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Hy DOAG K&A 2024_ Single Sign-On – One Login for All Your Needs

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Who am I?



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Oracle APEX since 2016

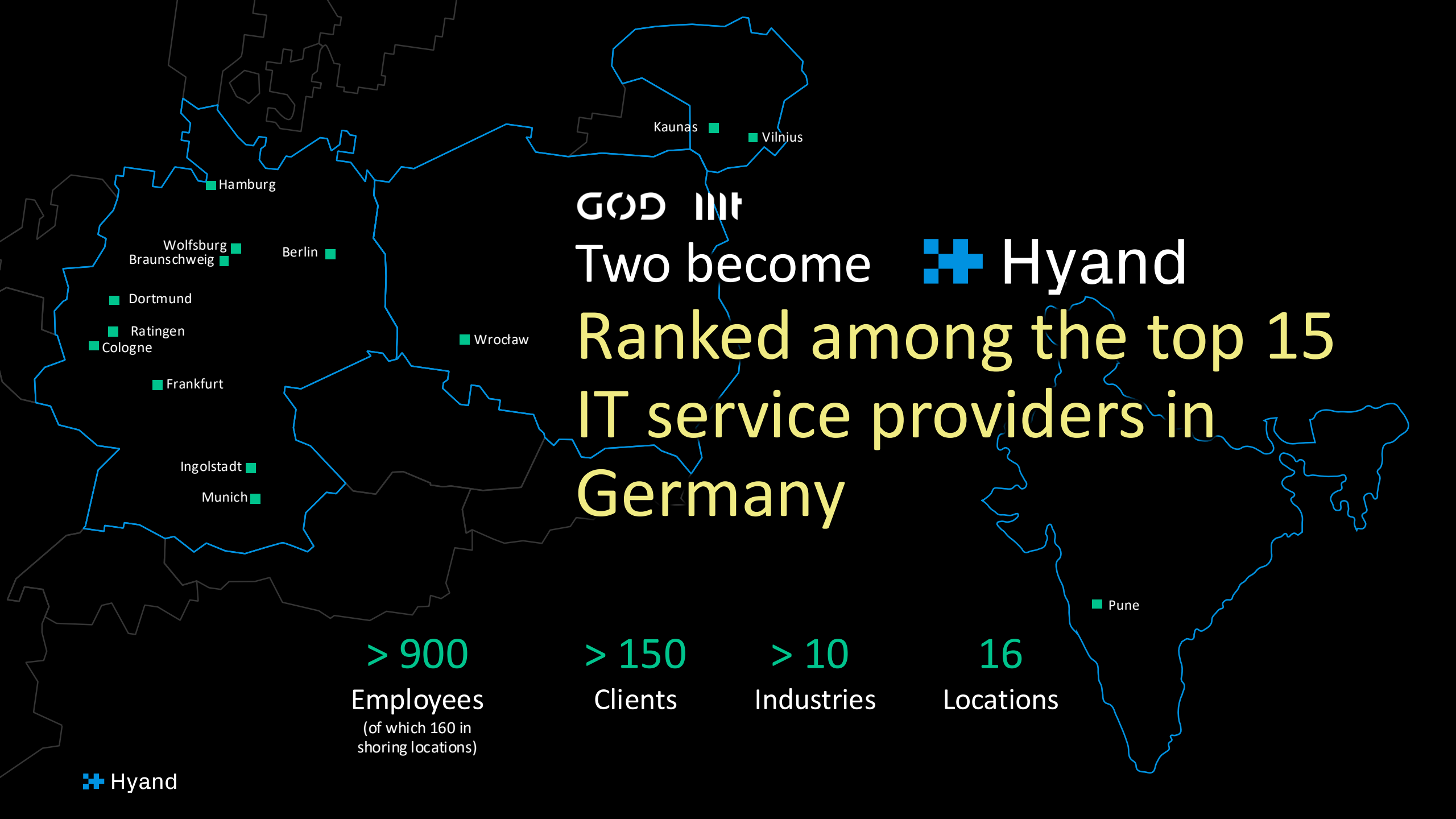
Oracle Databases since 2008

Blog author, conference speaker

Born in 1983, two children and living in Germany

Timo Herwix
Senior Consultant





GOD III

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

> 900

Employees
(of which 160 in
shoring locations)

> 150

Clients

> 10

Industries

16

Locations

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Single Sign-On One Login for All Your Needs!

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...

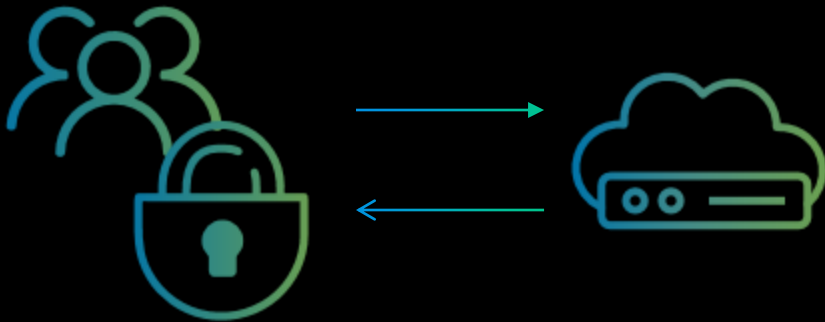
Users

- It improves User Experience by integrating with a suitable IdP, like using Entra ID 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

Authentication vs. Authorization.

Authentication

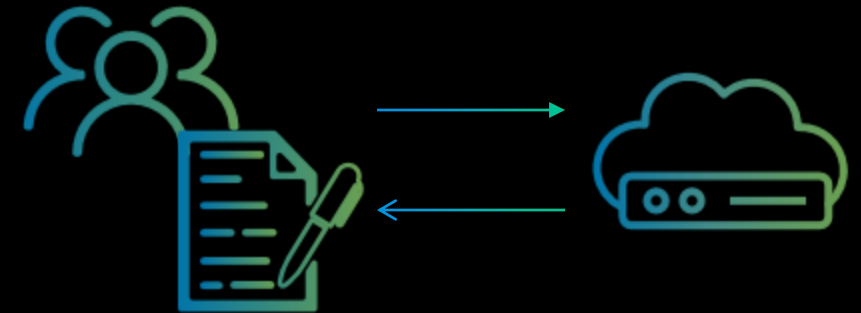
Who are you?



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)

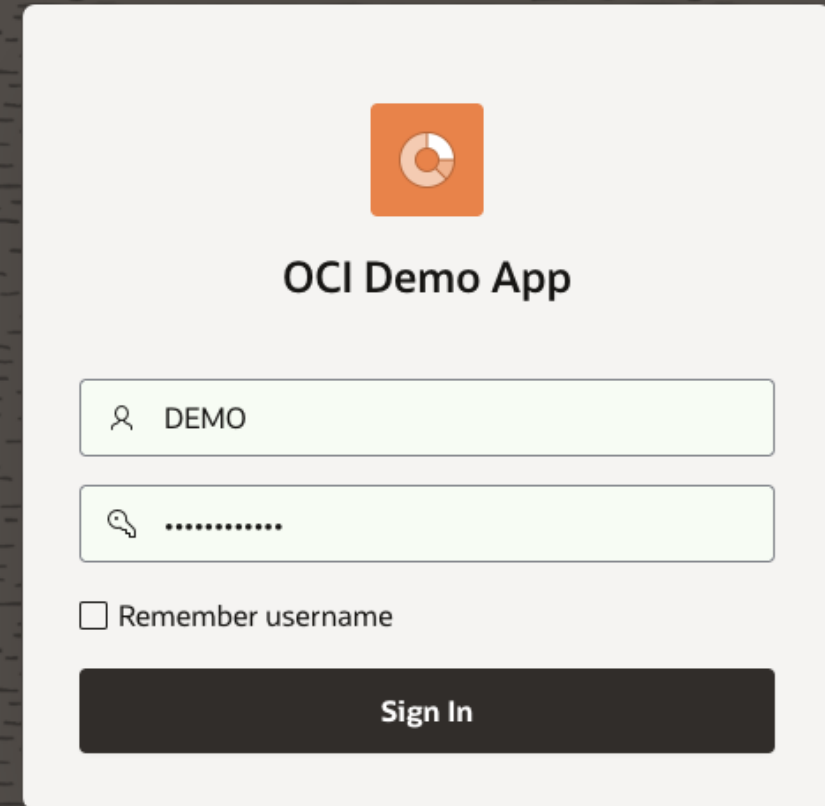
 Database Accounts (only for legacy reasons)

 Oracle APEX Accounts (if no external Identity Provider is available)

 HTTP Header Variable (delegates authentication to external IdP)

 SAML Sign-In (delegates authentication to external IdP)

 Social Sign-In (delegates authentication to external IdP)



The image shows a login form for the OCI Demo App. At the top center is an orange square icon with a white circle and a smaller orange circle inside. Below the icon is the text "OCI Demo App". The form contains a username field with a magnifying glass icon and the text "DEMO", a password field with a key icon and a series of dots, a checkbox labeled "Remember username", and a dark grey "Sign In" button.

Authentication Protocols - What should you go for?



SAML

XML-based framework for exchanging authentication and authorization data between an identity provider (IdP) and a service provider (SP).



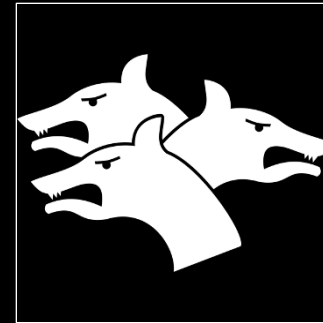
OAuth 2.0

OAuth 2.0 controls and delegates authorization to access a protected resource, like your web app, native app, or API service. It provides API security through scoped access tokens.



OpenID Connect

Extends OAuth 2.0 with user authentication and Single Sign-On (SSO) functionality. It enables you to retrieve and store authentication information about your end users. It also defines several OAuth 2.0 scopes to enable apps to access user profile information.



Kerberos

Uses tickets granted by a trusted third-party (Key Distribution Center - KDC) to authenticate users and services within a network.

Authentication Protocols - What should you go for?



SAML

Included as a Built-In Authentication since Version 21.2+ (Requires DB 19+)

Alternative: Use HTTP Header Variable as Authentication Scheme

Setup time: 2-4 hours.



OAuth 2.0

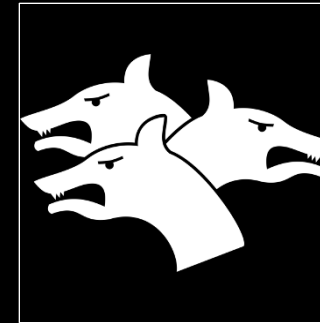
Better known as "Social Sign-In" Authentication. Social Sign-In was introduced in APEX 18.1.

With Social Sign-In, you can easily authenticate using Google, Facebook, and other social networks that support OpenID Connect or OAuth2 standards.

It only takes about 1-2 hours to set up!



OpenID Connect



Kerberos

Kerberos is ideal for internal APEX environments, especially with Active Directory as the IdP.

It is well-known for use in Microsoft Windows networks, but it also works on macOS.

Setup time: 4-8 hours

Social Sign-In!



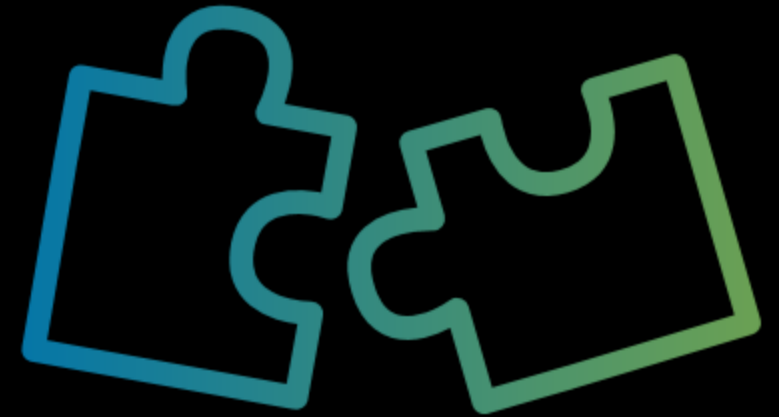


Google
Cloud IAM



Why Oracle IAM/Entra ID?

- Both are a **cloud-based** platform
- Both IDPs are **free**, making it a great starting point for learning
- You can manage both - **cloud and on-premise** - Apps
- Oracle APEX integrates **easily** with both IDPs, requiring no to minimal coding and can be done in about **30 minutes**
- Many customers use **Entra ID**, so it makes sense to take a closer look at it



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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 is 'Identity > Domains > Default domain > Integrated applications > My APEX Application'.

My APEX Application

Deactivate Edit application Add tags Delete ⓘ

Application information Tags

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: -

Resources

- OAuth configuration**
- Web tier policy
- Consent information
- Users
- Groups

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 8179Bd579a243ba9fd524f791787b2f ?

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-d1aac9203f54619968a2fd77c60a3e0.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

DEMO

.....

Remember username

Sign In



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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 ?

Authentication Provider ?

* Discovery URL ?

* Scope ?

Authentication URI Parameters ?

* Username ?

Convert Username To Upper Case ?

Additional User Attributes ?

Map Additional User Attributes To ?

Verify Attributes ?

```
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

Application: 107 OCI Demo App

* Name: IS_ADMIN

* Scheme Type: Is In Role or Group

Type: Custom

* Name(s): Administrators

Identify error message displayed when scheme violated

Cancel Create Authorization Scheme

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?](#)

<input type="checkbox"/> Security questions Configure security questions.	<input type="checkbox"/> Email Configure email settings.
<input type="checkbox"/> Bypass code	<input type="checkbox"/> DUO security Configure DUO security.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fast ID Online (FIDO) authenticator Configure FIDO authenticator.	

Mobile Configure mobile app passcode.	Phone number Configure phone number.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobile app passcode	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Text message (SMS)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mobile app notification	<input type="checkbox"/> 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!

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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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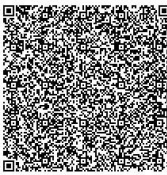
Select a Method What are the differences? ⓘ

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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Account hinzufügen timo.herwix



Passwordless Authentication!

Passwordless Authentication!



Something
You **Know**

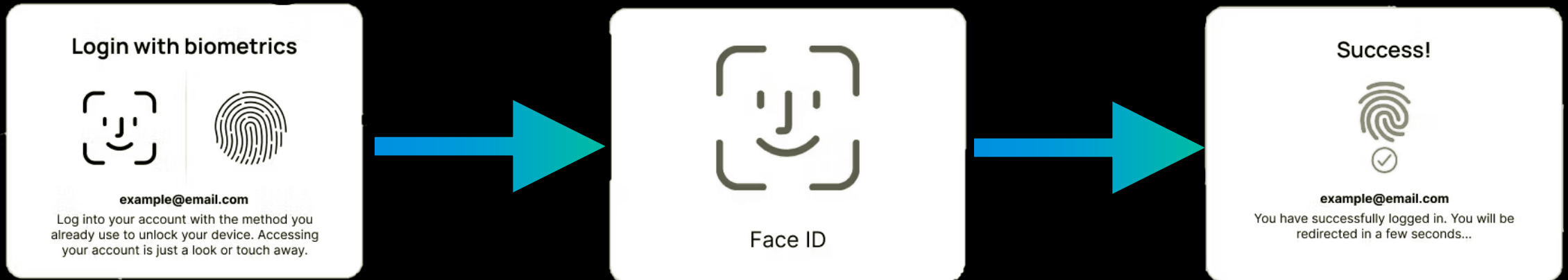


Something
You **Have**



Something
You **Are**

Passwordless Authentication!



Setting up Username only Sign-In!

Session settings *in Default Domain*

Session limits

Session duration (in minutes)

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)

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*

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.



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Oracle Cloud Account Sign In

Identity domain ⓘ
Default

User Name

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 x

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

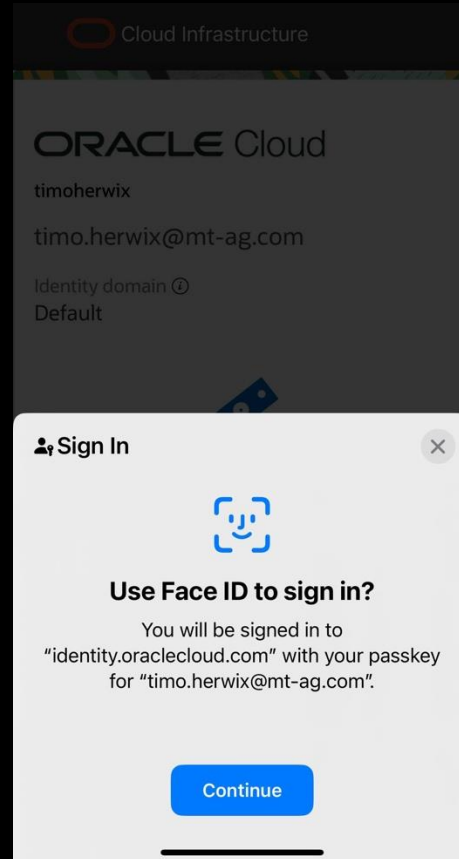
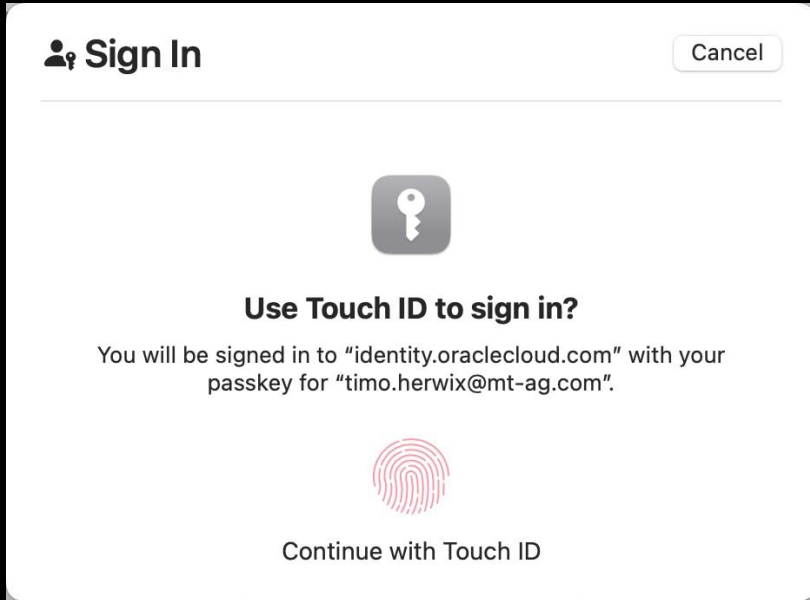
Identity provider rules

[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



Password

Inconvenient

Convenient

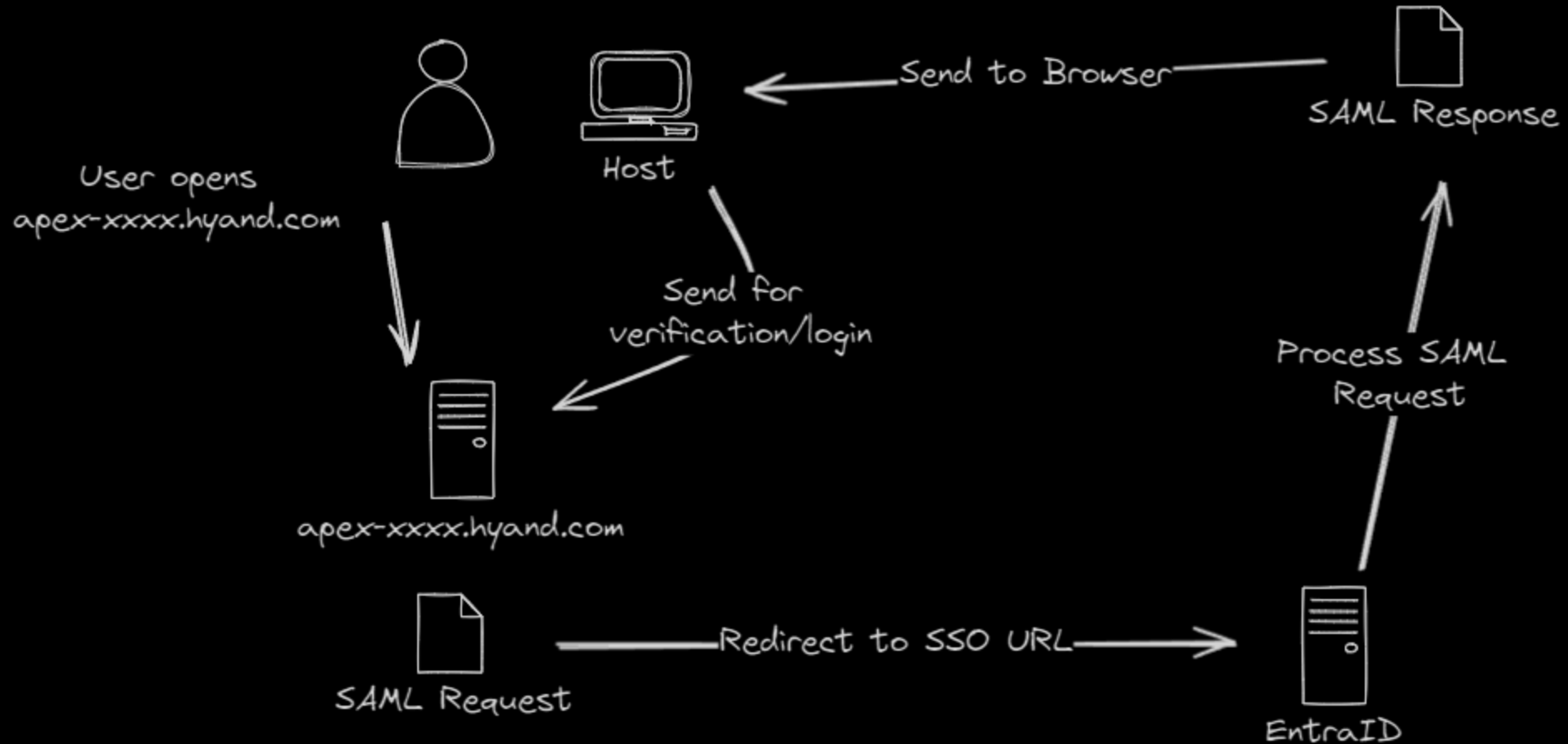
Low Security

RIP passwords - the future is passwordless!

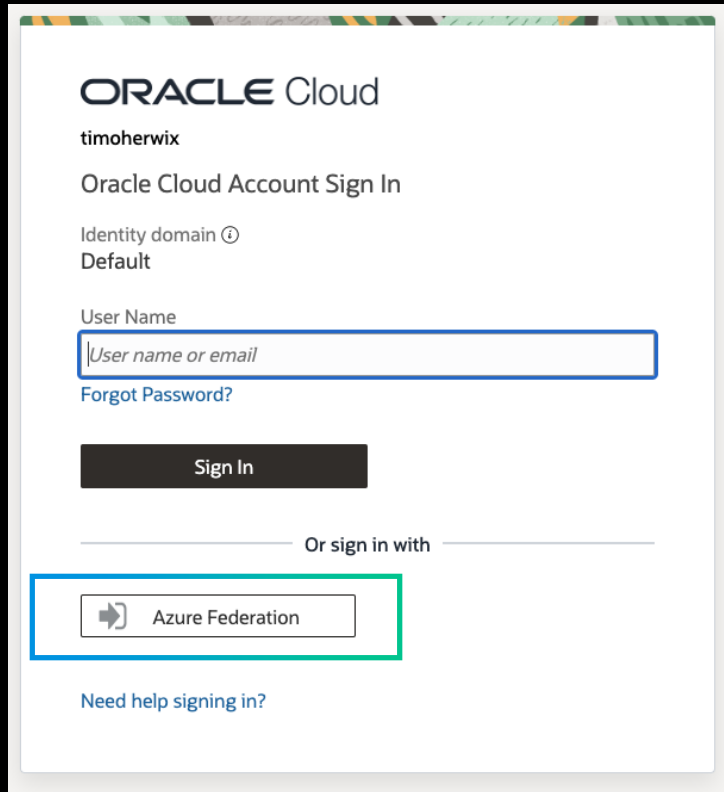
Single Sign-On between OCI and Azure!

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

SAML Authentication Flow



Single Sign-On between OCI and Azure!



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Oracle Cloud Account Sign In

Identity domain ⓘ
Default

User Name

[Forgot Password?](#)

Sign In

Or sign in with

[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 Entra-ID!

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!

A screenshot of the ā'pěks (OracleAPEX) blog homepage. The page features a dark theme with a blue accent color. At the top, the site logo 'ā'pěks (#orclapex)' is displayed in a yellow font. Below the logo are social media icons for X, GitHub, LinkedIn, and RSS. A search bar, settings icon, and a 'Follow' button are also present. A navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Cloud Computing', 'Secure Access Made Easy', 'APEX Tips', 'Other Series', 'About Us', and 'Newsletter'. The main content area features a large article preview with a blue and red graphic showing a 'W' icon and a 'PDF' icon, with the text 'Start Generating Dynamic PDFs in APEX Easily with OCI Pre-Built Functions'. Below this, the author 'Timo Herwix' and a '12 min read' indicator are shown. To the right, there are two smaller article previews: 'Implementing Social Sign-In with Microsoft Azure/Office 365 in APEX' and 'Mastering Identity Lifecycle Management for OCI IAM and Azure AD', both by Timo Herwix. At the bottom, a footer contains a list of hashtags: #oracle, #orclapex, #lowcode, #plsql, #JavaScript, #AutonomousDatabase, and #Cloud.

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