Identity Governance and Administration: There's More to Identity Than Authentication

Managing identities and access starts with authentication – but it doesn't end there. Identity governance is just as critical, especially in a time when organizations are deploying an increasingly dynamic workforce, moving more operations to the cloud, and making other changes that impact who is accessing resources, from where and how. In the age of digital transformation, it's not enough to know that people requesting access are who they say they are. You also have to know that the right people have access to the right resources for the right reasons – and to do that, you need a strong program of identity governance and administration (IGA). Here's how to ensure your approach is up to the challenges of the digital world:

Go big – but start small

Identity governance covers a lot of ground, and you need a full-featured set of capabilities to handle it all. But taking a phased approach can make it more manageable. Start by rolling out capabilities for collecting entitlements, conducting access reviews and handling other fundamental aspects of governance. Follow with lifecycle management capabilities, and then move on to role-based access control and, finally, governance of unstructured data on SharePoint sites, collaboration platforms and so forth.

Automate everything

The manual processes traditionally used for identity governance have always been time-consuming and error-prone – but a growing dynamic workforce has made those problems far more consequential. Instead of having a traditional on-site workforce of long-term FTEs, most organizations today employ a substantial number of remote workers, as well as a sizable contingent of contract workers – all as likely to be working from home as from the office. Automating governance-related processes is the only way to keep pace with change and keep helpdesk costs in check.

Focus on visibility

Successful governance requires visibility into the access associated with every application, user and entitlement – including insight into who has access to what resources and what they can do with that access. Coupled with advanced analytics, such extensive visibility will ensure your team's ability to understand the relative risk posed by different access issues that are uncovered and prioritize them for action accordingly.

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SecurID: Complete capabilities to meet today's identity governance demands

SecurID Governance & Lifecycle is easily and flexibly deployed on-premises or in the cloud, and is offered as a vendor-hosted and managed service in the cloud. It enables you to:

Run regular, automated access certifications to ensure the right people have the right access (and the wrong people don't, by identifying and eliminating orphaned accounts and overprovisioning)

Enforce policies for appropriate access (such as segregation-of-duties policy) and easily generate reports and dashboards to **demonstrate policy compliance**

Meet growing demand while controlling costs by automating user onboarding, providing self-service for password resets and access requests, and automatically deprovisioning accounts when triggered by an event such as a notification of termination or role change

Quickly identify and prioritize access anomalies and policy violations through a powerful combination of access visibility, data intelligence and analytics

Learn more about how SecurID goes beyond authentication to deliver complete IGA capabilities, with SecurID Governance & Lifecycle.

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