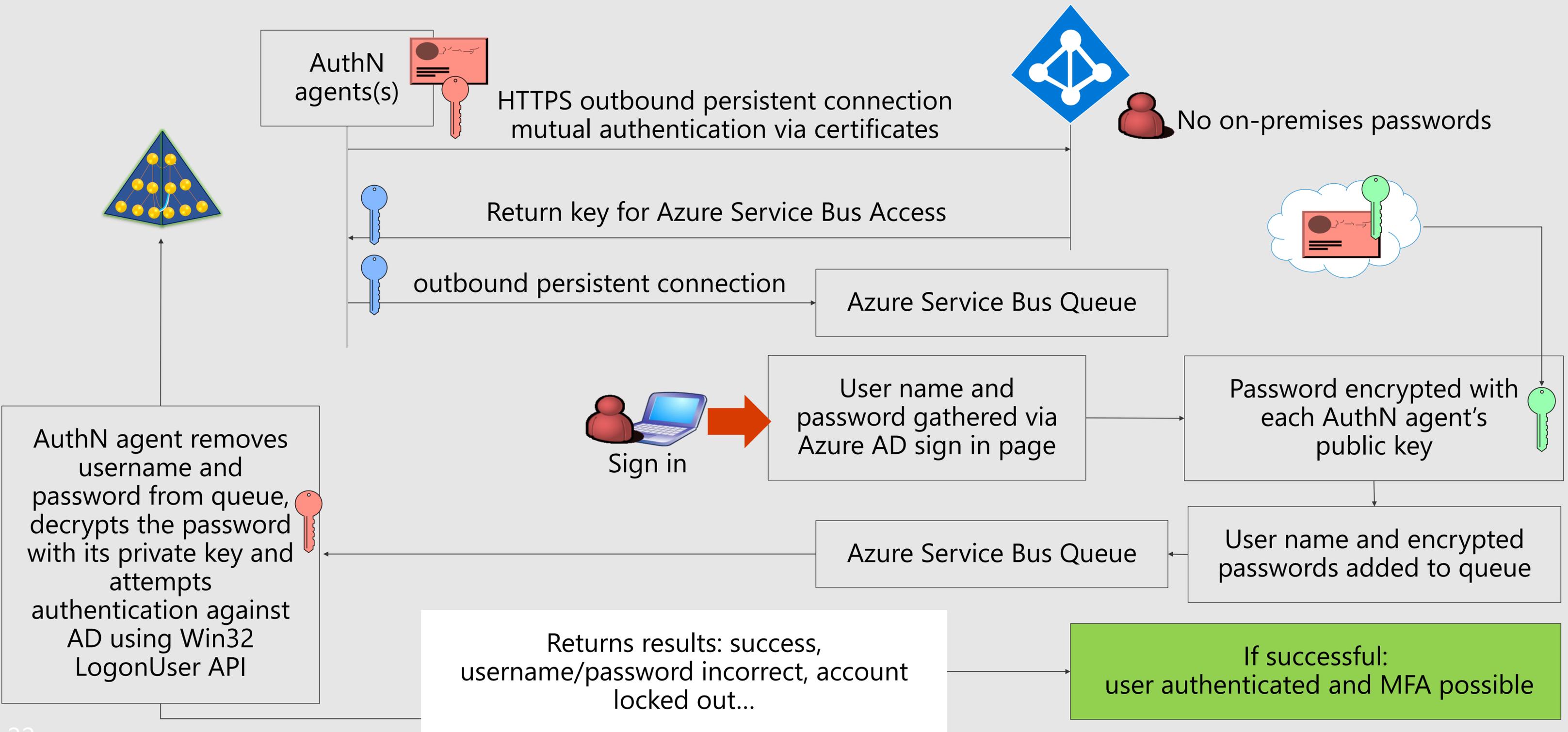
- The pass-through authentication agent (AuthN agent) only requires outbound firewall ports
 - Port 80 and 443
- Multiple agents should be deployed for fault tolerance and performance
 - Three agents should provide required performance
- All communications via mutually authenticated HTTPS

Pass-through authentication installation



- Each agent has its own unique certificate and private key
- Azure AD periodically triggers the renewal of certificates and keys

Pass-through authentication in action



Pass-through authentication the facts...

- No on premises passwords in the cloud
- All on-premises password policies operational
- Account lockout/disabled operational
- Does not support on-premises MFA
 - Azure AD MFA supported
- Works with Alternate ID
- Does not provide SSO for on-premises credentials
 - Requires Seamless SSO
- Requires high-availability for the company's Internet connection
 - Remote workers will not be able to authenticate to Azure AD If the link is down
- Currently does not support legacy auth
 - Example Office 2010

Account lockout and password protection

- Azure AD Smart Lockout protects against brute-force attacks and on-premises account lockout
- Locks account in Azure AD
 - Lockout Threshold – default 10 failed attempts
 - Lockout Duration – default 60 seconds
 - Automatically increases with a continuing attack
- Machine intelligence algorithms attempt to distinguish between genuine users and attackers
 - Factors include past sign-in behaviour, user's devices and browsers
 - Lockout Threshold automatically adjusted

The screenshot shows the configuration interface for Azure AD account lockout and password protection. It is divided into three main sections:

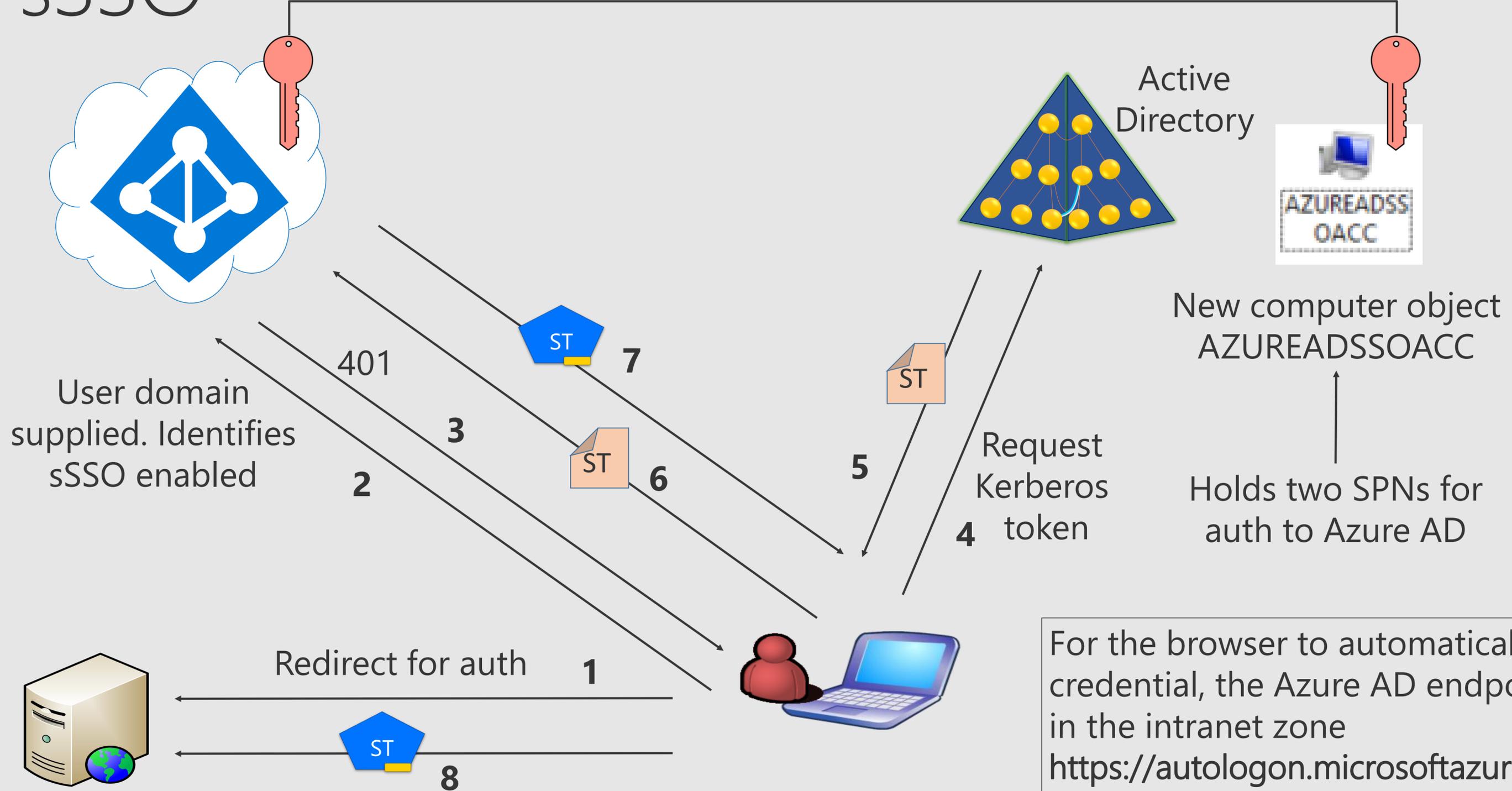
- Custom smart lockout:** Contains two input fields. "Lockout threshold" is set to 10, and "Lockout duration in seconds" is set to 60.
- Custom banned passwords:** Includes a toggle for "Enforce custom list" set to "Yes". Below it is a list box for "Custom banned password list" containing the password "123456" with a green checkmark on the right side.
- Password protection for Windows Server Active Directory:** Contains two toggle controls. "Enable password protection on Windows Server Active Directory" is set to "Yes", and "Mode" is set to "Enforced".

Seamless SSO, the facts...

- Works with pass-through authentication or password hash sync
- Users only need to type their username to authenticate to Azure AD
 - It is possible for applications to pass a domain_hint for seamless SSO
 - Supports Windows 7 and above
 - Machine must be domain joined or hybrid domain joined and have access to a DC
 - On corporate network or via remote access technology
 - Authenticates to Azure AD with a Kerberos token
 - Available with all versions of Azure AD
 - Supports Alternate ID
 - Support for multiple browsers and OSs
 - Including Safari and Mac

sSSSO

Shared Kerberos key



For the browser to automatically pass the credential, the Azure AD endpoints must be in the intranet zone
<https://autologon.microsoftazuread-sso.com>
<https://aadg.windows.net.nsatc.net>

Demo

- PTA with Seamless SSO

Kerberos authentication

- Seamless SSO can be configured with PTA or PHS
- If the user is connected to the corporate AD domain and sSSO succeeds, the authentication to Azure AD is Kerberos
- If the user is not connected to the corporate AD domain, authentication will fall-back to select authentication method (PTA or PHS)
- If an incompatible or mis-configured browser is detected, authentication will fall-back to select authentication method (PTA or PHS)

Kerberos Key

- The security of your on-premises authentication relies on the integrity of the Kerberos key
 - Recommended to roll the key every 30 days
- For details of managing key rolling see:
 - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/active-directory/connect/active-directory-aadconnect-sso-faq>
- Automatic key rollover is on the roadmap!

Windows 10 and AD users

- Hybrid Azure AD Join
 - AD Domain Join with automatic Azure AD registration
 - All the benefits of Group Policy / SCCM / Intune
- When users sign-in to their device they get a Kerberos token for on-premises AD and Primary Refresh Token (PRT) for Azure AD access
- Single sign on to all Azure AD authenticated resources
 - No requirement to have access to a DC
- Conditional access policies can be based on the users device
- Windows Hello for Business can be used for authentication

Hybrid Azure AD Join configuration

Microsoft Azure Active Directory Connect

Welcome

Tasks

Additional tasks

The required tasks for the scenario have been completed. Choose from the list below to perform additional tasks.

- Privacy settings
- View current configuration
- Customize synchronization options
- Configure device options ?
- Refresh directory schema
- Configure staging mode
- Change user sign-in
- Manage federation ?
- Troubleshoot

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Hybrid Azure AD Join configuration

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Hybrid Azure AD Join configuration

The screenshot shows the 'SCP configuration' page in the Microsoft Azure Active Directory Connect application. The left sidebar contains navigation options: Welcome, Tasks, Overview, Connect to Azure AD, Device options, Hybrid Azure AD join, SCP (highlighted), Device systems, and Configure. The main content area is titled 'SCP configuration' and includes an explanatory paragraph about the Service Connection Point (SCP) and its use for discovering Azure AD tenant information. Below this, a table allows users to select Active Directory forests for configuration. The table has three columns: 'Forest', 'Authentication Service', and 'Enterprise Admin'. Two rows are visible: 'fabrikam.com' (unchecked) and 'contoso.com' (checked). The 'contoso.com' row has a dropdown menu for 'Authentication Service' with 'contoso.onmicrosoft.com' selected. An 'Add' button is present to the right of the 'contoso.com' row. Below the table, there is a link to 'Download a PowerShell script to configure the SCP manually.' and a 'Download ConfigureSCP.ps1' button. At the bottom of the window, there are 'Previous' and 'Next' navigation buttons.

Microsoft Azure Active Directory Connect

SCP configuration

The service connection point (SCP) is used by your devices to discover your Azure AD tenant information. If your devices are in different forests, each forest needs an SCP. Azure AD Connect can configure the SCP for you and also provide a script for you to configure the SCP.

Select the Active Directory forests where your devices reside for Azure AD Connect to configure the SCP.

Forest ?	Authentication Service ?	Enterprise Admin ?
<input type="checkbox"/> fabrikam.com		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> contoso.com	contoso.onmicrosoft.com	Add

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Hybrid Azure AD Join – downlevel devices

1. The following policy must be set to All: Users may register their devices with Azure AD
2. Add the following URLs to the Local Intranet zone in Internet Explorer:
 - <https://device.login.microsoftonline.com>
 - <https://autologon.microsoftazuread-ssso.com>
3. Enable Allow updates to status bar via script in the user's local intranet zone
4. Configure Seamless SSO
5. Download and install Microsoft Workplace Join for non-Windows 10 computers

Recommendations

- New customers:
 - Use cloud authentication (PTA or PHS)
 - Leverage conditional access and Azure AD MFA
 - Existing customers with AD FS
 - Keep AD FS for authentication if it meets all your requirements
 - If using AD FS for authentication to apps, switch to Azure AD for authentication to apps
- Enable Seamless SSO if your using PTA or PHS
 - Simple to deploy
 - Immediately enhances the sign-in experience for your users
- Also consider passwordless authentication (yet to come)

Feature summary	PTA + sSSO	PHS + sSSO	ADFS
Authentication against credentials held on-premises	Yes	No	Yes
Single-Sign-On	Yes	Yes	Yes
Passwords remain on premises	Yes	Salted hash synced	Yes
On-premises MFA solution	No	No	Yes
Azure AD MFA	Yes	Yes	Yes
On-premises password policies	Yes	Partial	Yes
On-premises account enable/disable	Yes	Delayed (30 mins)	Yes
On-premises password lockout	Yes	No	Yes
Conditional access	Yes++	Yes++	Yes
Credentials captured from user via Azure AD UI	Yes	Yes	No
Protection against on-premise account lockout	Smart Lockout	N/A	Extranet Lockout
Cost of implementation	Medium	Low	High
Scalability/fault tolerance	Cloud scalability	Cloud scalability	Complex
AuthN fails for remote workers if the on-premises Internet connection is down. Requires HA solution.	Yes	No	Yes
On-going maintenance for authentication	Automated	None	SSL certificate management
Azure AD Connect Health monitoring	Not integrated	Limited	Yes
Azure AD Identity Protection (requires P2 license)	Yes	Yes	No

Q&A