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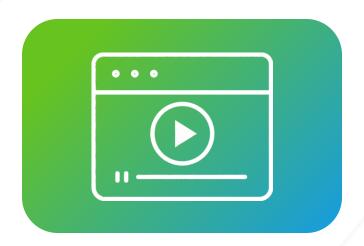
# Threats Facing Organizations Today

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# **Meet Your Presenters**



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# **Our Agenda**

- Understanding Phishing
- Navigating Fake Websites
- Reviewing Password Security
- Implementing Modern Authentication
- Defining the Principle of Least Privilege
- Using isolved







### **Polling Question**

# How often do you provide Security Training to your employees?

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# Phishing

#### **Prevalent Threat**

Phishing is a widespread threat affecting organizations, often targeting employees to extract sensitive information.

#### **Recognizing Phishing Attempts**

Understanding how to identify phishing attempts is essential for protecting sensitive company data from breaches.

#### **Safeguarding Data**

Implementing security measures and employee training can significantly reduce the risk of falling victim to phishing.



# **Spear-Phishing**

Targeting individuals to log in to fraudulent websites.



### **Steps to The Targeted Tactics**

**Information Gathering (Bait)** 

The Request (The Hook)

The Attack (Catch)

# **Implementing Phishing Awareness Programs**









Clear Instructions & Support

# Navigating Fake Websites



## **Understanding Fake Websites**

What are they?

Why do they exist?

How do they operate?

# Can you spot a fake website?







CHECK FOR CONTACT INFORMATION



EVALUATE THE WEBSITE DESIGN AND CONTENT



TEST THE WEBSITE FUNCTIONALITY



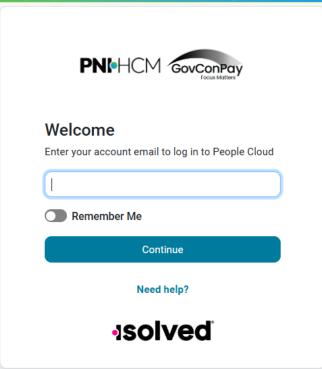
### **Keeping You Safe**

- Educate Employees on Security
- Provide Links & Favorites (Avoid using search engines.)
- Use Official App Stores
- Enable Modern Authentication
- Review Email & Domain Names for Accuracy
- Review Authorized Contacts with PNI
- Avoid Sending PII Information via Email
- Preview Your Payroll for Verification of Changes
- Review Your Account for Accuracy (Employee)



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#### **Polling Question**

# True or False: Passwords are considered the safest in preventing breaches and attacks.

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# The Current Status on Passwords

#### **Weakness of Passwords**

Passwords are frequently the **most** vulnerable aspect of cybersecurity, making systems susceptible to breaches and attacks.

#### **Rise of Breaches**

As cybersecurity breaches continue to increase, reliance on traditional passwords poses significant risks for organizations.

#### **Need for Alternatives**

Organizations must explore alternative security measures beyond traditional passwords to protect sensitive information effectively.

### **Polling Question**

# Do you reuse the same password?

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# Go "Passwordless" & Use Passkeys

#### **Enhanced Security**

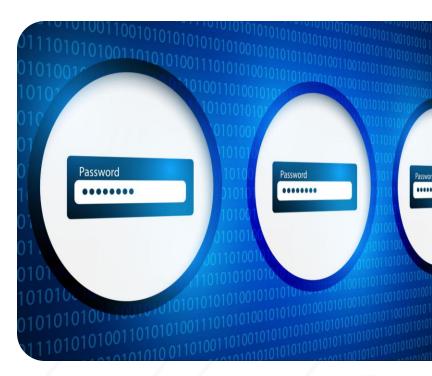
Passwordless authentication methods significantly improve security by eliminating the vulnerabilities associated with traditional passwords.

#### **Simplified Login Process**

Passkeys streamline the login process, making it faster and more user-friendly for accessing accounts.

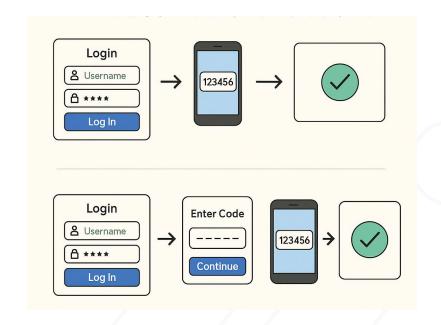
#### **Reduced Password Management Risks**

By adopting passkeys, organizations can significantly reduce risks linked to password management, such as phishing attacks.



#### The Evolution of Multi-Factor Authentication

- Started with simple two-factor authentication (2FA) methods, such as combining a password with a one-time code sent via SMS or email.
- The need for more robust security led to the introduction of additional authentication factors, including passkey authentication, biometric verification (fingerprint, facial recognition) and hardware tokens.



### **Polling Question**

# Is Multi-Factor Authentication Secure?

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# Email & Text-Based Authorization Codes Are Being Phased Out

#### **Decreasing Reliance on Codes**

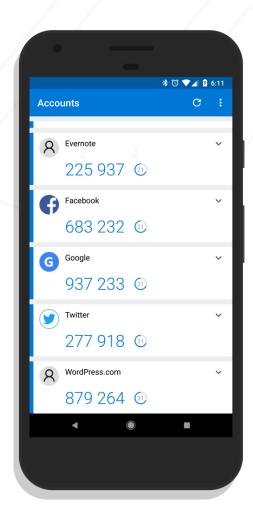
The reliance on email and SMS codes for verification is decreasing due to increasing security vulnerabilities.

#### **Security Vulnerabilities**

Email and SMS codes are prone to vulnerabilities, making them less secure for authentication purposes.

#### **Transition to Secure Methods**

Organizations are encouraged to adopt more secure methods of verification to enhance user safety.



#### **Using Authenticator Apps**

#### **Enhanced Security**

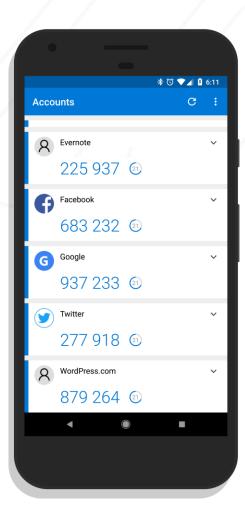
Authenticator apps are considered more secure than SMS 2FA because they store the secret key on the device itself, making it harder for hackers to intercept the codes

#### Convenience

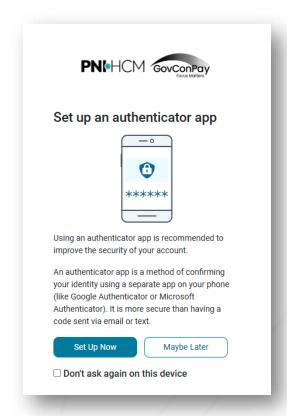
Authenticator apps are easy to use and can be integrated with a wide range of online services, from social networks to financial services

#### Time-Based, One-Time Use Codes

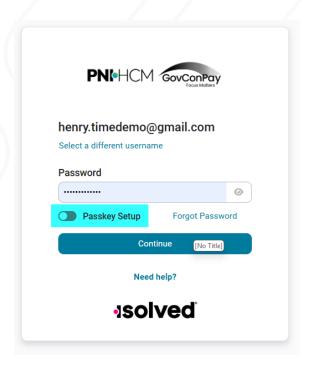
The codes generated by authenticator apps are short-lived, usually expiring within 30 seconds. This minimizes the window of opportunity for potential attackers

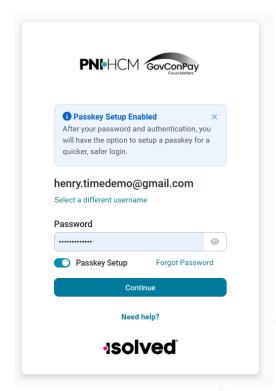


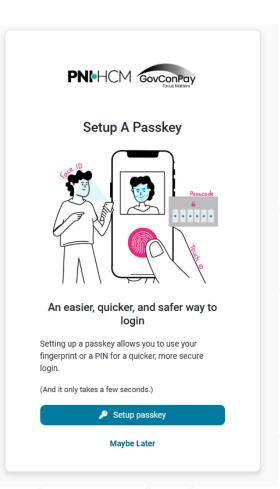
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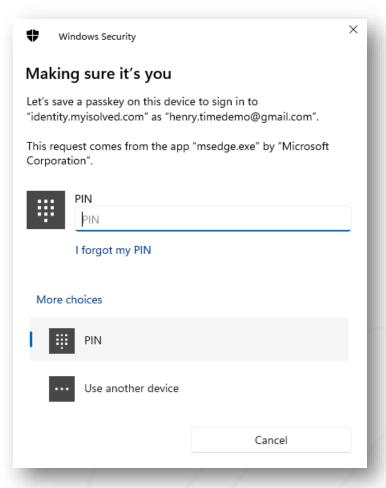
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### **Polling Question**

# Do you have an incident response plan in place?

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#### What's your plan?

- ☐ Identifying Threats
- Defining a Response Team
- ☐ Outlining Procedures
- ☐ Developing a Communication Plan
- ☐ Testing & Updating the Plan
- ☐ Training All Stakeholders/Employees

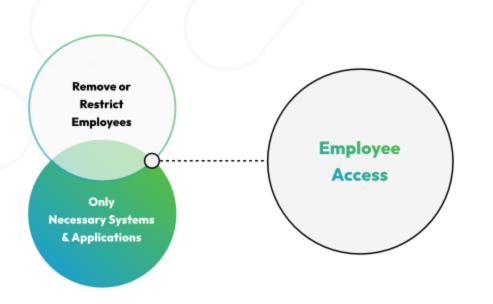
### **Principle of Least Privilege (PoLP)**

Minimizing Access

Reduce Risks

**User Access Management** 

### PoLP – Principle of Least Privilege



- Identify Sensitive Data
   Understand the need for crucial access.
- Perform Regular Access Reviews
   Identify and correct user permissions.
- Compliance Assurance
   Ensure to meet compliance requirements.

# **Additional Tools to Strengthen Security**

Web Filtering Email Filtering

Network Access Controls

**Encryption** 

Vulnerability Scanners

Antivirus Software

Backup & Recovery Tools

**Firewalls** 





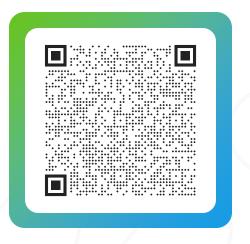
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