

Single Sign-On: Reviewing the Field

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- But: Multiple Authentications are still happening

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- How to Establish a Trust Relationship?

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- Similar to Circle of Trust

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	Pseudo SSO	Centralized SSO	Federated SSO
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Security	○	+	○
Performance	-	○	○
Scalability	-	+	+
Compatibility	-	*	*
Maintenance	-	○	+
Deployment	+	-	-

Table: Categorization of single sign-on systems

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- Microsoft Passport

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- federated single sign-on system

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- based on SAML

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Questions?

Thank you for your attention!