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Digital Identity Securing a valuable asset

Digital identity **overview**

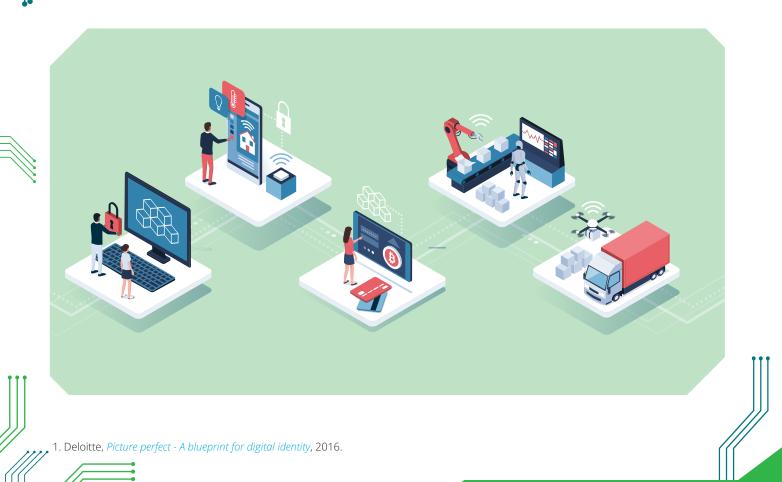
In our digital society, trust is determined through digital identity. Digital identities are becoming the foundation of our rapidly evolving technology-based, data-driven economy and society. With growing digitisation, identity is no longer just about people but also includes systems, and increasingly, devices or things. Fundamentally, digital identity is information used by computer systems to identify and establish trust that a person, organisation, application, or electronic device is who or what they claim to be.



A digital identity is a collection of individual pieces of information–a unique set of attributes–that together describe an 'entity'. An entity could be an individual (such as a customer of a business or a citizen of a country), a legal entity (such as a corporation or a trust), or an asset (such as property). Identity is the total set of an entity's attributes. The attributes enable entities to participate in transactions, by proving to their counterparty that they have the specific attributes required for that transaction.¹

Digital transformation has opened up new revenue streams for organisations. Together with this transformation, customer behaviour is changing. Demand for digital platforms has increased significantly in the last ten years and has accelerated even more recently due to the impact of COVID-19. Digital identity plays a pivotal role in any transformation program aiming to uplift the overall customer experience by ensuring a seamless, frictionless, and a safe online experience for customers. It also provides organisations the ability to verify and personalise their services for consumers.

Eventually everything boils down to the unique digital identity-it is the most valuable item to secure but also needs to be readily available, accessible, and verifiable.

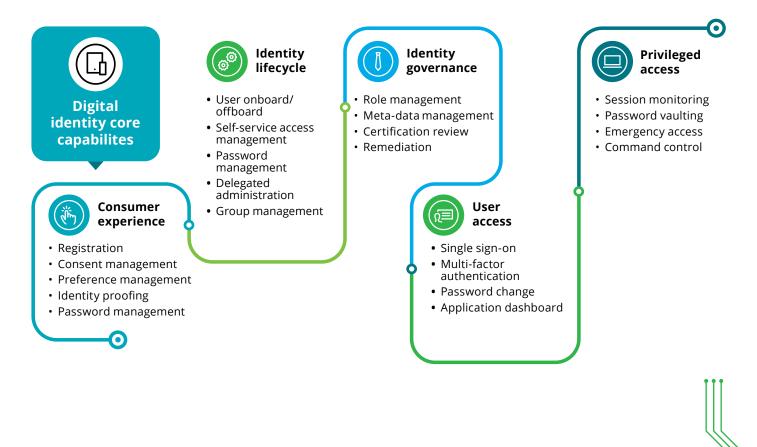




Getting digital identity

Digital identity underpins every successful digital transformation. If an organisation gets their digital identity right, it leads to more efficiency, revenue, and transformational benefits. A digital identity solution can unlock the potential for better employee engagement, improved customer experiences, privacy compliance with a user-centric approach, and allows greater flexibility by enabling the move to cloud.

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Digital consumer experiences require digital identity

Digital businesses rely on customer insights along with data from mobile phones, tablets, Point of Sale (PoS) systems and other sources to provide personalised experiences to their customers. These data may help businesses to provide customers with tailor-made solutions and experiences, but it also makes them vulnerable to hackers and is a breeding ground for privacy breaches. Digital identity solutions should ensure an optimal customer experience in a safe and secure way.

Below is an example of a digital customer identity solution and what it encompasses:

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O Gather data

Capture and manage customer identity from various data sources in a secure manner, and control customer access to applications, systems, and services.

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Device agnostic

Provide consistent and seamless experience to customers irrespective of the device, channel, or media they choose to interact through.

Consent management

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Consent management feature embedded within the solution provides an enhanced customer experience by giving them control of how and where their data can be used.

Single view of identity

Collate the data into a single view of customers, which can provide input to other applications, and aid in personalised marketing, sales forecasting, and making product enhancements.

Adaptive authentication

Identify and address unusual activity quickly by coupling multifactor authentication with adaptive and analytical capabilities such as anomaly detection.

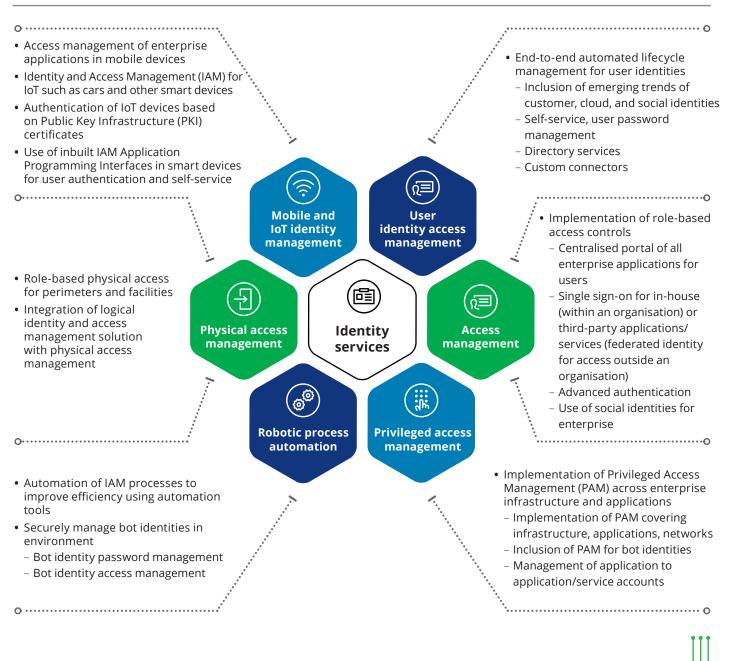


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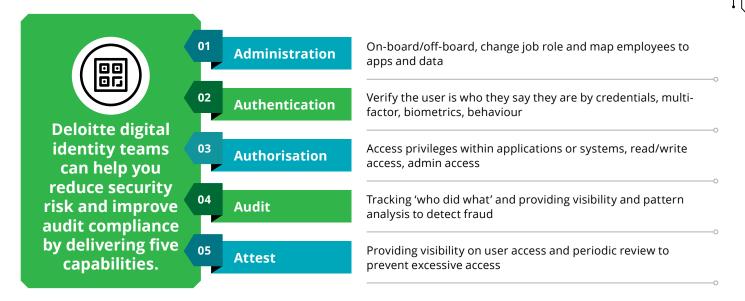
As the world becomes increasingly interconnected through technology, effective digital identity practices are more important than ever. A digital identity solution with end to end lifecycle management is key to providing a single view of identities–including devices and Internet of Things (IoT) infrastructure–and for securing access to critical systems. No matter what industry, effectively managing digital identity can drive overall operational efficiency, reduce risk posture, provide superior customer experiences, and enable value-driven relationships.

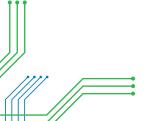
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When organisations embark on a mission to digitise in any business initiative, it is very likely there will be a requirement for identity management that intersects with the delivery of services.







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