Mobile Passwordless MFA

Eliminate passwords and secure access to any company resource with biometrics. Integrate easily with your existing identity infrastructure or use all-in-one passwordless platform from idemeum.

Problems with passwords

Passwords have long been known for being the weakest link in security. Users reuse passwords across multiple systems, they forget their passwords or write them down, and passwords are easily compromised. As long as a password is used in your identity systems, you remain vulnerable to password-based threats like phishing attacks, credential stuffing, multi-factor authentication bypass, and more.

Traditional multi-factor authentication (MFA) isn't much better. Traditional MFA is thought to improve security by layering additional authentication factors on top of a password. After an employee enters his initial password, MFA asks for more proof by using other factors to validate identity. Unfortunately, with MFA, the second factor may not be much stronger than a password. One-time code, SMS, and mobile push are also vulnerable. But at the end of the day, traditional MFA doesn't eliminate the most insecure factor in the login process - the password. Finally, MFA adds friction to the authentication process, impacting the user experience for minimal benefit. For the user, MFA is time consuming and frustrating to the point of affecting company productivity.

What is passwordless authentication?

Passwordless authentication is the term used to describe a group of identity verification methods that don't rely on passwords. Biometrics, security keys, and specialized mobile applications are all considered "passwordless" or "modern" authentication methods. idemeum is innovating toward a true passwordless future that balances usability with stronger authentication. Passwordless gives users a frictionless login experience, while reducing administrative burden and overall security risks for the enterprise.

Passwordless authentication ideally involves less user interaction during the login process than traditional forms of authentication. It uses public key cryptography, which authenticates the user with a pair of cryptographic keys – a private key that's a secret, and a public key that isn't – and it comes with a lexicon of new (or relatively new) acronyms and standards like FIDO2 standard (FIDO stands for Fast IDentity Online and FIDO2 is just an umbrella term for the combination of WebAuthn and Client to Authenticator Protocol [CTAP]).

Why passwordless matters?

Passwordless authentication isn't just a nice-to-have – it can actually improve an organization's security posture and reduce costs associated with password management. Passwords create higher friction for users, slow down business productivity, and are inherently a weak form of user authentication.

COSTLY AND BURDENSOME TO MANAGE

20-50% of all IT help desk tickets each year are for password resets (Security Boulevard)

POOR USER EXPERIENCE

The average business user must log in with as many as 190 passwords (Security Magazine)

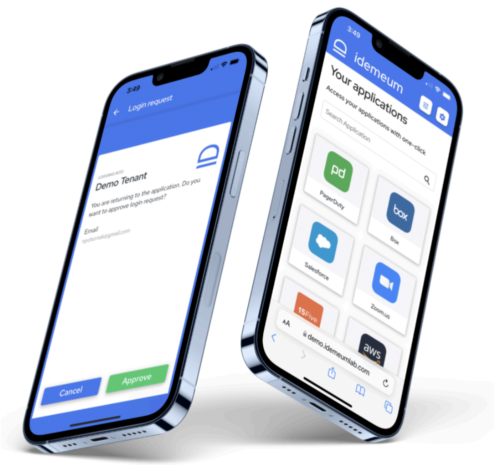
HIGHLY INSECURE

Over 80% of hacking breaches involve brute force or the use of lost or stolen credentials. (Verizon DBIR)

Universal Passwordless MFA from idemeum

idemeum replaces shared secrets such as passwords, PINs, SMS codes and OTPs, with FIDO2 standards. Biometric sensors such as Apple Touch ID, Face ID, and their Android counterparts, can be used to securely access devices, applications, and infrastructure using public key cryptography.

At registration, idemeum securely generates a pair of cryptographic keys in addition to FIDO2 standards. The private key is stored on the user's mobile device using hardware-backed crypto storage, whereas the public key is registered with idemeum backend. When users scan login QR-code with idemeum mobile application, they are required to authenticate with multiple factors - biometrics and certificates.



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Login request

LOGGING INTO

Demo Tenant

You are returning to the application. Do you want to approve login request?

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idemeum unique benefits

REDUCE RISK BY STOPPING CREDENTIAL ATTACKS

Attackers simply can't use passwords anymore - they don't exist. idemeum can protect against login credentials being stolen or leaked in credential stuffing, credential cracking, social engineering, and phishing attacks.

IMPROVE WORKFORCE EXPERIENCE AND PRODUCTIVITY

idemeum eliminates user friction - no more codes, magic links, hardware devices, and remembering passwords. idemeum offers a solution where strong security meets frictionless experience.

REDUCE HELP DESK CALLS FROM PASSWORD RESETS

Users no longer have to meet complex password requirements, change them every 60 days, or contact the help desk to resolve password lockouts and reset issues.

idemeum integrates with anything you have

Unlike other vendors on the market, idemeum integrates and protects pretty much any company resource, including cloud and on-premises applications, workstations, legacy applications, infrastructure, network devices, Wi-Fi, and more.

CLOUD APPLICATIONS

Protect Single Sign-On applications with passwordless MFA

DESKTOPS

Login into Windows and MacOS desktops with passwordless MFA

NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE

Integrate idemeum passwordless MFA with your VPN, Wi-Fi, or other networking infrastructure

LEGACY APPLICATIONS

Protect legacy on-premises applications with unphishable MFA leveraging authentication proxy

RDP ACCESS

Protect local Windows RDP access with Passwordless MFA

INFRASTRUCTURE

Protect access to servers and VDI infrastructure

Why do you need to act now?

Old school MFA is being attacked and bypassed at scale. The first line of defense for many companies, considered a "standard of good practice" by insurance companies offering cyber insurance policies, is no longer effective. Companies and organizations are often required to implement MFA to qualify for new or ongoing cybersecurity policies. The problem is that relying on ineffective, phishable MFA is like posting a "keep out" sign and expecting bad actors to respect it. Attacks, including those against Uber, Twilio, Okta, and Reddit, show that bad actors are easily bypassing legacy MFA. For example in early 2023 Reddit reported a breach where employee who was protected by legacy MFA was phished, and the attackers were able to get access to company resources.

The US government has set a precedent for stronger security, and government agencies are implementing changes at a rapid pace to meet stringent deadlines. Phishing-resistant MFA is a necessity, if you want to protect your organization's resources. On January 26, 2022, the Office of the Management and Budget (OMB) issued a memo setting the groundwork for the creation of zero trust architecture for federal agencies. The deadline for the objective for all government agencies and organizations that access government resources is the end of 2024.

The memo shows:

1. **Deploy phishing resistant MFA** - agencies "must discontinue support for authentication methods that fail to resist phishing, including protocols that register phone numbers for SMS or voice calls, supply one-time codes, or receive push notifications." Phishing-resistant MFA is mentioned over a dozen times in the memo.
2. **Apply MFA everywhere** - OMB recommends to secure every resource with MFA, as your security is as strong as the weakest link. Traditional MFA vendors struggle to help organizations deploy MFA everywhere, and this is where idemeum can help by securing any company resource with phishing-resistant MFA.
3. **Leverage device trust** - agencies need to leverage various metadata signals when evaluating access decisions, including device signal, location, and user metadata. "Every request for access should be evaluated to determine whether it is appropriate, which requires the ability to continuously evaluate any active session."

At idemeum we believe these new requirements will quickly spread to the public and private sectors, and the use of phishing-resistant MFA will become the new requirement for organizations' security as well as compliance standards (e.g., HIPAA, PCI, NYDFS, PSD2, SCA, CCPA).

Get in touch with us

Idemeum can help you implement passwordless and phishing-resistant MFA that is also frictionless for your employees. Schedule a demo today.

idemeum is a Zero-Trust Passwordless platform that offers one place to manage access to your workstations, applications, and infrastructure, all without passwords.