

# Go Passwordless

Reduce your risk exposure with password alternatives

**Nicola Ferrini**

*Microsoft MVP – Cloud and Datacenter Management*



NicolaFerrini.it



nicolaferrini

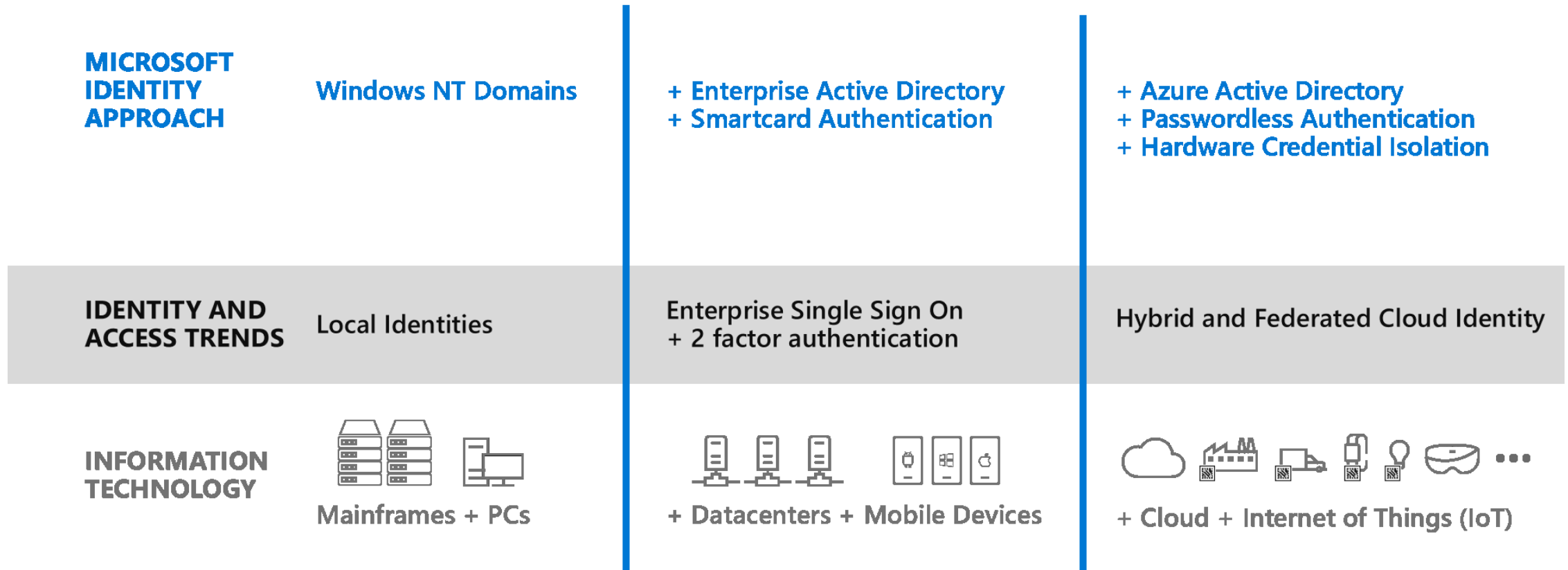
# Who Am I ?

**NICOLA FERRINI**

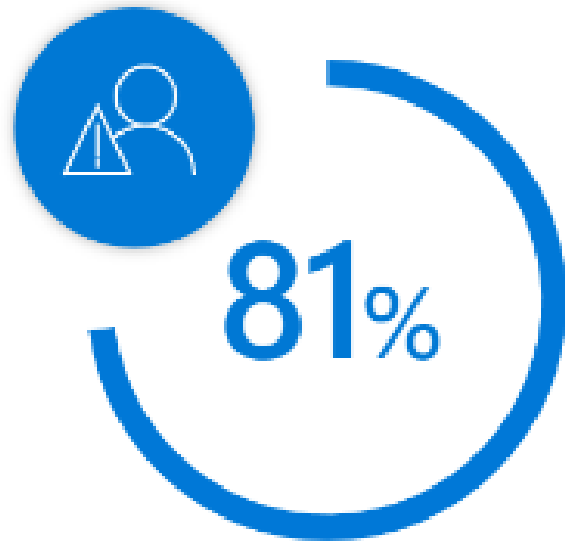


# Evolution of Identity technology

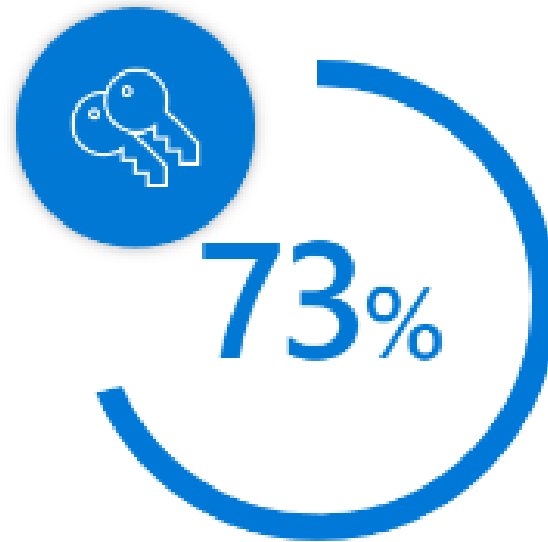
## Evolution of IT, threats, and Microsoft Identity security



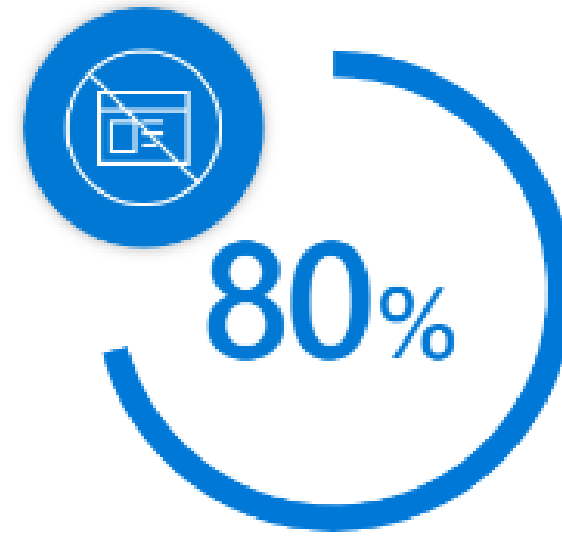
# Identity challenges



of breaches are caused  
by credential theft

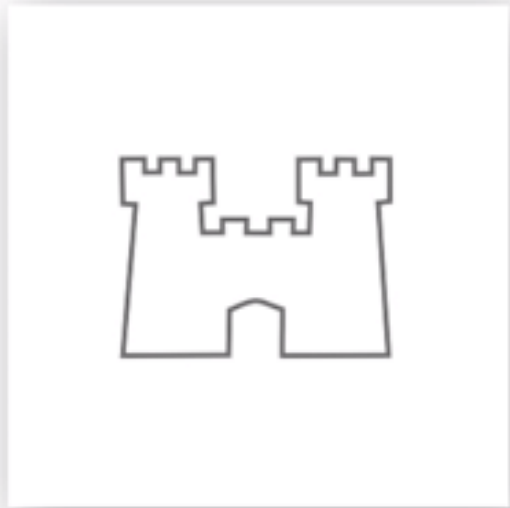


of passwords  
are duplicates

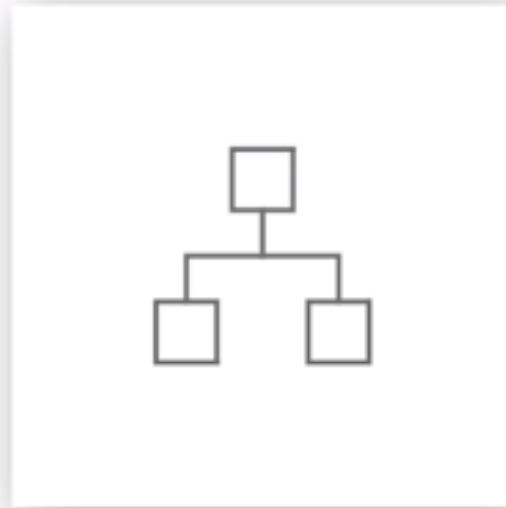


of employees use non-  
approved apps for work

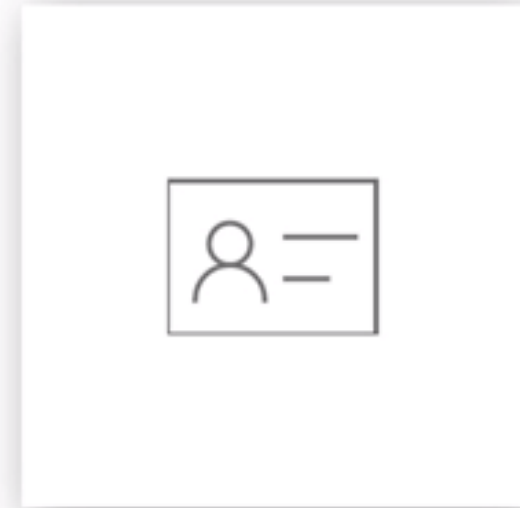
# Identity is the new perimeter



Physical



Network



Identity

# Passwords are no longer enough

For enterprise IT departments, nothing costs more than password support and maintenance.

It's common practice for IT to attempt lessening password risk by employing stronger password complexity and demanding more frequent password changes.

However, these tactics drive up IT help desk costs while leading to poor user experiences related to password reset requirements.

# Why Passwords are Bad

## Passwords are problematic

Passwords are increasingly being

- Cracked
- Stolen
- Intercepted
- Eavesdropped
- Peeked
- Phished
- Reused

## Passwords are in the way

Your colleagues forget their passwords

Password resets cost loads of money



81%

81% of all digital incidents are related to weak or leaked passwords



20%

20% of IT costs for organizations are made to help end users with lost passwords

# How Easy It Is To Crack Your Password



<https://youtu.be/K-96JmC2AkE>



# Complicating Factors

## Cloud

Cloud services offer signing in, based on

- Username and password

- Username, password and multi-factor

- Certificates

- Federation

## End-users

Your colleagues use their business e-mail addresses for personal services

2017 had 1579 data leaks in the US, a 45% increase compared to 2016

In 2016, 1 in 14 phishing attacks was successful

## GDPR

Now, when your credentials leak, everything you have can be easily gathered and/or forgotten



# Why eliminate passwords?

Multi-factor authentication (MFA) - for instance, a PIN and password, or biometrics - has presented a more secure method for organizations.

However, depending on the implementation, MFA can also lead to increasing complexity regarding the user experience.

It's imperative for IT teams to deliver a seamless user experience while balancing security risk.

# One upon a time...

Many years ago, we started multi-factor authentication with smart-cards to secure the identity of our employees.

Initially, we used physical smart-cards to secure, but it didn't give people a smooth user experience.

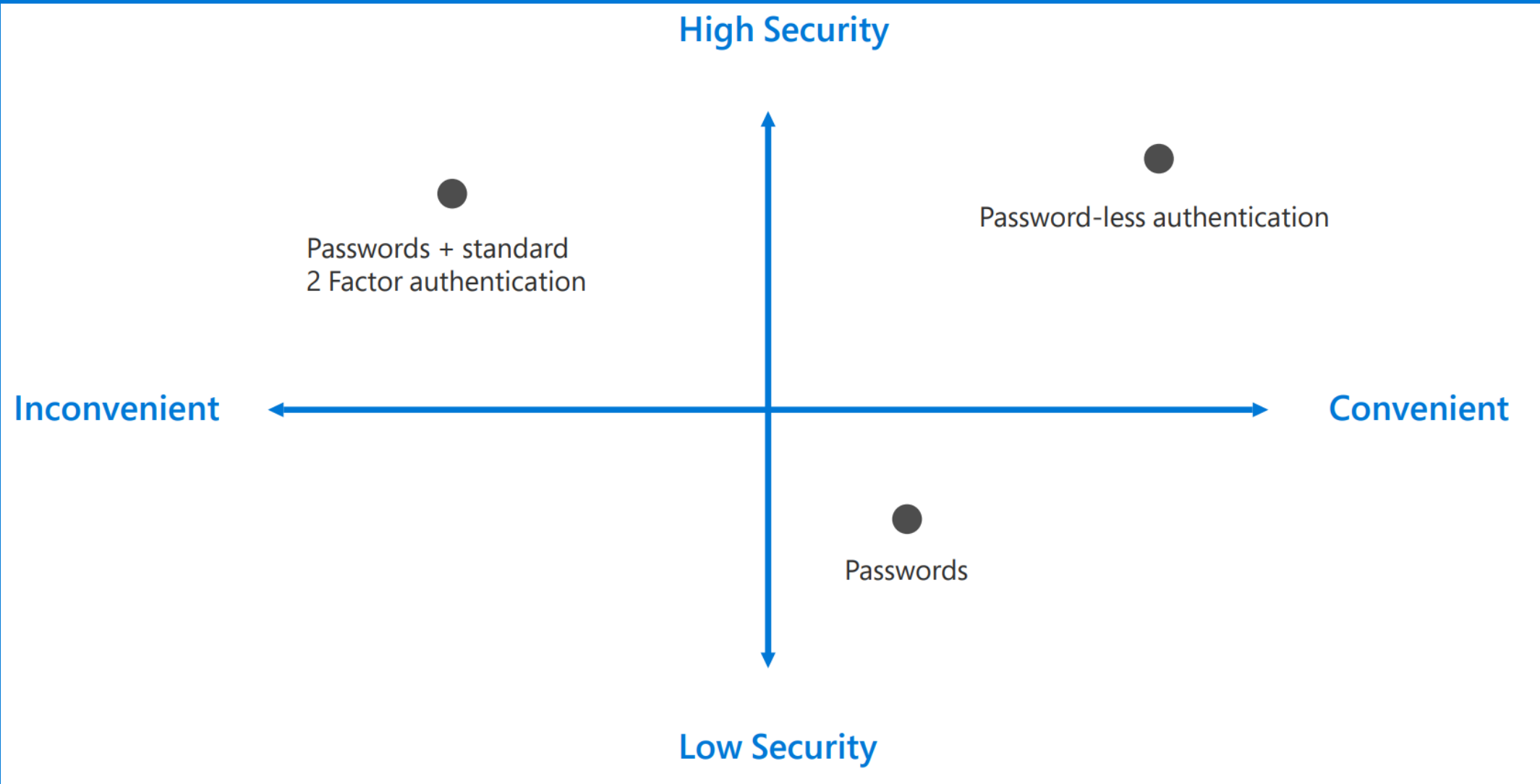
Additionally, this also requires a card reader in each hardware device which can be challenging to implement and also smart-cards are prone to be lost or forgotten.

# Today

IT security are moving toward **passwordless** authentication using advanced technologies like biometrics, PIN, and public/private key cryptography.

Plus, new standards like Web Authentication API (WebAuthN) and Fast Identity Online (FIDO2) are enabling passwordless authentication across platforms.

These standards are designed to replace passwords with biometrics and devices that people in your organization already use, such as security keys, smartphones, fingerprint scanners, or webcams.



# Introduction to password replacement technology

## What do we mean by password-less authentication?

Password-less authentication is a form of multi-factor authentication that replaces the password with a secure alternative.

This type of authentication requires *two or more verification factors* to sign in that are secured with a cryptographic key pair.

# Choosing the right technology

With biometrics on mobile phones and computers becoming more ubiquitous, the number of password replacement technologies has increased.

Introduced by Microsoft in Windows 10, **Windows Hello** uses *biometric* sensors or a PIN to verify a user's identity.

The **Microsoft Authenticator app** is a software token that allows users to verify their identity with a built-in biometric or a PIN when signing into their work or personal accounts from a mobile phone.

With **biometrics** on **mobile phones** and **computers** becoming more ubiquitous, the number of password replacement technologies has increased.

You can now use portable **FIDO2 hardware devices** to log into a work machine or cloud services on supported devices and browsers.

# Microsoft Authenticator app

The Microsoft Authenticator app enables users to verify their identity and authenticate to their work or personal account.

Microsoft Authenticator can be used to augment a password with a one-time passcode or push notification.





# Windows Hello for Business

Windows Hello for Business replaces passwords with strong multi-factor authentication on Windows 10 platforms, including PCs and mobile devices.

This authentication consists of a new type of user credential that's linked to a device and uses a biometric or PIN.

It lets you sign in with your face, iris scan, fingerprint, or a PIN, and enables you to authenticate to enterprise applications, content, and resources without a password being stored on your device or in a network at all.

The biometric data is only used locally and never leaves the device.



# FIDO2 security keys

FIDO2 standard is intended to solve multiple user scenarios including strong first factor (password-less) and multi-factor authentication.

Devices and tokens that adhere to FIDO2, WebAuthN, and CTAP protocols bring about a cross-platform solution of strong authentication without using passwords.



# Passwordless login Demo

# Some useful links

[Passwordless login al Microsoft Account con Windows Hello e con Yubikey](#)

[Abilitare il passwordless sign-in per Azure AD e per Microsoft 365 / Office 365 utilizzando una security key FIDO2](#)

[Utilizzare Azure Multi-factor Authentication con token hardware Yubikey](#)

<https://aka.ms/gopasswordless>

## Products to get started



### Windows Hello for Business

Increase login convenience with a biometric. Replace passwords with strong MFA on Windows 10 PCs.

[LEARN MORE >](#)



### Microsoft Authenticator

Authenticate with a mobile device. Get a push notification and verify identity with a biometric or PIN.

[LEARN MORE >](#)



### Microsoft-compatible security key

Replace passwords with a security key using MFA with the standards-based protocols on a mobile device.

[LEARN MORE >](#)



### Microsoft Edge

Authenticate from a browser. Microsoft Edge supports the broadest set of passwordless authenticators.

[LEARN MORE >](#)

# Grazie

Nicola Ferrini

*MVP Cloud and Datacenter Management*



/nicolaferrini.it



@nicolaferrini