



# How MFA Can Help Your Business

## How it works

MFA, short for Multi Factor Authentication, adds extra steps to the login process beyond just a password, making it harder for unauthorised individuals to access an account or network. For instance, besides your password, you might need to enter a code sent to your phone. This code acts as a second verification step, proving you're authorised to access the network.

By adding this extra layer, it's tough for hackers to breach an account since they would need physical access to your phone, which makes you less of a target. Different types of MFA include hardware keys, phone calls, or fingerprint scans, all adding layers of security. The main idea of MFA is to require extra ways to confirm identity before granting access.

## Implementing MFA

There are various ways of implementing MFA – if you use cloud-based services such as Outlook, the service providers (like Microsoft) have guides on their website for setting up MFA. There are also various MFA service providers that offer software to small businesses, usually requiring people to use their phones for authentication.

## Why MFA is important

Relying solely on passwords poses risks, as even complex ones can be hacked, potentially leading to business interruptions and costly damage. MFA is crucial because it adds an extra barrier if a password is compromised, making it harder for hackers to gain access and preventing potential breaches. This is especially important with the rise of remote work and it is highly recommended that MFA is in place when employees are working from home.

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