

# Practical Identity Access Management

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#### Introduction

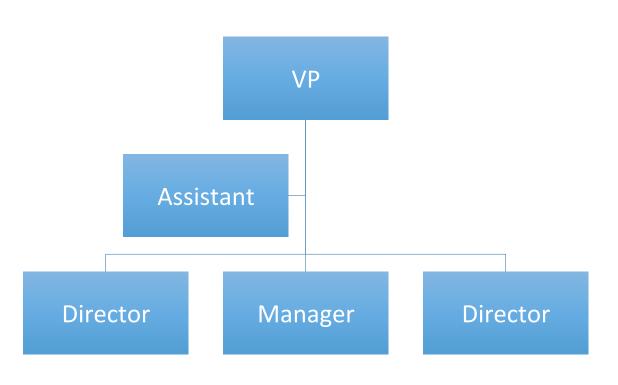
- My background
- Lessons learned from designing & building IAM/SSO solutions
- Reflects my personal experience only
- Working with government organizations
- Focus on getting access to the system



Why do you need an IAM system?



#### **Traditional IAM**

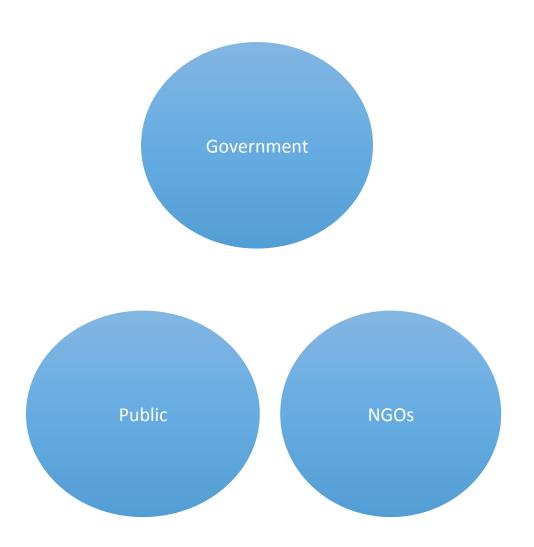


- One Constituency
  - Join
  - Change Jobs
  - Reviewed
  - Leave



#### Government IAM

- Three Constituencies:
  - Government
  - Public
  - NGOs





Buying an IAM Product



#### **IAM Products**

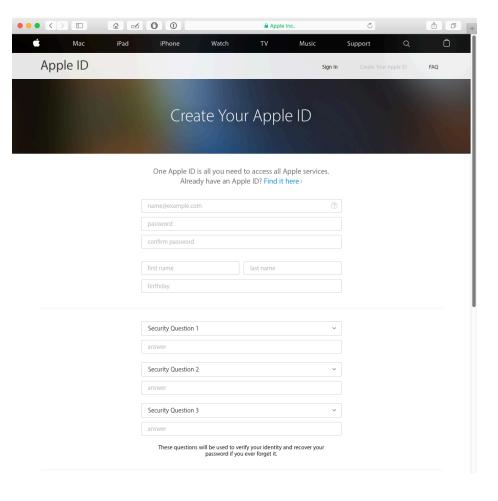
- They're all expensive
- They're all platforms
- They all require professional services
- Lesson: choose one you can support. Have the professional services team picked out when you buy.



The User Experience



## Getting a User ID





#### Enrollment

- Getting a User ID
- Identity Matching
- Identity Verification

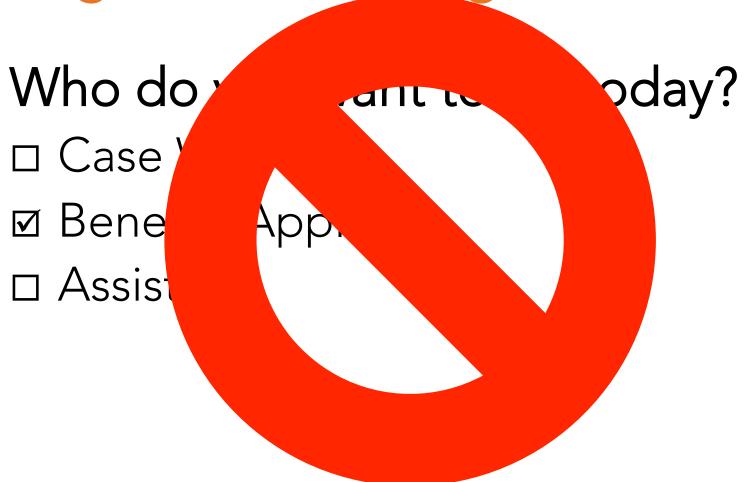


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Login Screen: Single ID





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- Lesson: a user account is not a person

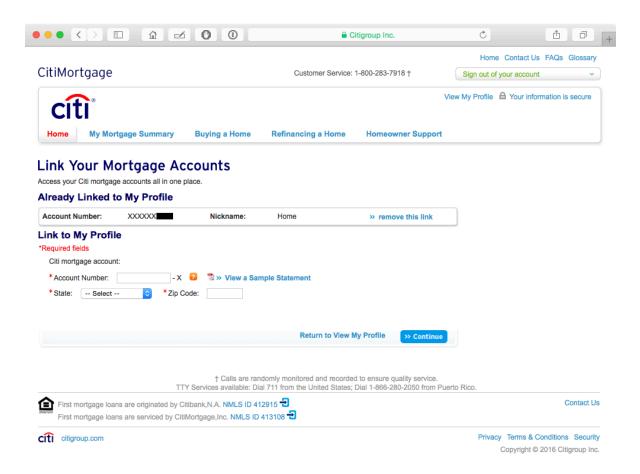


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- Lesson: IAM shouldn't do identity matching but should record results of ID matching



## **Enrollment: Identity Verification**

- Verifying a user's claimed identity
- Government users are verified at time of hire
- NGO users are verified through a process
- Public users must prove who they are



#### **Enrollment: Identity Verification**

Which of the following vehicles have you owned?

- A. 2005 Ford Taurus
- B. 2014 Chevrolet Malibu
- C. 2010 Toyota Prius
- D. 1998 Audi TT
- E. None of the above





## **Enrollment: Identity Verification**

NIST 800-63-2 discusses in detail

- Lesson: verify identity after granting a User ID but before granting access
- Lesson: provide a manual identity verification process



## Enrollment: 3 phase approach

- 1. Getting a User ID
- 2. Identity Matching
- 3. Identity Verification



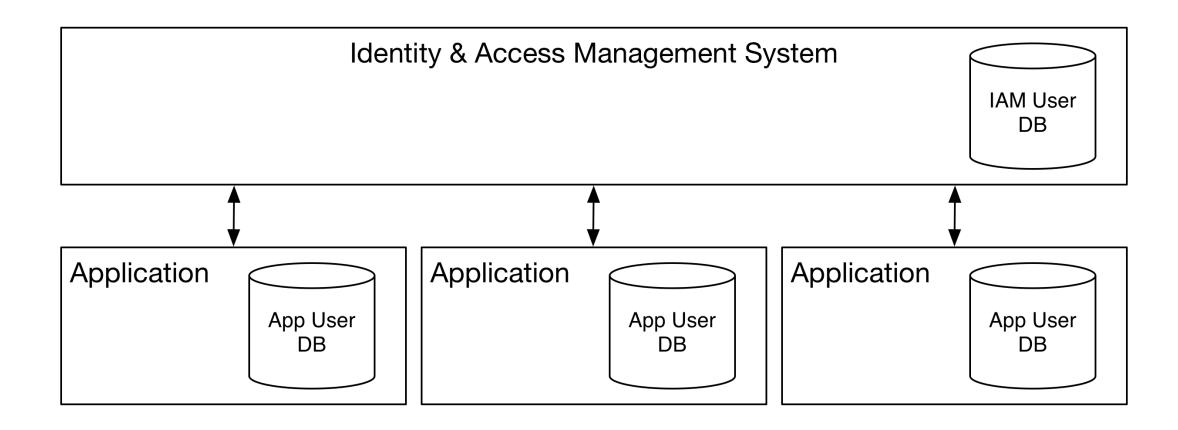
# Logging In (finally!)

Log in	
Username	
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- Unique ID for user account
- Single Sign-on:
  - Traditional
  - SAML
  - OAuth



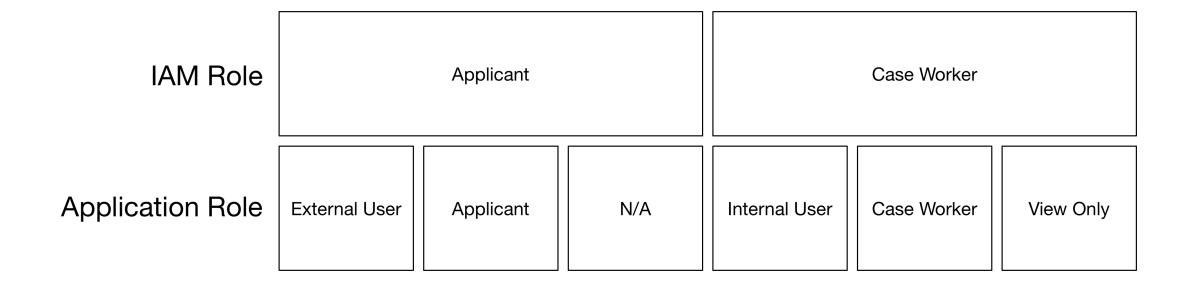
- Lesson: don't use case-sensitive usernames!
- Lesson: each constituency needs a unique user ID namespace
- Lesson: Use an IAM-specific unique identifier for user IDs
- Lesson: Use SAML today, also consider OAuth



Managing Access



## Getting Access: Role Mapping





#### **Getting Access**

- Lesson: manage coarse-grained authorization in IAM, finegrained authorization in the applications
- Lesson: start with fewer roles



#### Removing Access

- Public: user IDs are "never" disabled
- Government: disable upon termination
- NGOs: disable by process
- Lesson: Manage costs of public users by disabling inactive or abandoned user accounts



#### Changing & Reviewing Access

- Vision: automated, end-user driven request process
- Request Notify Approve Grant



#### Questions?

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