# 1 jamf Managing user identity on Macs



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# Agenda

#### 1 | Background and history of macOS

I promise not to bore you with stories of how I used to work at Data General and DG/UX

#### 2 | Local User Accounts

How to deal with them, command line fun times, and why we're stuck with them forever. (Spoiler: FileVault)

#### 3 | Login Window Alternatives

macOS has a built-in user session manager called loginwindow. But there's options.

#### 4 | The Future: Platform Single Sign-On

With a whole bunch of speculation because after 4 years, we barely have normal Single Sign-On





# A short history lesson



#### History

# macOS





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#### macOS is UNIX



#### Local Accounts and Groups

Short Name
Real Name
UID
Primary Group
Home Directory



#### Hierarchical File Structure

File Owner
Group Owner
Read / Write / Execute
Other Apple Specific Magic



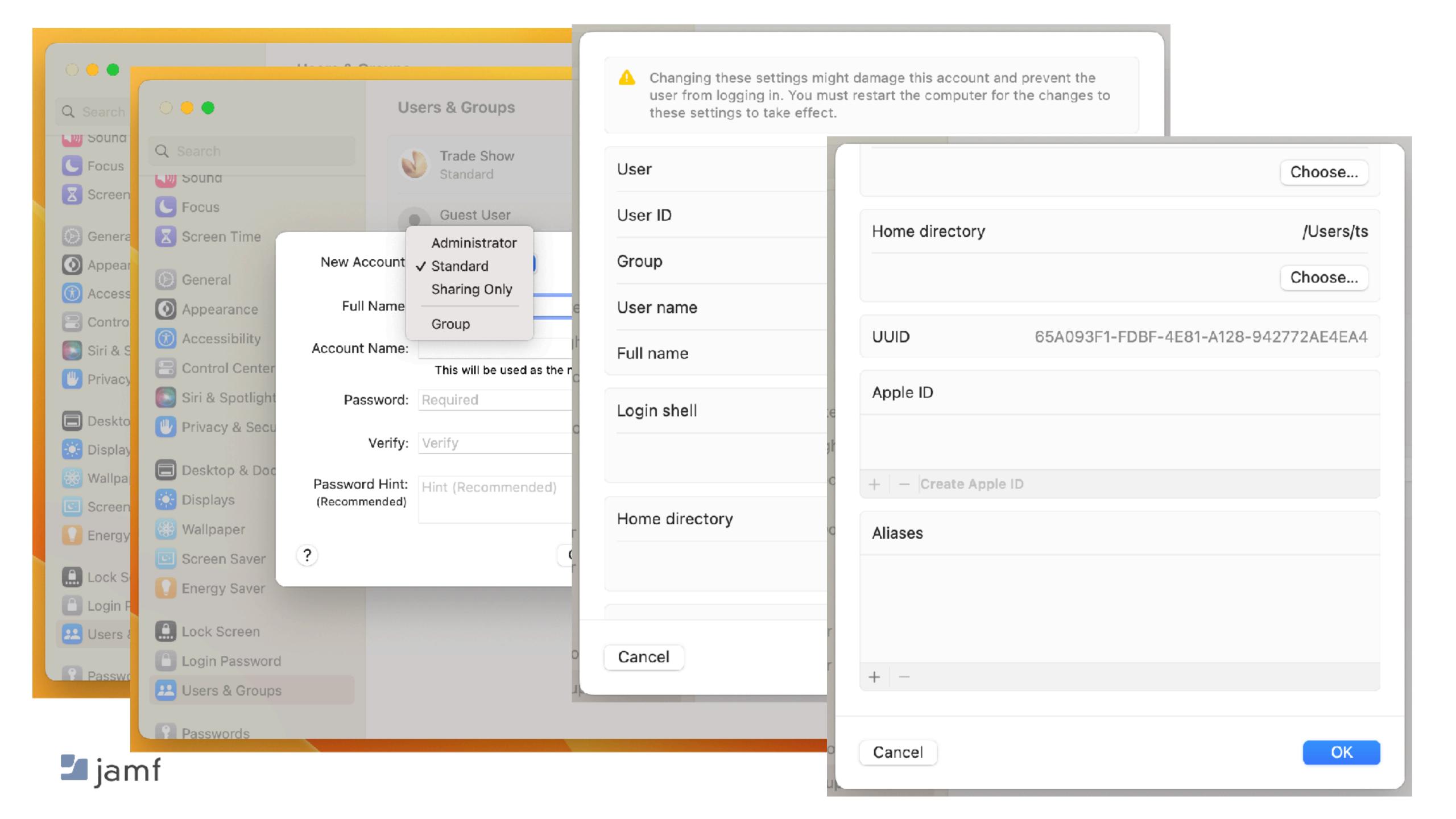
#### Basic Privilege Access Management (PAM)

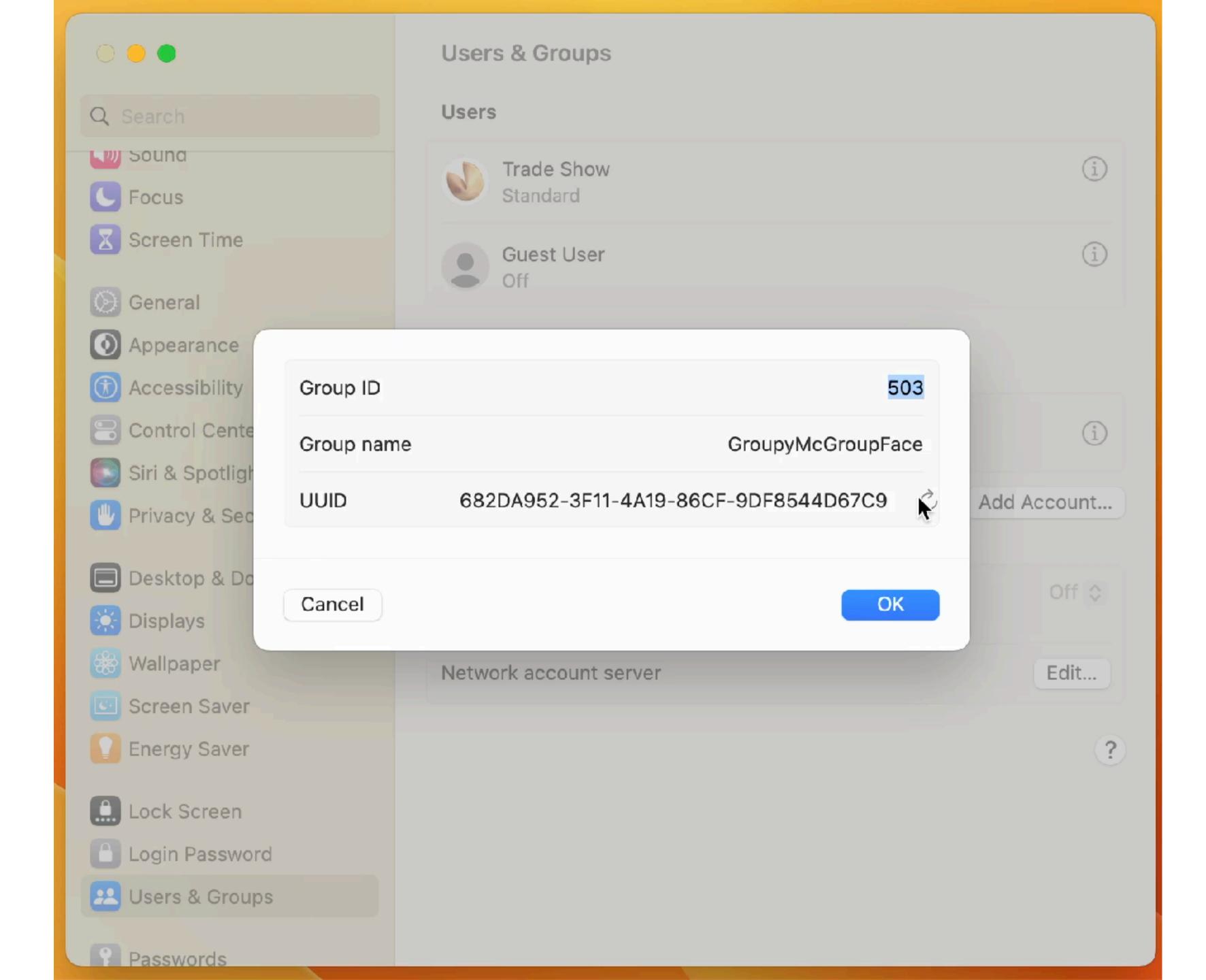
Administrator User
Standard User
Guest User
Sharing Only User



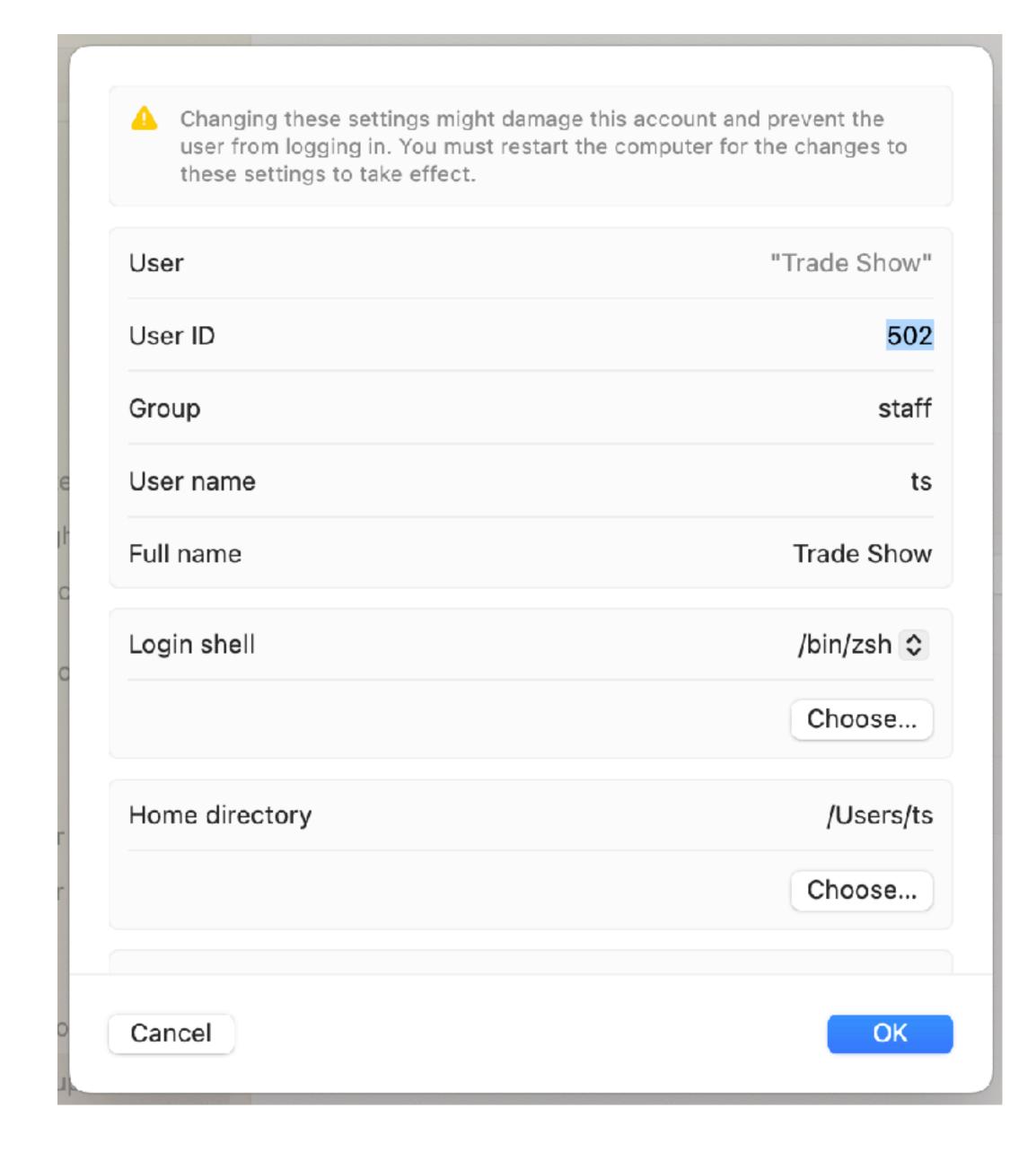
# Local User Accounts



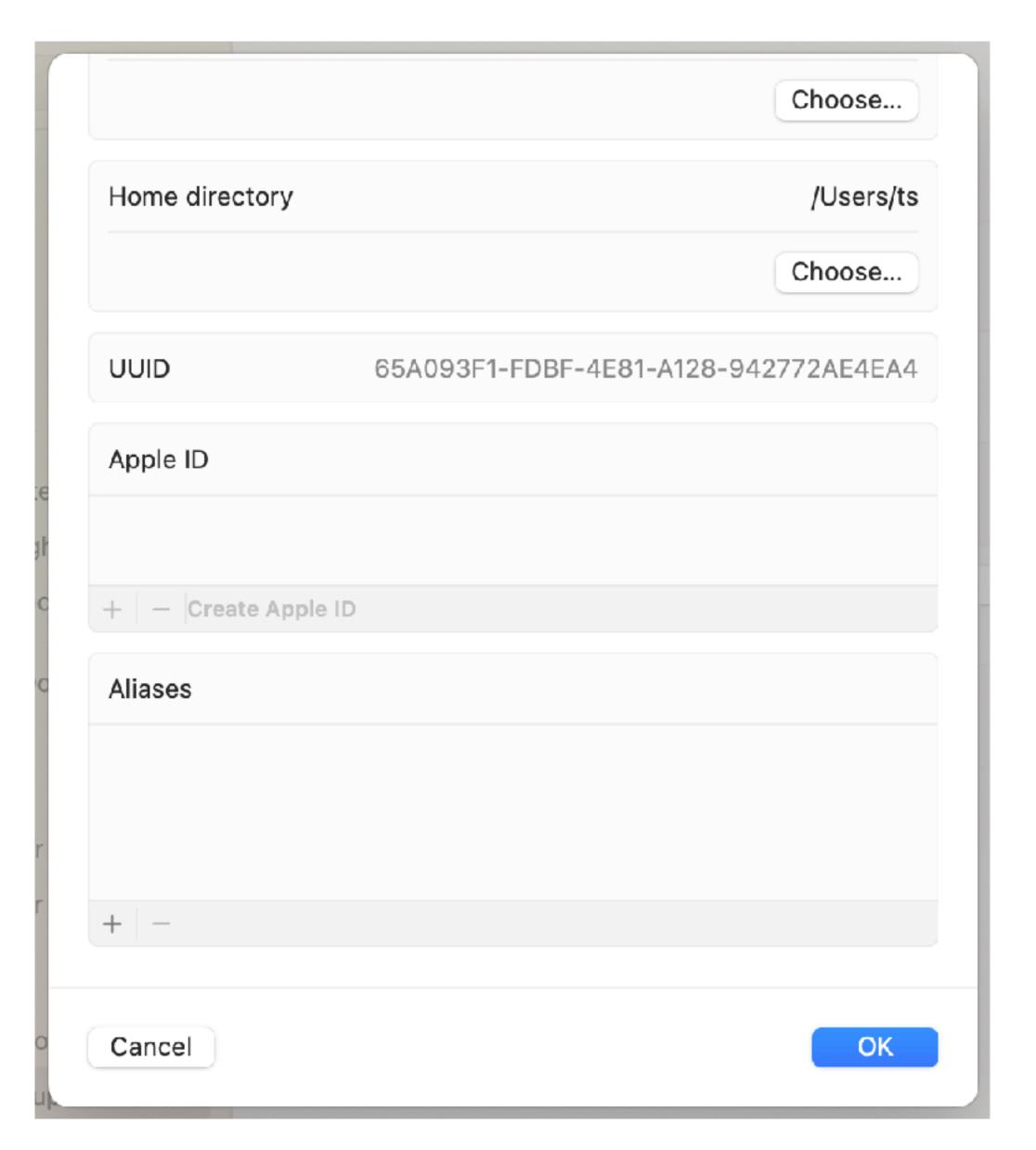








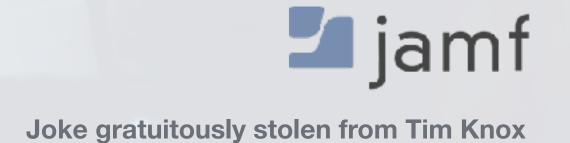




"Hey, sometimes I'm lazy and I like to use a GUI. Then I realize that I need to get back to work."

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# To Thine Own Self Be True, or who am i, really?

whoami

echo \$USER

```
loggedInUser=$(stat -f %Su /dev/console)
echo "$loggedInUser"
```



```
🛅 ts — -zsh — 181×52
dscl read /Users/$user
        dsAttrTypeNative:_writers_jpegphoto: ts
        dsAttrTypeNa
          NFSHomeDirectory: /Users/ts
        <pli>t versi
            Password: *****
            PrimaryGroupID: 20
            RealName:
             Trade Show
            RecordName: ts
            RecordType: dsRecTypeStandard:Users
           UniqueID: 502
            UserShell: /bin/zsh
```



#### **Individual Keys**

dscl read /Users/\$user AuthenticationAuthority

```
~ % dscl . read /Users/$user accountPolicyData
dsAttrTypeNative:accountPolicyData:
 <?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www.apple.com/DTDs/PropertyList-1.0.dtd">
<pli><pli><pli><pli><pli>0">
<dict>
 <key>creationTime</key>
 <real>1672773068.921921</real>
 <key>failedLoginCount</key>
 <integer>0</integer>
 <key>failedLoginTimestamp</key>
 <integer>0</integer>
 <key>passwordLastSetTime</key>
 <real>1682003884.02179</real>
</dict>
</plist>
```

#### **Individual Keys**

```
dscl read /Users/$user AuthenticationAuthority
```

```
dscl . -readpl /Users/<mark>$user</mark> accountPolicyData creationTime
```

dscl - readpl /Users/\$user accountPolicyData failedLoginTimestamp

Dump the whole record to XML for further munging

dscl -plist . read /Users/\$user

Append a record with stuff

dscl - append /Users/\$user Comment "User is a menace."

Remove keys from a record

dscl . delete /Users/\$user Comment



dscl read /Users/\$user

```
dsAttrTypeNative:_writers_AvatarRepresentation: ts
dsAttrTypeNative:_writers_hint: ts
dsAttrTypeNative:_writers_jpegphoto: ts
dsAttrTypeNative:_writers_passwd: ts
dsAttrTypeNative:_writers_picture: ts
dsAttrTypeNative:_writers_unlockOptions: ts
dsAttrTypeNative:_writers_UserCertificate: ts
dsAttrTypeNative:accountPolicyData:
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<!DOCTYPE plist PUBLIC "-//Apple//DTD PLIST 1.0//EN" "http://www.apple.com/DT
<plist version="1.0">
<dict>
        <key>creationTime</key>
        <real>1687821212.484699</real>
        <key>failedLoginCount</key>
        <integer>0</integer>
        <key>failedLoginTimestamp</key>
        <integer>0</integer>
        <key>passwordLastSetTime</key>
        <real>1687821212.507021</real>
</dict>
</plist>
dsAttrTypeNative:AvatarRepresentation:
dsAttrTypeNative:record_daemon_version: 8780000
dsAttrTypeNative:unlockOptions: 0
AppleMetaNodeLocation: /Local/Default
AuthenticationAuthority: ;SecureToken; ;ShadowHash;HASHLIST:<SALTED-SHA512-PE
LKDC:SHA1.8DCD22811DA43DBA95A290C16E6FAF928CE94D09;
GeneratedUID: 65A093F1-FDBF-4E81-A128-942772AE4EA4
NetworkSignIn:
 2023-06-26 23:13:32 +0000
NetworkUser: ts@jamfse.io
NFSHomeDirectory: /Users/ts
OIDCProvider: Azure
Password: ******
Picture:
/Library/User Pictures/Fun/Fortune Cookie.heic
PrimaryGroupID: 20
RealName:
Trade Show
RecordName: ts
RecordType: dsRecTypeStandard:Users
UniqueID: 502
UserShell: /bin/zsh
```



#### dseditgroup

It says "edit" in the name so that must be all it does, right?

#### dseditgroup -o read admin

```
dsAttrTypeStandard:GroupMembership -
                root
                jamfManagement
dsAttrTypeStandard:GeneratedUID -
                ABCDEFAB-CDEF-ABCD-EFAB-CDEF00000050
dsAttrTypeStandard:RecordName -
                admin
                BUILTIN\Administrators
dsAttrTypeStandard:AppleMetaNodeLocation -
                /Local/Default
dsAttrTypeStandard:GroupMembers -
                FFFFEEEE-DDDD-CCCC-BBBB-AAAA00000000
                2C651619-AB7D-4E29-90B5-D1C817E06D24
dsAttrTypeStandard:RecordType -
                dsRecTypeStandard:Groups
dsAttrTypeStandard:SMBSID -
                S-1-5-32-544
dsAttrTypeStandard:PrimaryGroupID -
dsAttrTypeStandard:RealName -
                Administrators
dsAttrTypeStandard:Password -
```

List all local groups

dscacheutil -q group



### dseditgroup

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dseditgroup -o read admin

Check if an individual user is an admin or not

```
dseditgroup -m "$user" -o checkmember admin
  yes sean.rabbitt is a member of admin
  no ts is NOT a member of admin
```

```
echo "Demoting $elevateThisUser to standard account"
/usr/sbin/dseditgroup -o edit -d "$elevateThisUser" -t user admin
echo "Elevating $elevateThisUser to admin account"
/usr/sbin/dseditgroup -o edit -a "$elevateThisUser" -t user admin
```



# Changing a user's local password

Or, why do I need four different ways to accomplish the same thing?

```
dscl _ -passwd /Users/$user [new_password | old_password new_password]
```

passwd

pwpolicy —a authenticator —u user —setpassword newpassword

```
sysadminctl —newPassword <new password> —oldPassword <old password> [—passwordHint <password hint>]
```

```
sysadminctl -resetPasswordFor <local user name>
  -newPassword <new password>
  [-passwordHint <password hint>]
  (interactive] || -adminUser <administrator user name> -adminPassword <administrator password>)
```



# sysadminctl

The command line tool that gets jammed full of stuff when nobody knows where else to put it.

- User Create / Delete
- Password Set / Force Reset
- FileVault secure token Enable / Disable / Status
- Auto-login Enable / Disable / Status
- Guest accounts Enable / Disable / Status
- Samba (SMB) or Apple Filing Protocol (AFP) guest access Enable / Disable / Status
- Automatic Time (?!?) Enable / Disable / Status (but not which NTP server, thats in /etc/ntp.conf)
- File System encryption Status
- Screen Lock Status OR disable / seconds to enable with local admin password required



# pwpolicy

Wait, it does more than reset passwords?

pwpolicy —a authenticator —u user —setpassword newpassword

Disable a local user from logging in

pwpolicy -u user -disableuser

pwpolicy –u user –enableuser

Do something terrible and set a local account policy manually

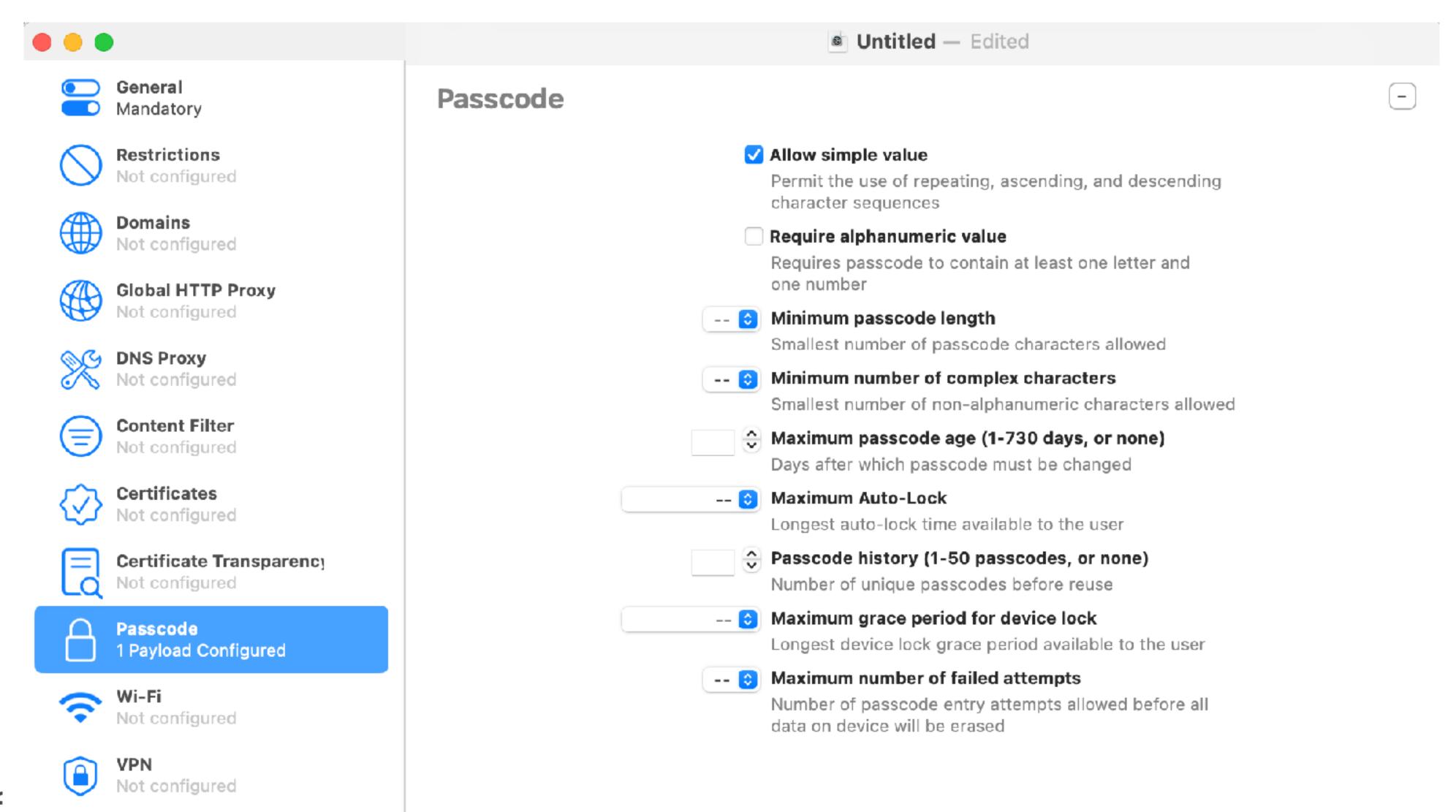
pwpolicy -u user -setpolicy "minChars=4 maxFailedLoginAttempts=3"

Clear account policies (aka set it back to 4 character minimum requirement)

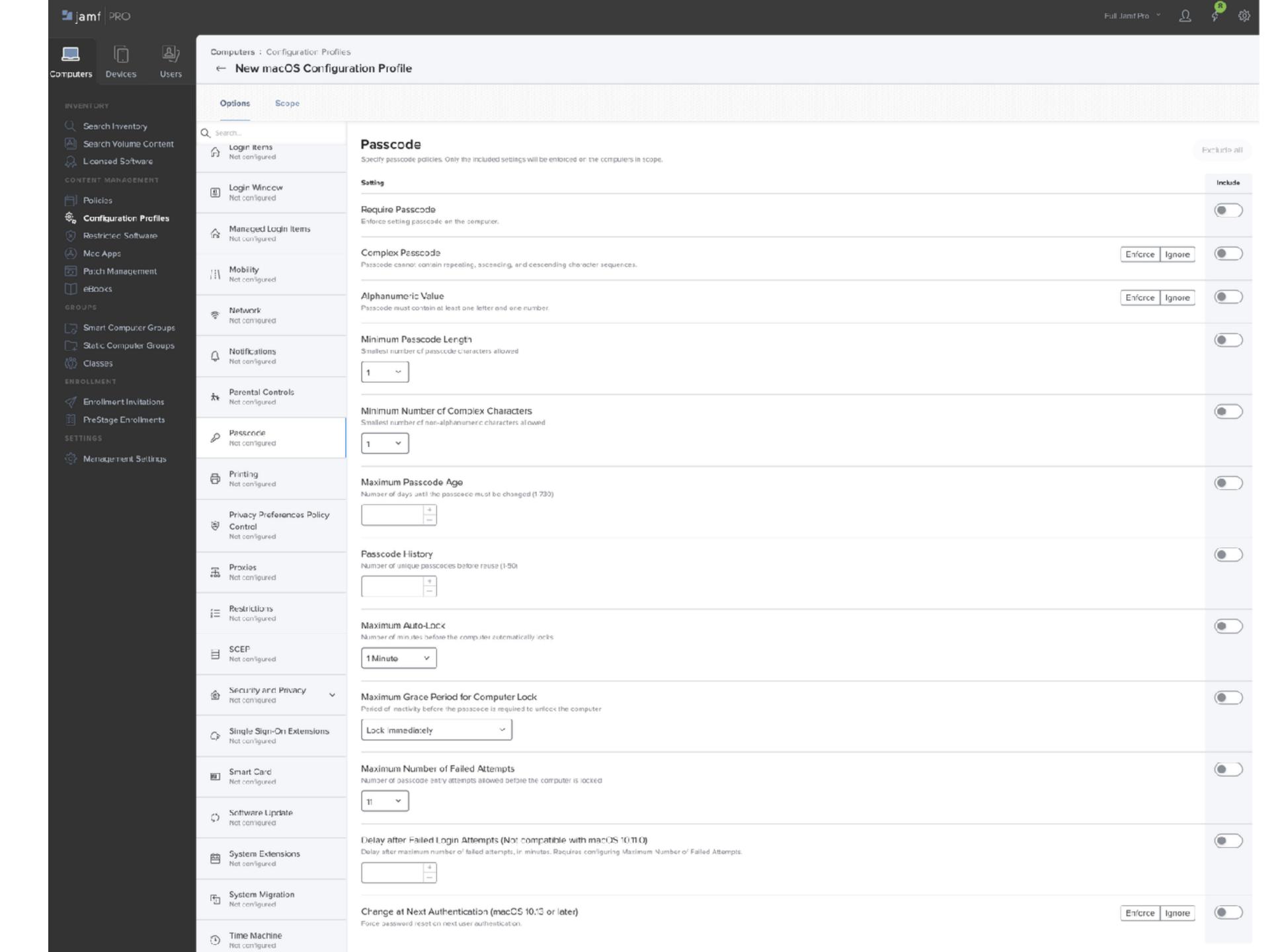
pwpolicy -clearaccountpolicies



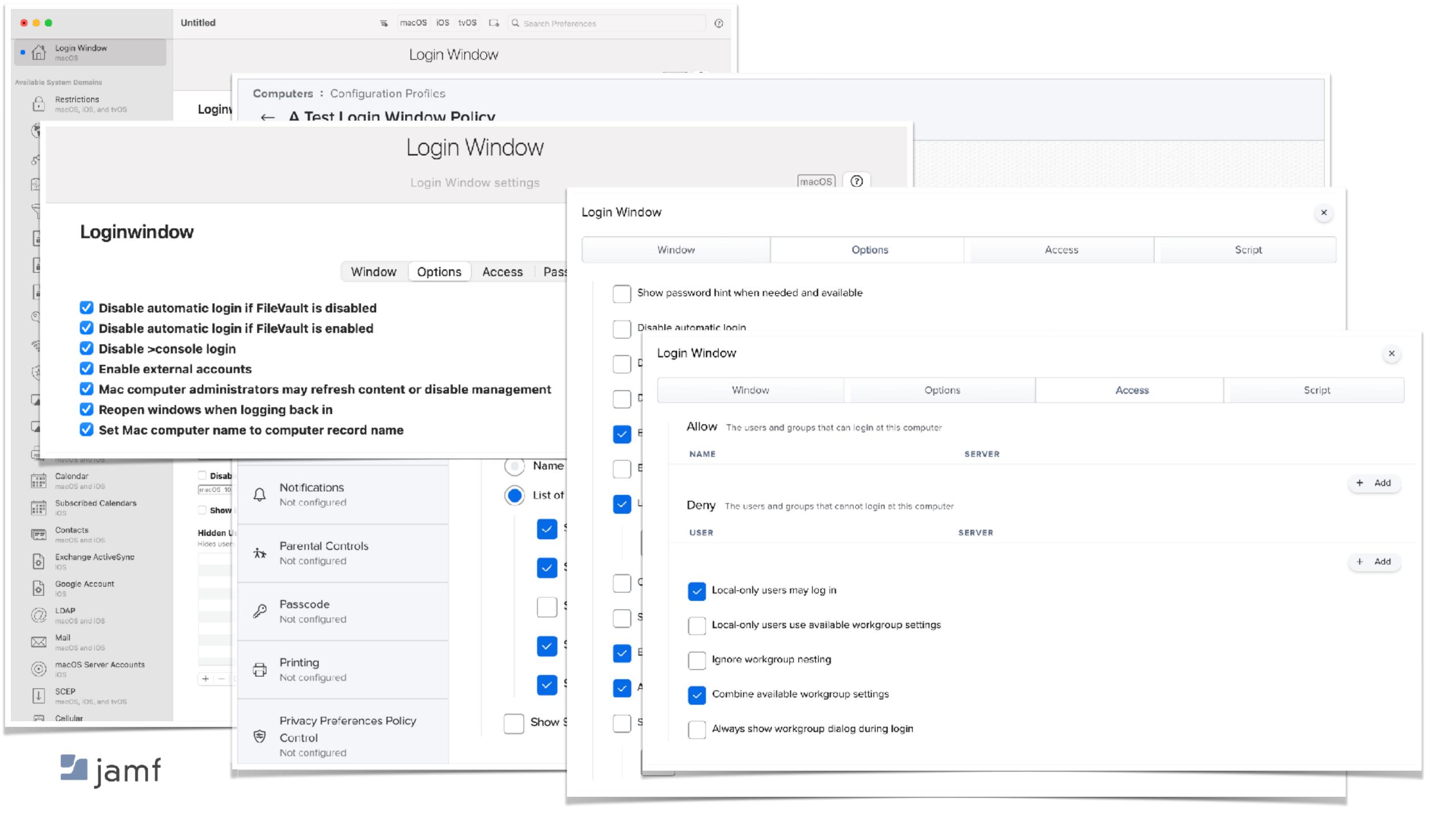
# Pushing settings via MDM...











#### Restrictions

Use this section to configure restrictions on a device.

macOS (iOS) (tvOS) (?)







AirPrint Apps Classroom iCloud Passwords / Unlock General AirDrop AirPlay Media Siri | Updates

Allow modifying passcode

Supervised only [iOS 9.0 ÷]

✓ Allow modifying Touch ID / Face ID

Supervised only [iOS 9.0 4]

Allow Touch ID / Face ID to unlock device

[macOS 10.12.4 4] [iOS 7.0 4]

Allow password autofill

Supervised only macOS 10.14 i (iOS 12.0 ⅓)

Allow Apple Watch to auto unlock device

(macOS 10.12 4) (iOS 14.5 4)

Allow proximity based password sharing requests

**Supervised only** [macOS 10.144] [iOS 12.04] [tvOS 12.04]

Allow password sharing

Supervised only macOS 10.144 (iOS 12.0 ⅓)

#### **Enforced Fingerprint Timeout**

Period of time in seconds after which the device will require entry of password or passcode to unlock.

[macOS 12.0 ⅓] [iOS 15.0 \$]

Allow Automatic Screen Saver

(tvOS 15.4 %)













System Extensions

Not configured

### Local User Accounts - Section Summary

- macOS is UNIX
- Useful commands
  - dscl
  - dseditgroup
  - passwd
  - pwpolicy
  - sysadminctl

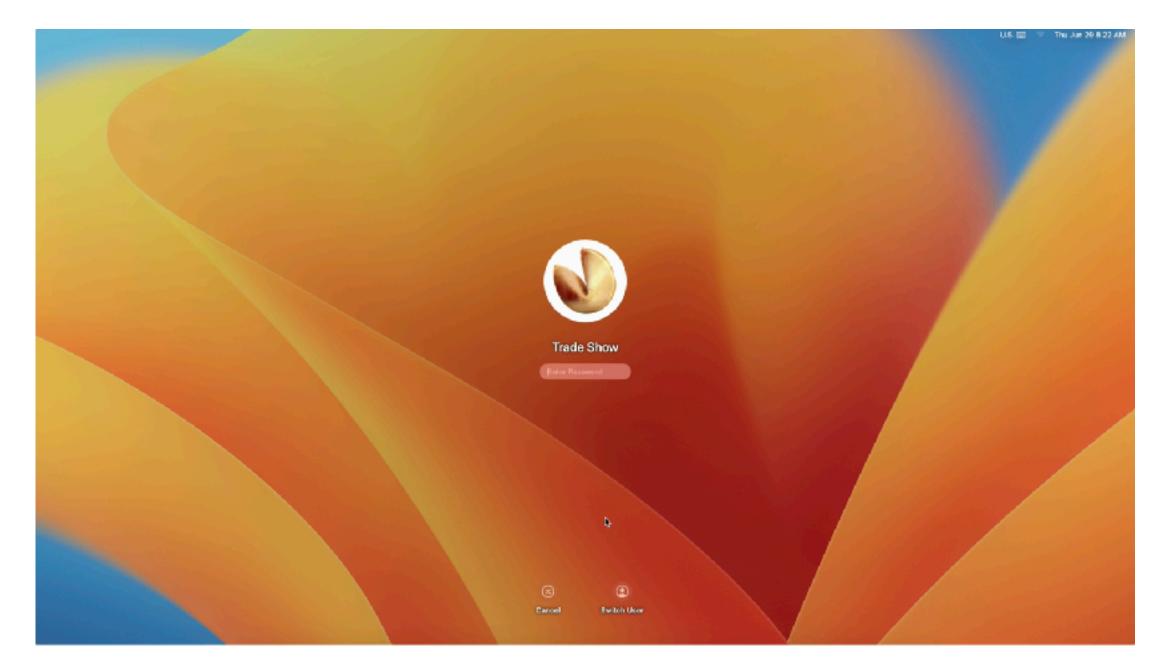
Unscoping a config profile donna
 undo a pwpolicy applied to machine

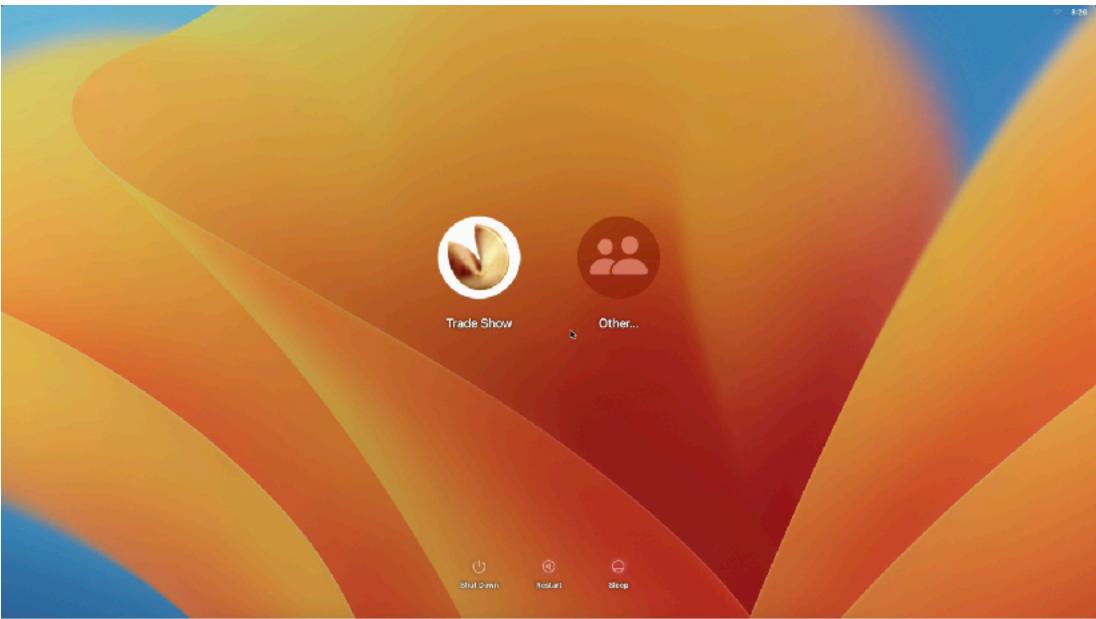
 There are a billion config profile keys spread across a billion payloads



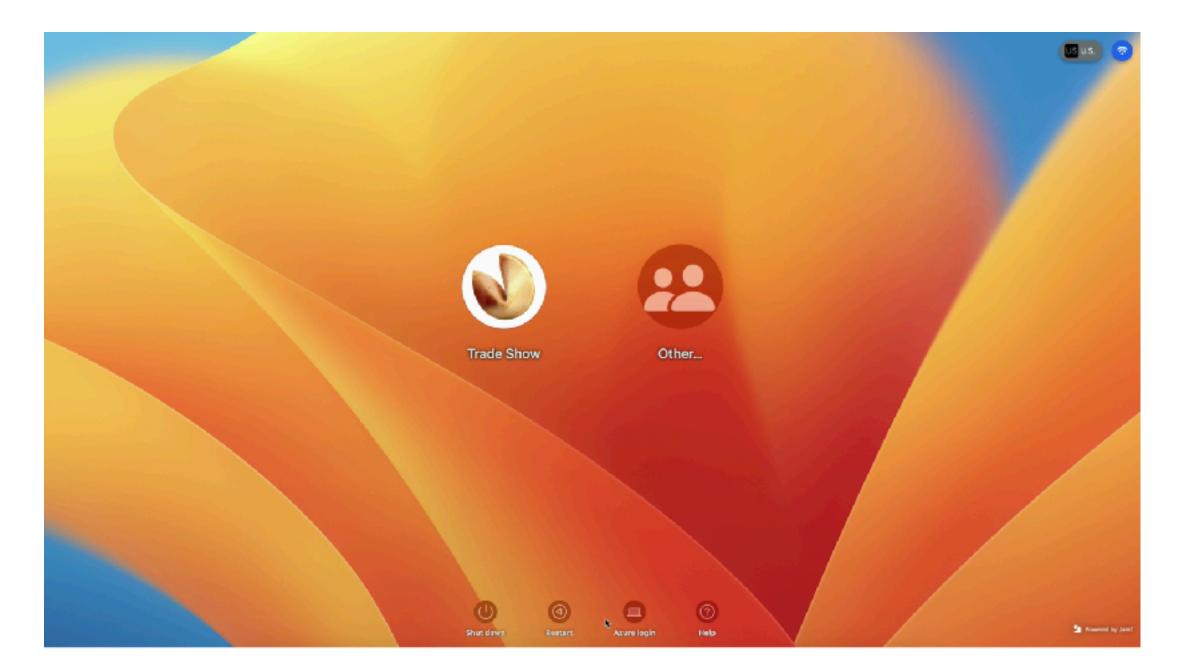
# And now for something completely different.

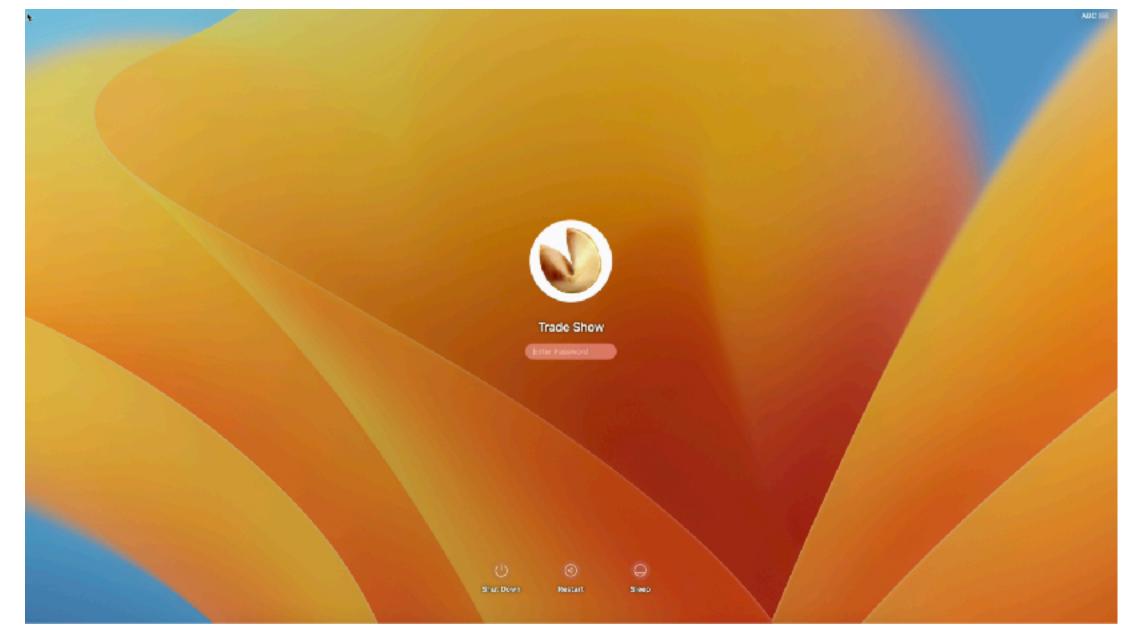


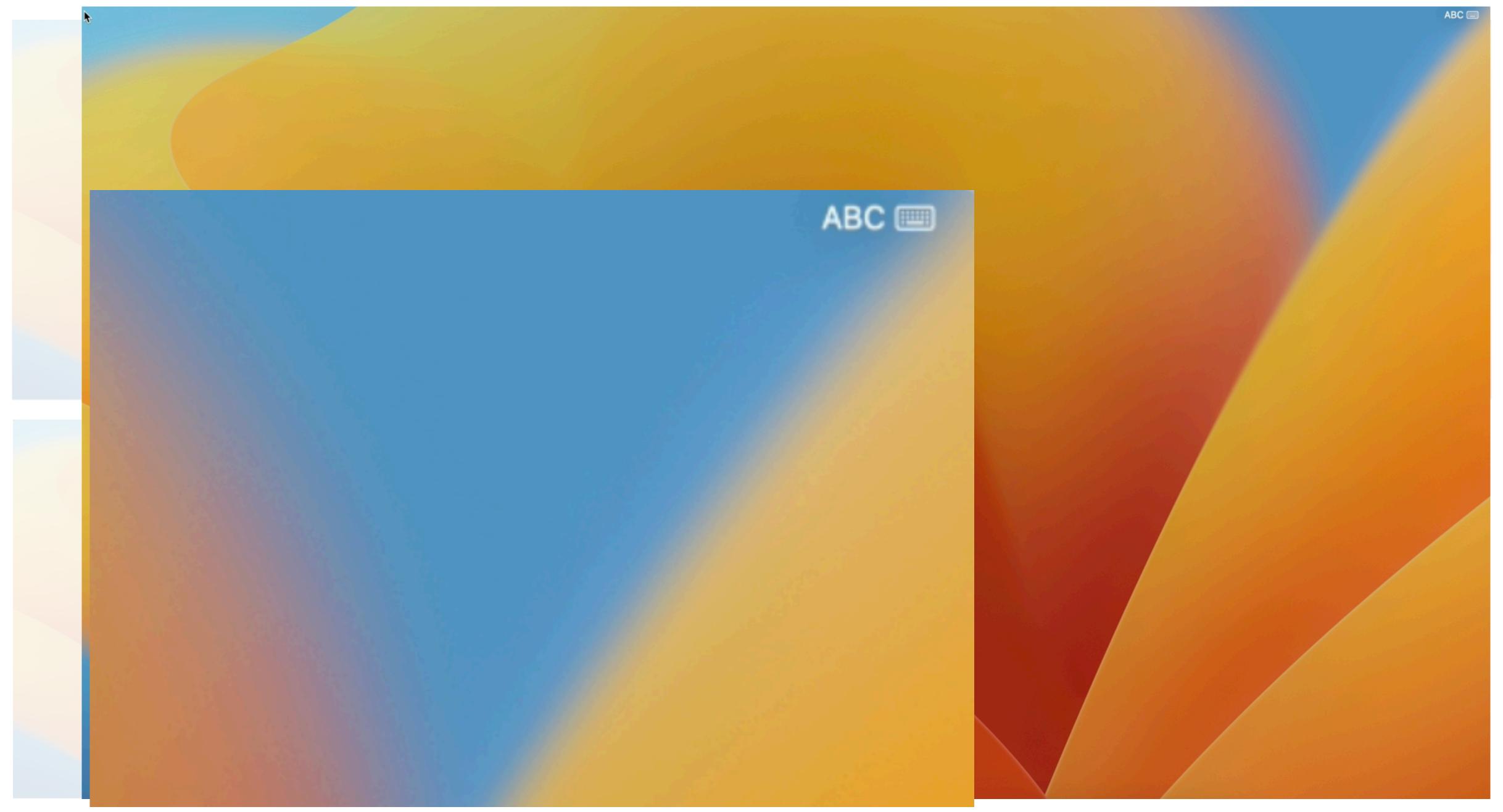




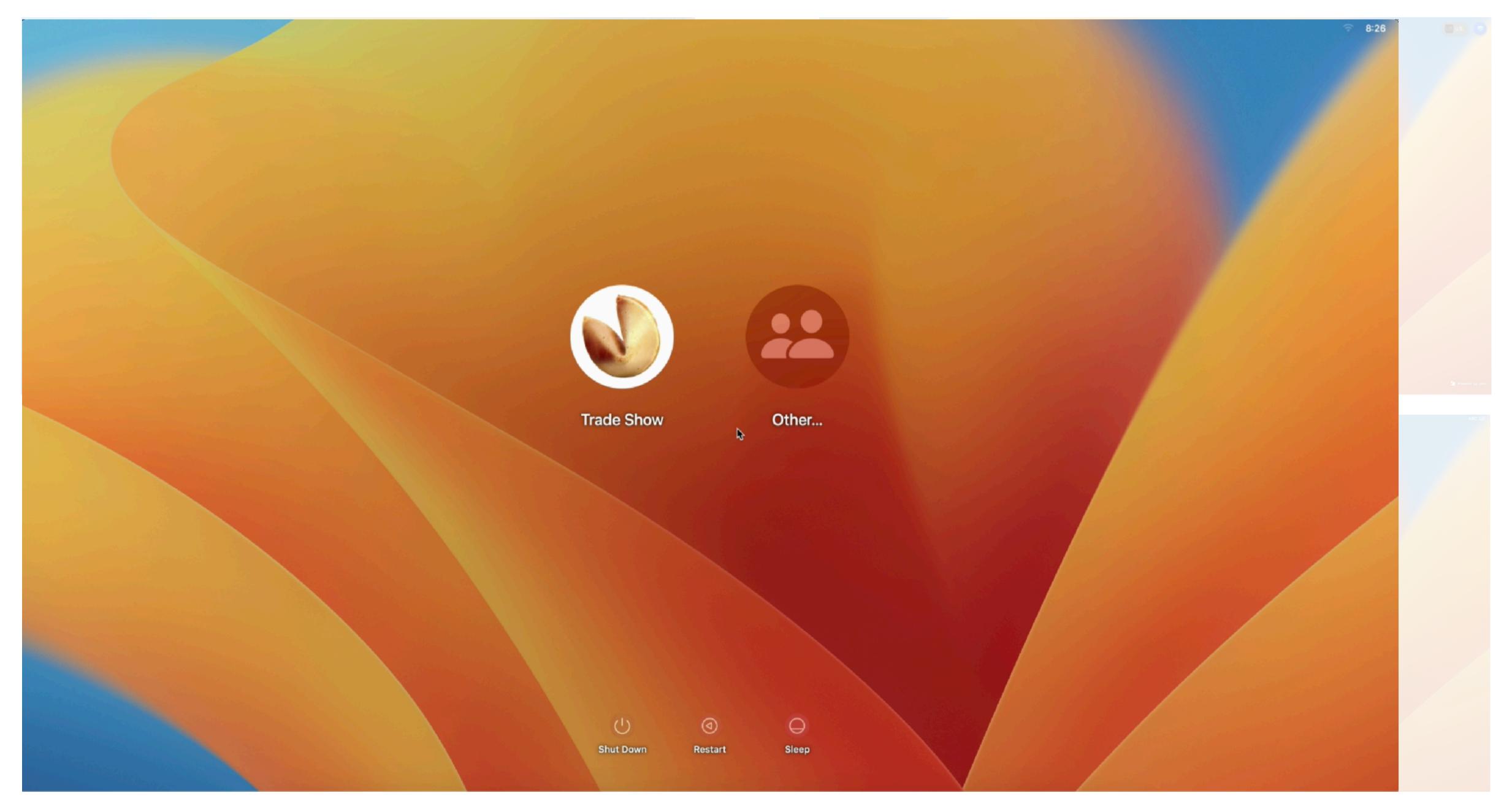




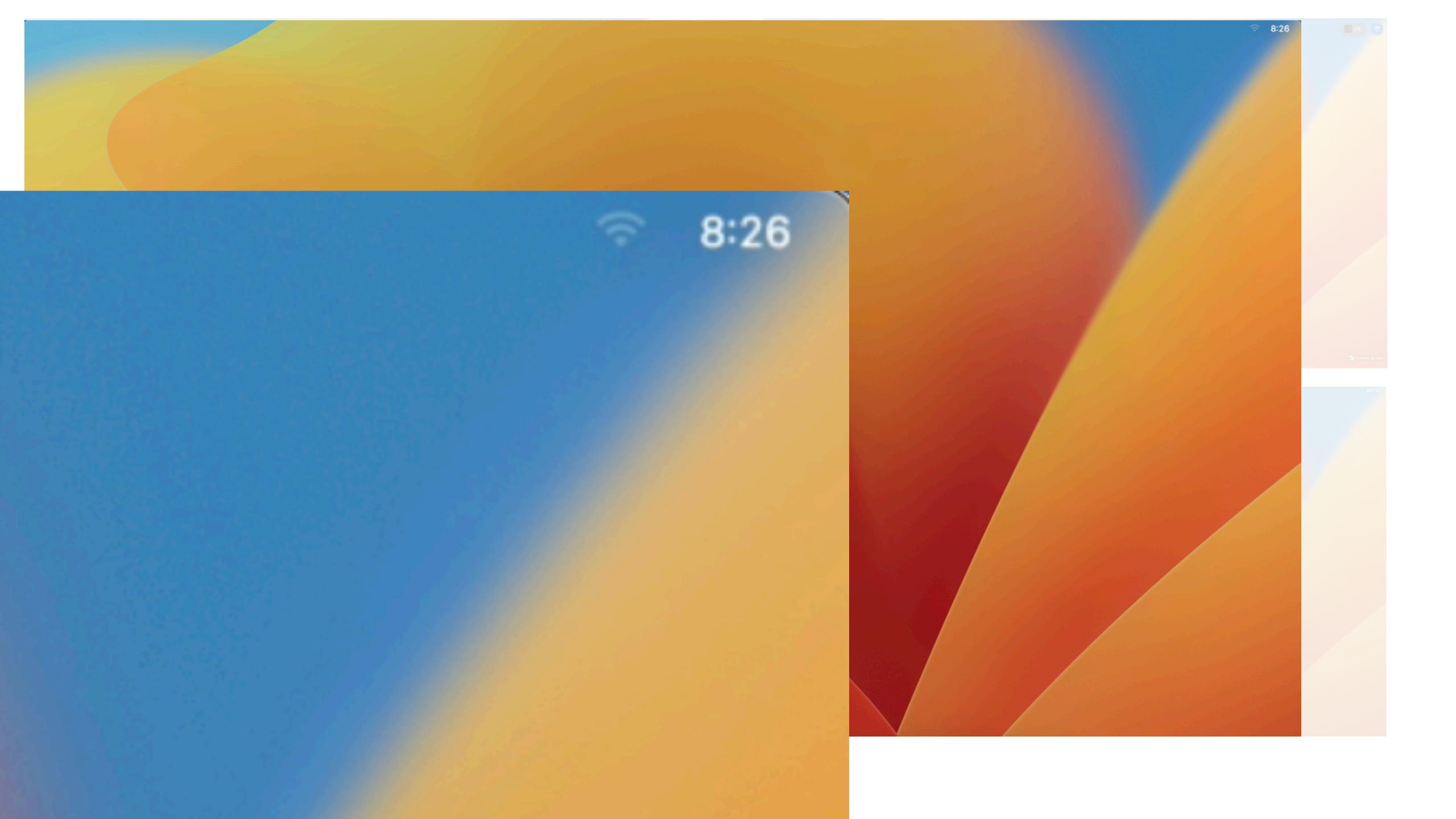


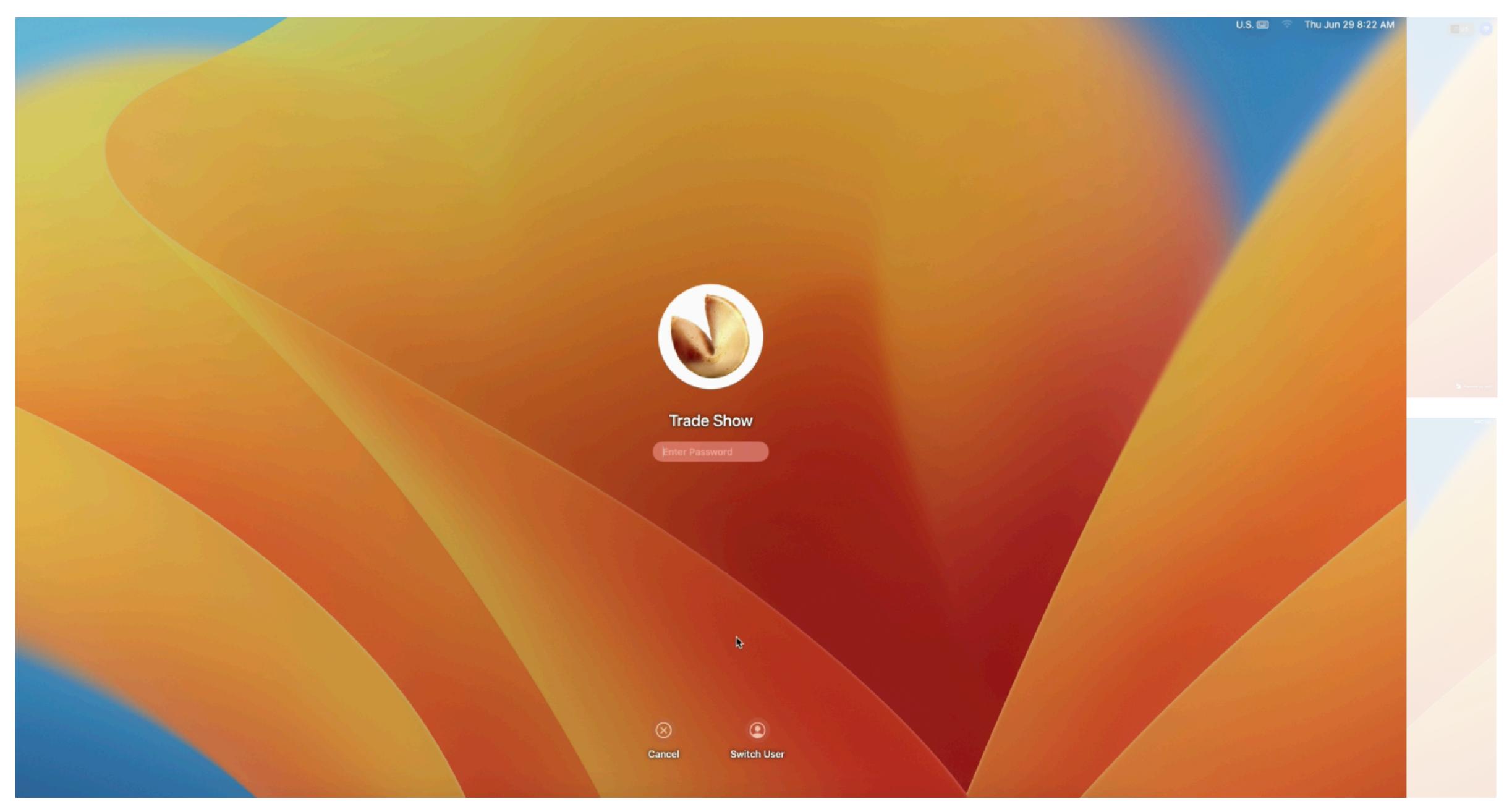


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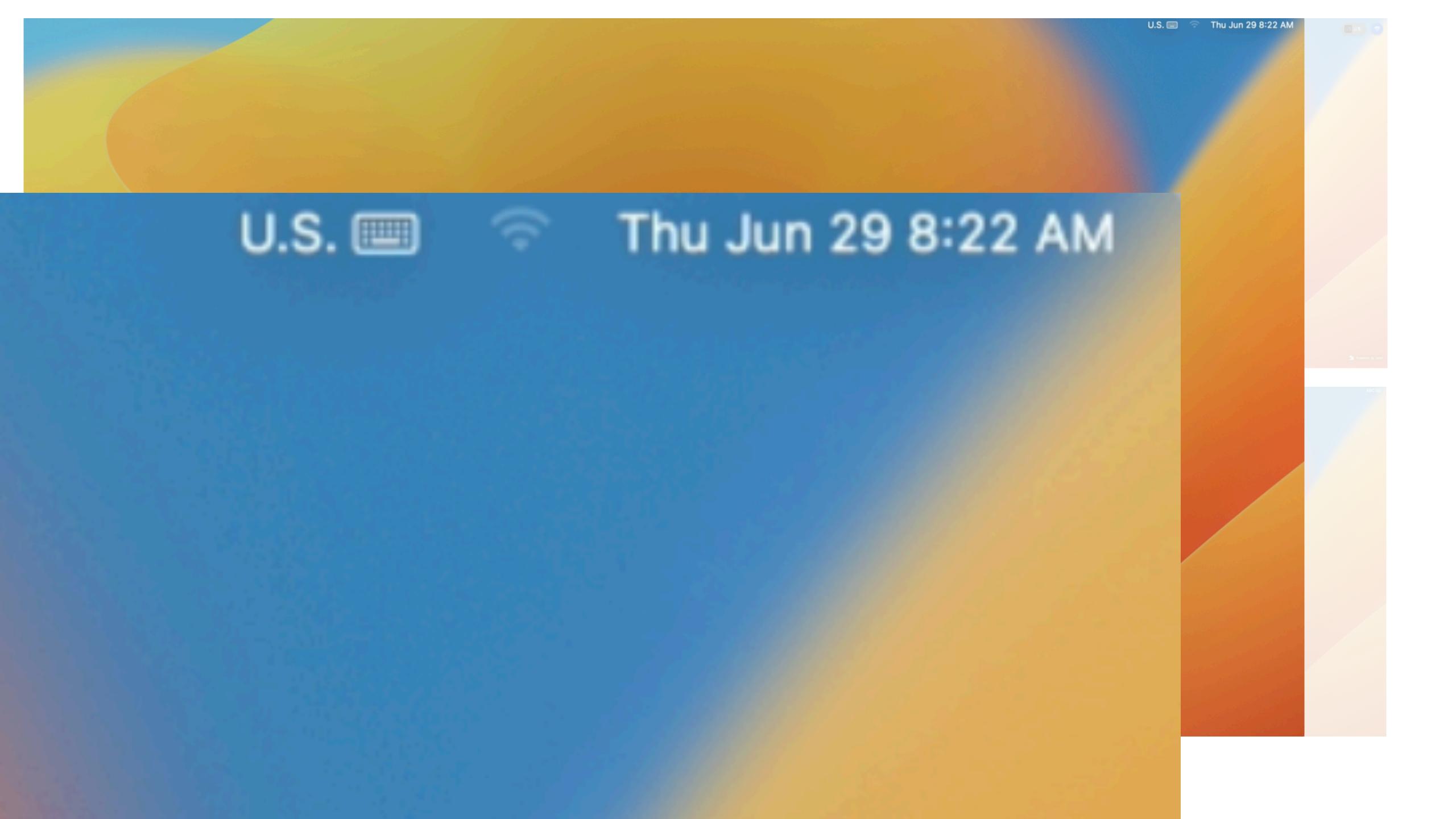


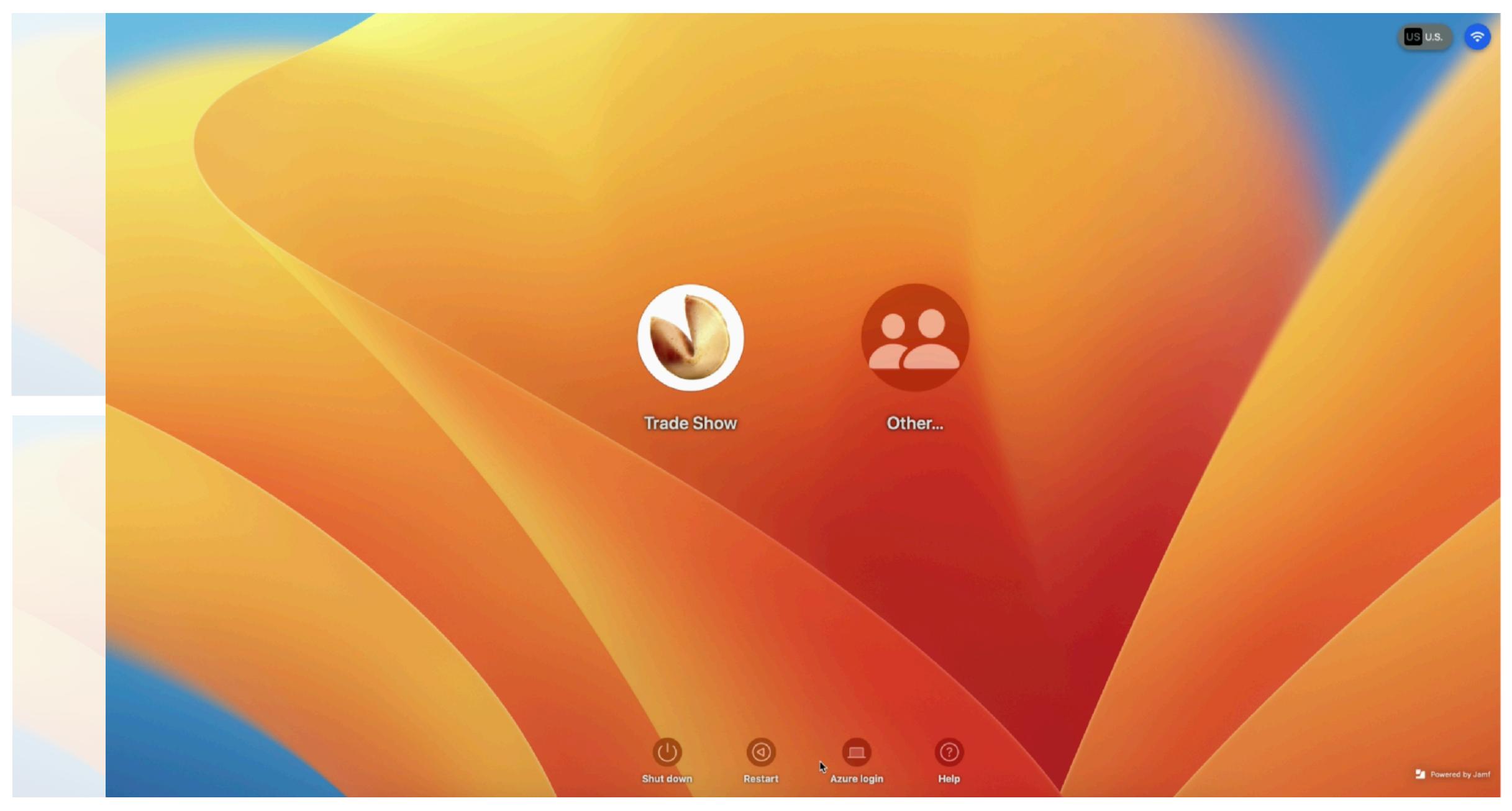






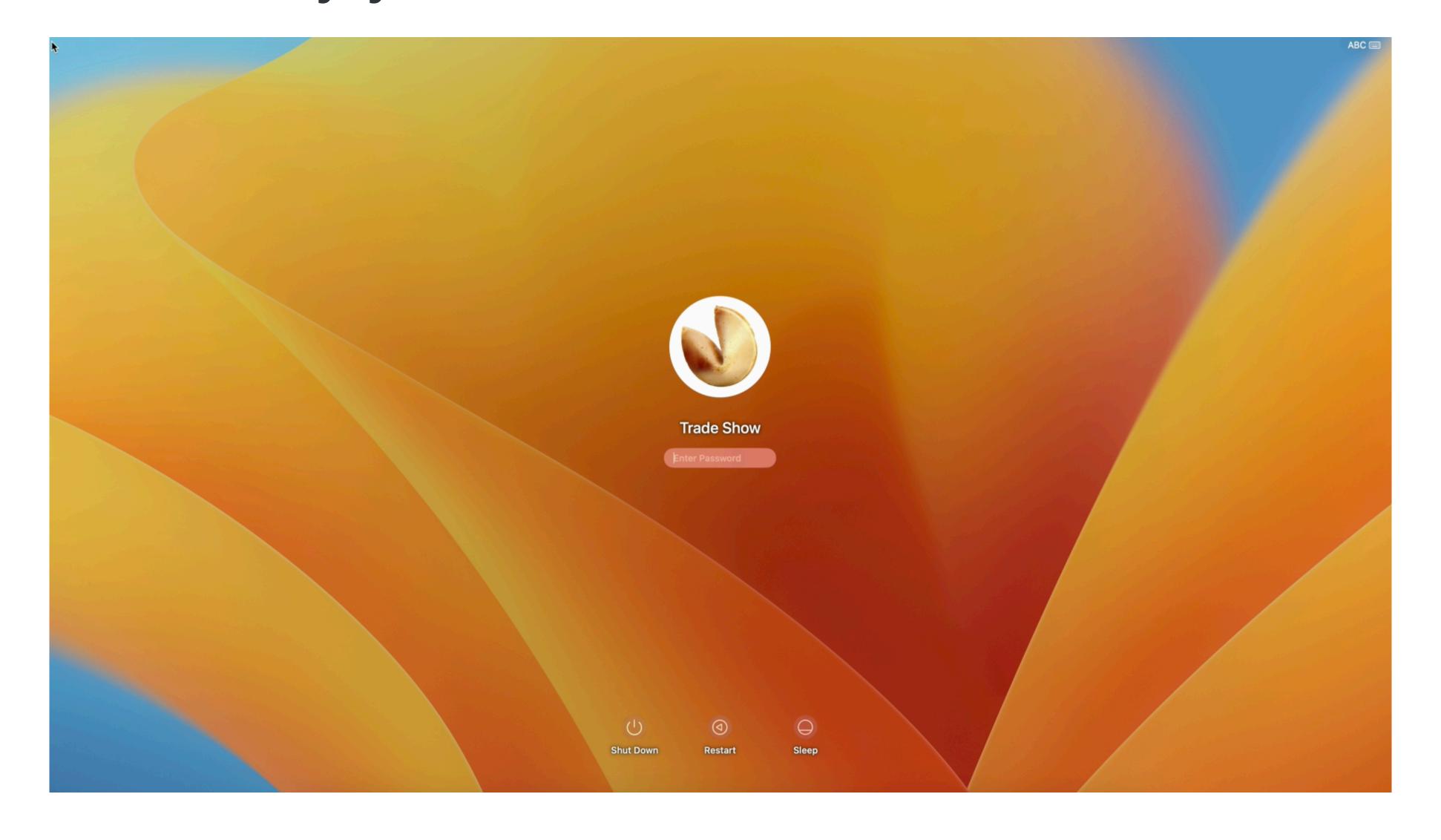
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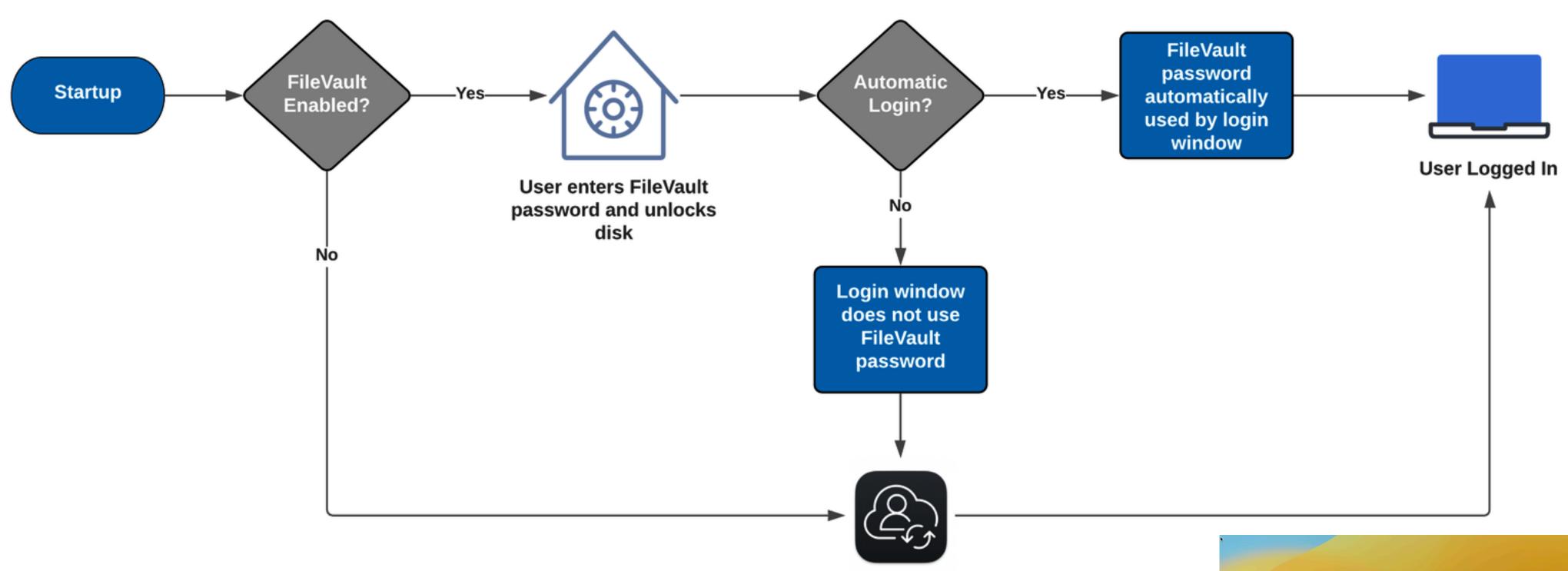


# FileVault, or why you will have a local user account forever





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User logs in with macOS login window, or however it's been modified by someone





# HCS Technology Group - Resync FileVault Passwords



https://hcsonline.com/support/blog/entry/how-to-fix-out-of-sync-filevault-password



# Apple - Resetting a local user password



https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT202860



# Apple - Resetting a local user password



#### Option 3: Reset using your recovery key

- 1. Click the option to reset using your recovery key.
- 2. Enter your FileVault recovery key. It's the long string of letters and numbers you received when you turned on FileVault and chose to create a recovery key instead of allowing your iCloud account (Apple ID) to unlock your disk.
- 3. Enter your new password information, then click Reset Password.

https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT202860



# On-Premises and Cloud Directory Services

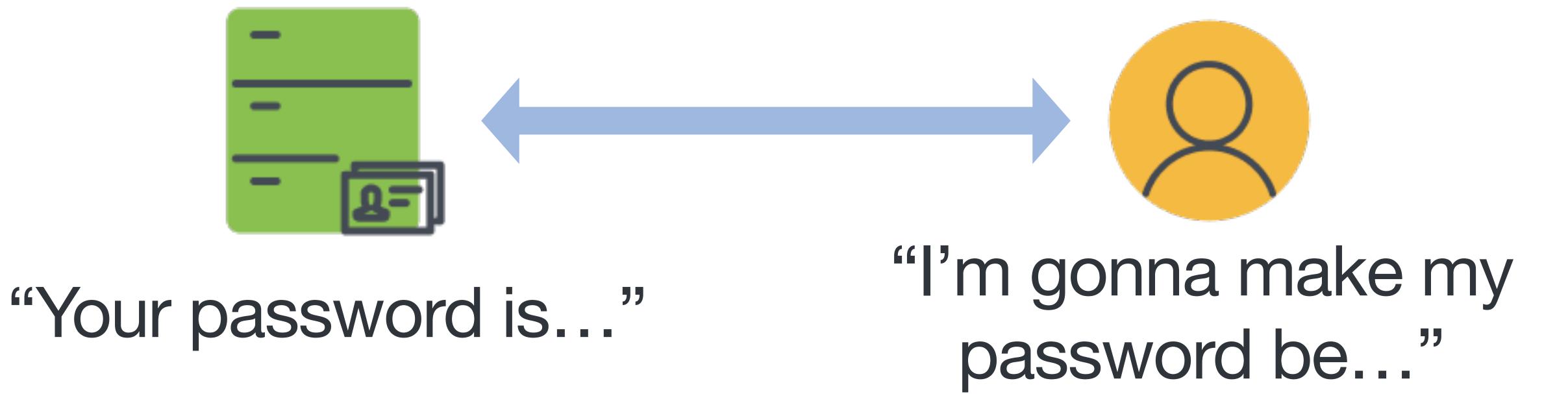




"Your password is..."

"My password is..."





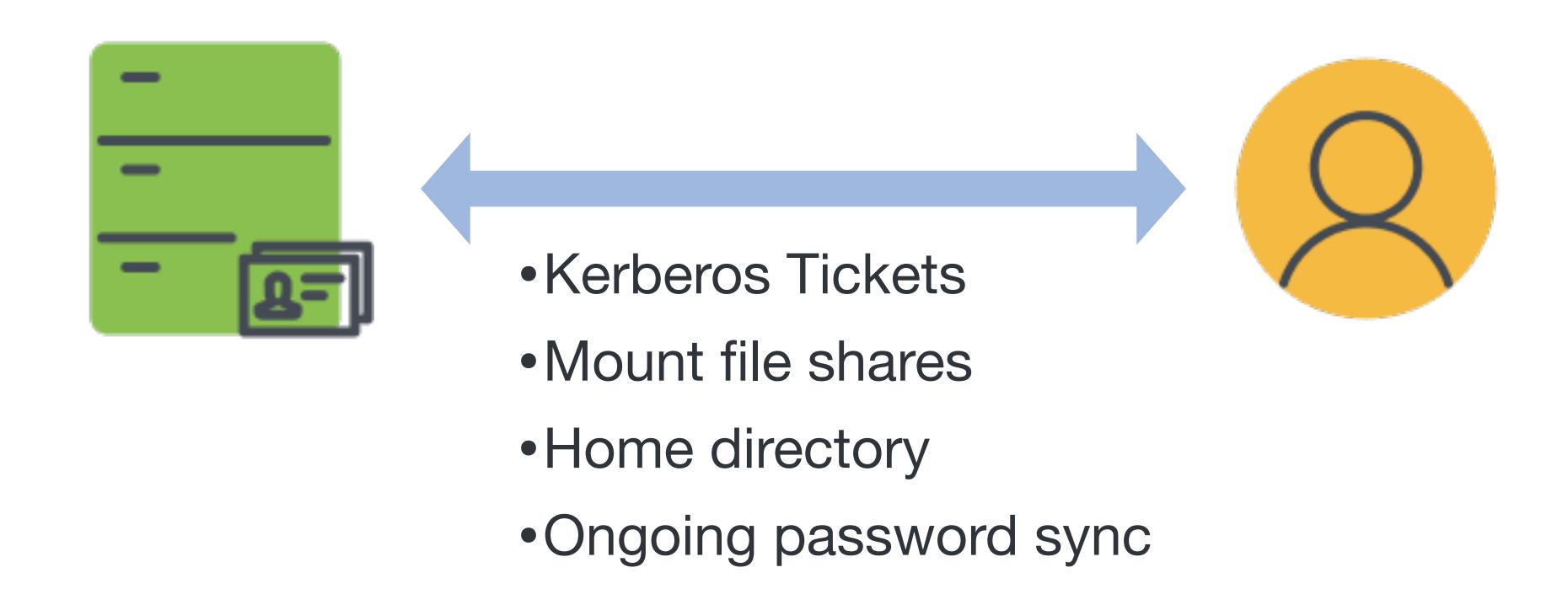




"Your password is..."

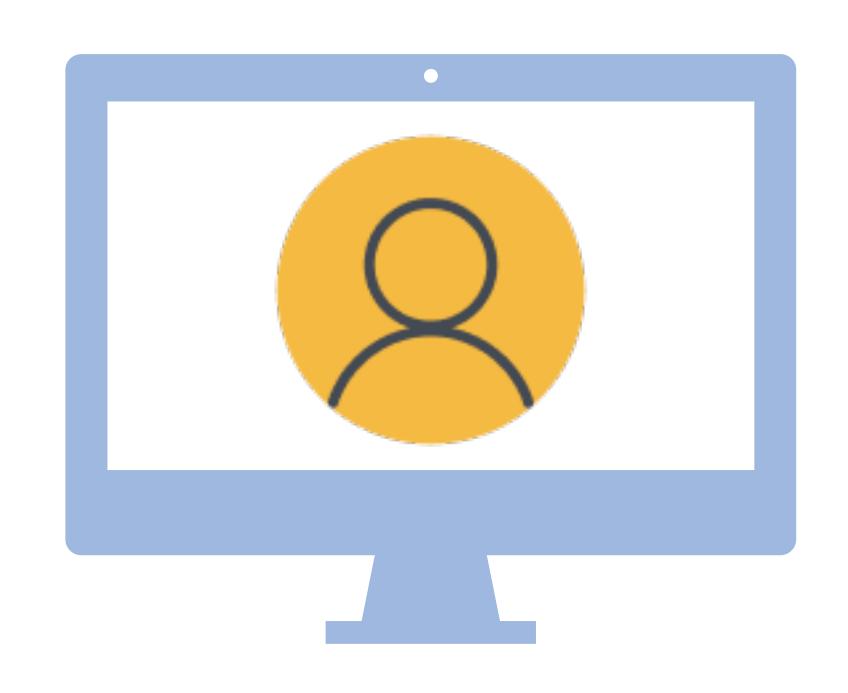
"My password was..."







# On-Premises Directory - Alternatives

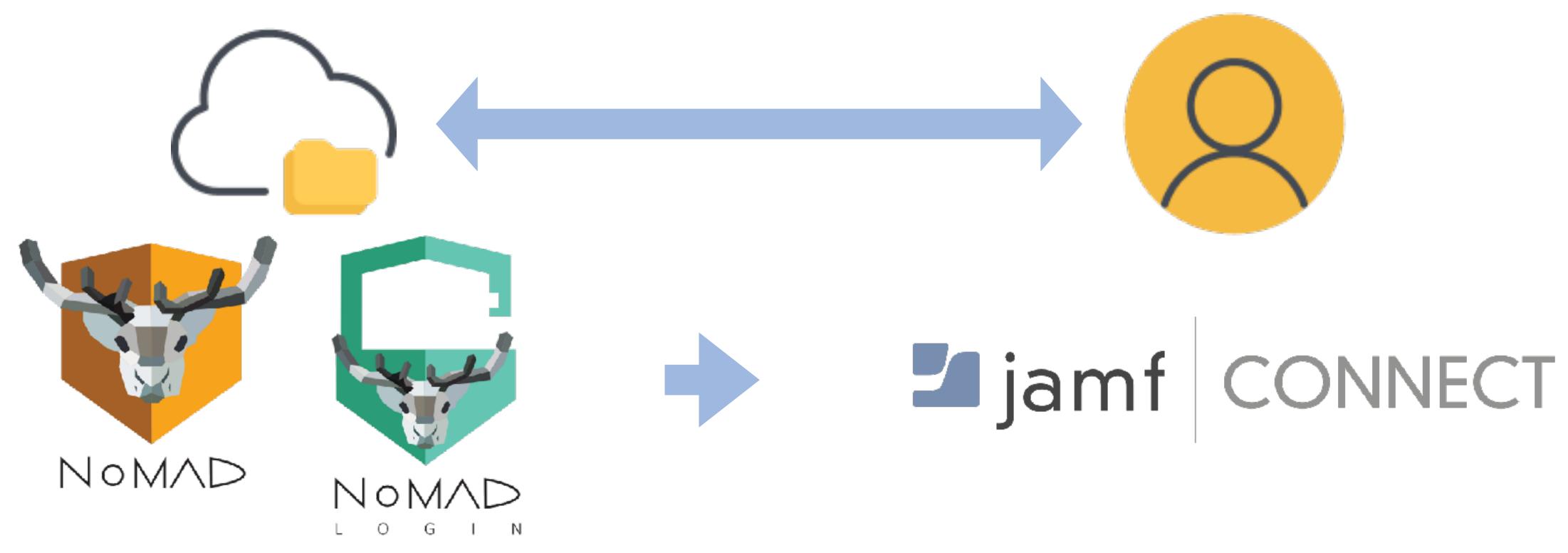


- Make user account with Setup Assistant
  - "MDM managed user"
- Make users with login window alternative
- Make users with MDM or terminal
  - No user level config profiles



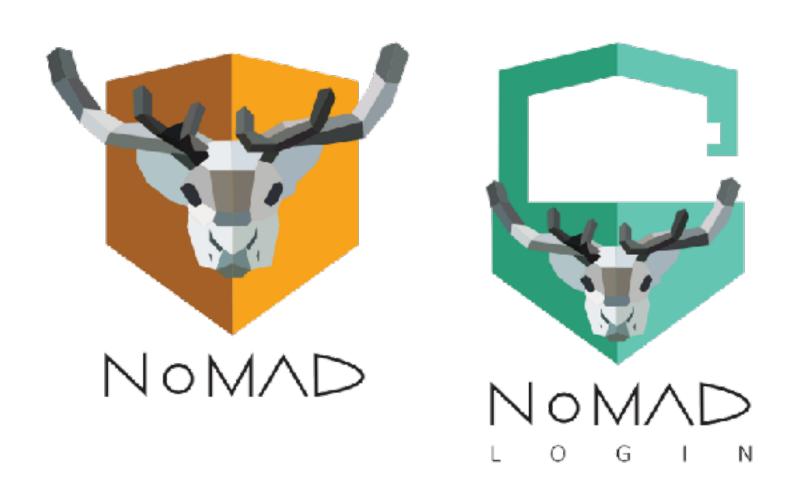


# **Cloud Directory**





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- Jamf Connect
- XCreds
- Mosyle Auth
- Kandji Passport

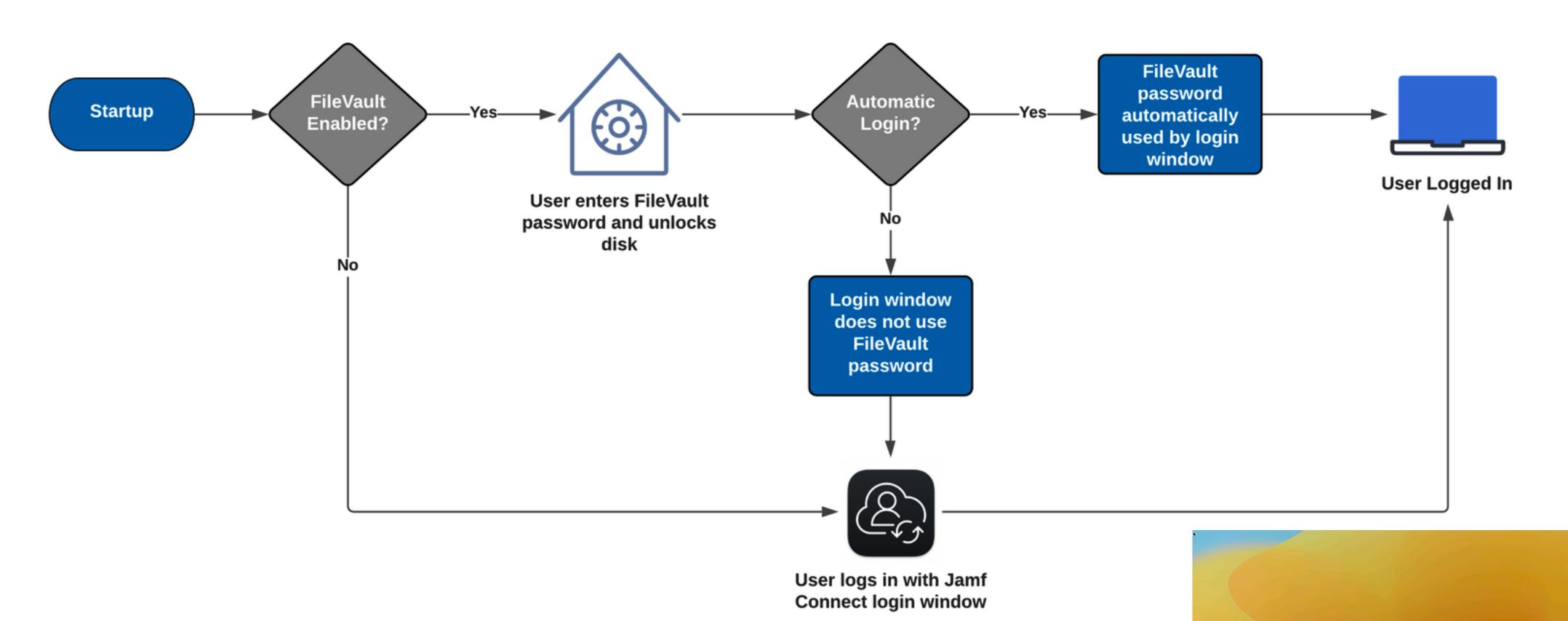


# **Cloud Directory**

- Local account with a "password nag"
  - FileVault and Keychain password kept in sync
  - Grab Kerberos tickets without a bind
  - Mount file shares, home directories, etc.
- Login window could...
  - Force network login
  - Force network login unless no network found
  - Allow or default to local logins



# Cloud Directory and FileVault, or "war never changes"





Cloud identity proviers and why those terminal commands are still important



```
# For all users who have a password on this machine (eliminates service accounts

# but includes the _mbsetupuser and Jamf management accounts...)

for user in $(/usr/bin/dscl . list /Users Password | /usr/bin/awk '$2 != "*" {print $1}'); do

# If a user has the attribute "OIDCProvider" in their user record, they are

# a Jamf Connect user.

MIGRATESTATUS=($(/usr/bin/dscl . -read /Users/$user | grep "OIDCProvider: " | /usr/bin/awk {'print $2'}))

# If we didn't get a result, the variable is empty. Thus that user is not

# a Jamf Connect Login user.
```

52 #look for users created in the last X minutes

# Touch file with list of users to be deleted

DELETE\_USER\_TOUCH\_FILE="/Library/Application Support/JAMF/Receipts/.userCleanup"

85 # For all users who have a password on this machine (eliminates service accounts

for user in \$(/usr/bin/dscl . list /Users Password | /usr/bin/awk '\$2 != "\*" {print \$1}'); do

MIGRATESTATUS=(\$(/usr/bin/dscl . -read /Users/\$user | grep "OIDCProvider: " | /usr/bin/awk {'print \$2'}))

# If a user has the attribute "OIDCProvider" in their user record, they are

# If we didn't get a result, the variable is empty. Thus that user is not

# user is not a jamf connect user

echo "\$user is Not a Jamf Connect User"

# but includes the \_mbsetupuser and Jamf management accounts...)

# a Jamf Connect user.

then

else

# a Jamf Connect Login user.

if [[ -z \$MIGRATESTATUS ]];

91

93

userAge=60

# Credit: Steve Wood

# Location of the Jamf binary

JAMF\_BINARY="/usr/local/bin/jamf"



```
127
                     -description "No local user accounts were created with Jamf Connect Login in the last $userAge seconds. User account may need to be deleted
128
                     -title "Jamf Connect Cleanup Script" \
129
                     -icon "/System/Library/CoreServices/CoreTypes.bundle/Contents/Resources/ProblemReport.icns"
130
             else
131
                     # Otherwise, we found someone - time to tell the user that it's
132
                     # curtains... lacy, wafting curtains for that user.
133
      ### YOU CAN EDIT THIS WARNING MESSAGE TO LOCALIZE FOR YOUR IT TEAM HERE
135
                     warningMessage="The following accounts will be deleted within 15 minutes of this policy running:
136
137
138 $listOfUsers
```

```
# Write the list of doomed users to the doomed user file.

168 echo "$listOfUsers" > "$DELETE_USER_TOUCH_FILE"

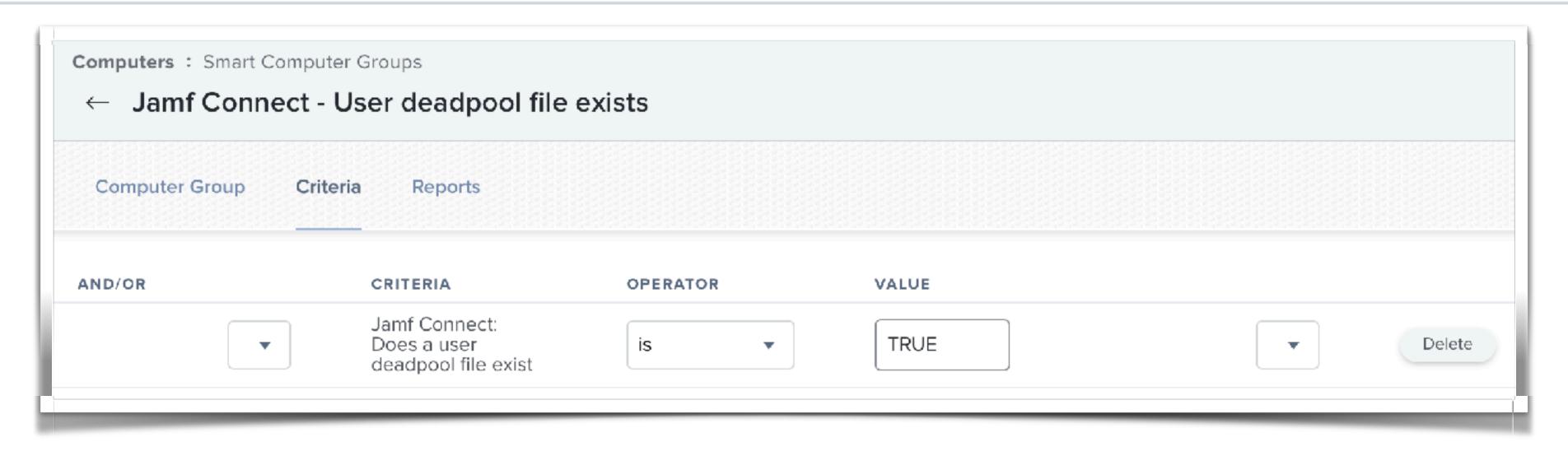
169

170 # Run a recon so we update the extension attribute

171 # and alert Jamf Pro that this list exists

172 $JAMF_BINARY recon
```







```
67 # SEE NOTES ABOVE - If you want to check for only one admin, set to "1"
   # If you don't care if there's only a single admin and this script may
    # fail OR if your environment simply uses all admin accounts anyway, set to "0"
70
71
    checkForOnlyOneAdmin=1
72
73 # Location of user deadpool list
    DELETE_USER_TOUCH_FILE="/Library/Application Support/JAMF/Receipts/.userCleanup"
   # Credit: Steve Wood
76
77 # Location of the user deadpool list after running script (confirmation file
   # for auditing)
    CONFIRM_USER_TOUCH_FILE="/private/tmp/.userDeleted"
81 # Location of the Jamf binary
82 JAMF_BINARY=$( which jamf )
```

# Elevate our eligible account.
echo "Elevating \$elevateThisUser"
/usr/sbin/dseditgroup -o edit -a "\$elevateThisUser" -t user admin

```
for user in $(/usr/bin/dscl . list /Users Password | /usr/bin/awk '$2 != "*" {print $1}';
 97
                      # Is the user an admin
 98
                      isUserAdmin=$(/usr/sbin/dseditgroup -m "$user" -o checkmember admin | /usr/bin/awk {'print $1'})
 99
                      if [ "$isUserAdmin" = "yes" ]; then
100
                              # Check for securetoken status
101
                              secureTokenStatus=$(/usr/bin/dscl . -read /Users/"$user" AuthenticationAuthority | /usr/bin/grep -o "SecureToken")
                              # If the account has a SecureToken, increase the securetoken counter
102
                              if [ "$secureTokenStatus" = "SecureToken" ]; then
103
104
                                      ((adminUserCount++))
105
                      fi
106
107
              done
108
109
              # If our admin count is less than or equal to 1 (which daymn, if we're less
              # than one admin account on the box, we've got serious issues and shouldn't
110
111
              # even be here today...) OR if the number of users with a securetoken is
              # equal to the size of the array of users to be deleted...
112
```



```
/bin/mv "$DELETE_USER_TOUCH_FILE" "$CONFIRM_USER_TOUCH_FILE"

182

183 # Run a recon to clear out the extension attribute / smart computer group for

184 # running this process.

185 $JAMF_BINARY recon
```





# https://github.com/sean-rabbitt/ JIT-user-deletion-with-jamfconnect

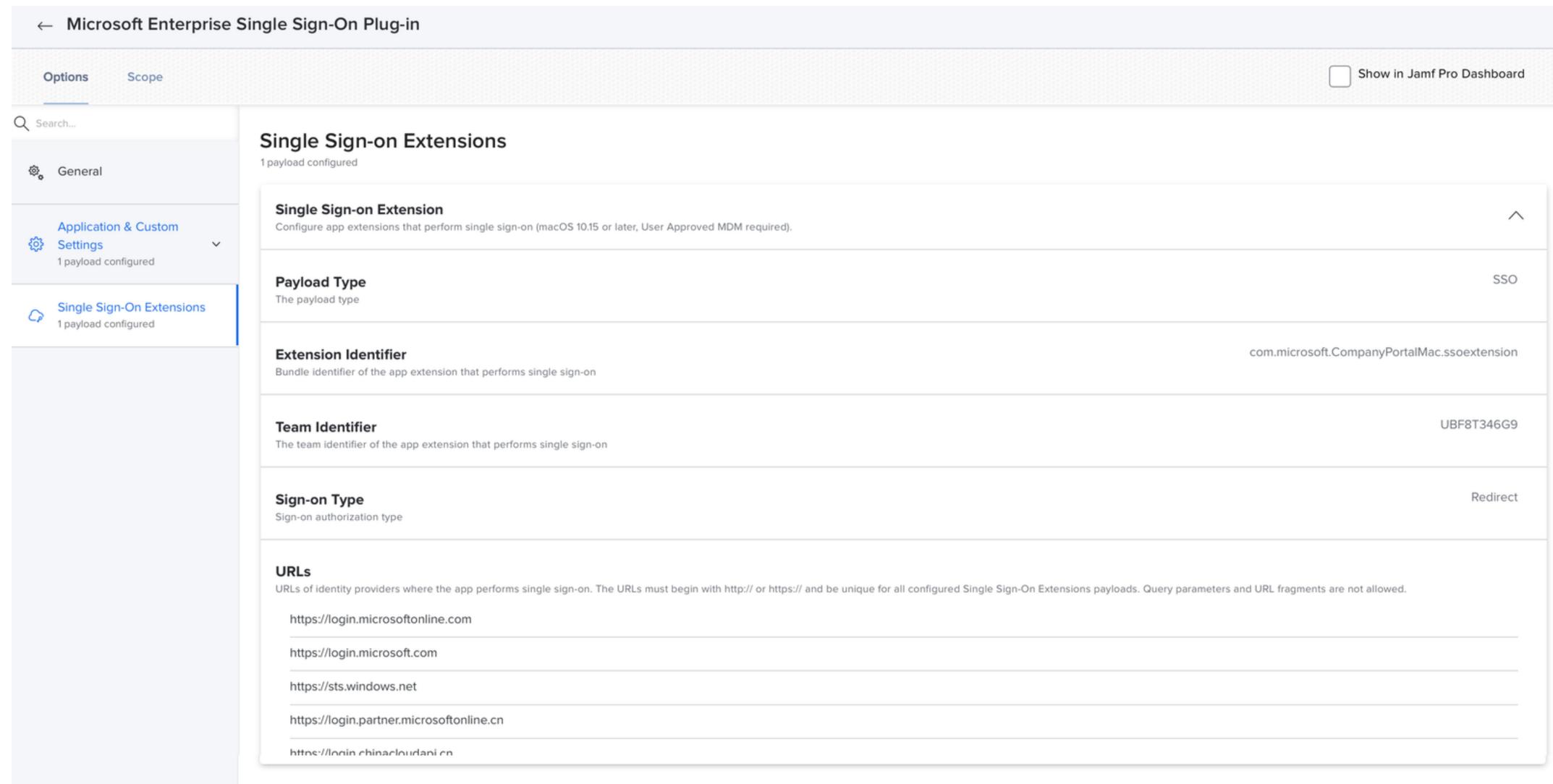


# The Future: Platform Single Sign-On

Or, updated speculation because some of this is in preview, it depends a LOT on identity providers, and macOS just had a change.

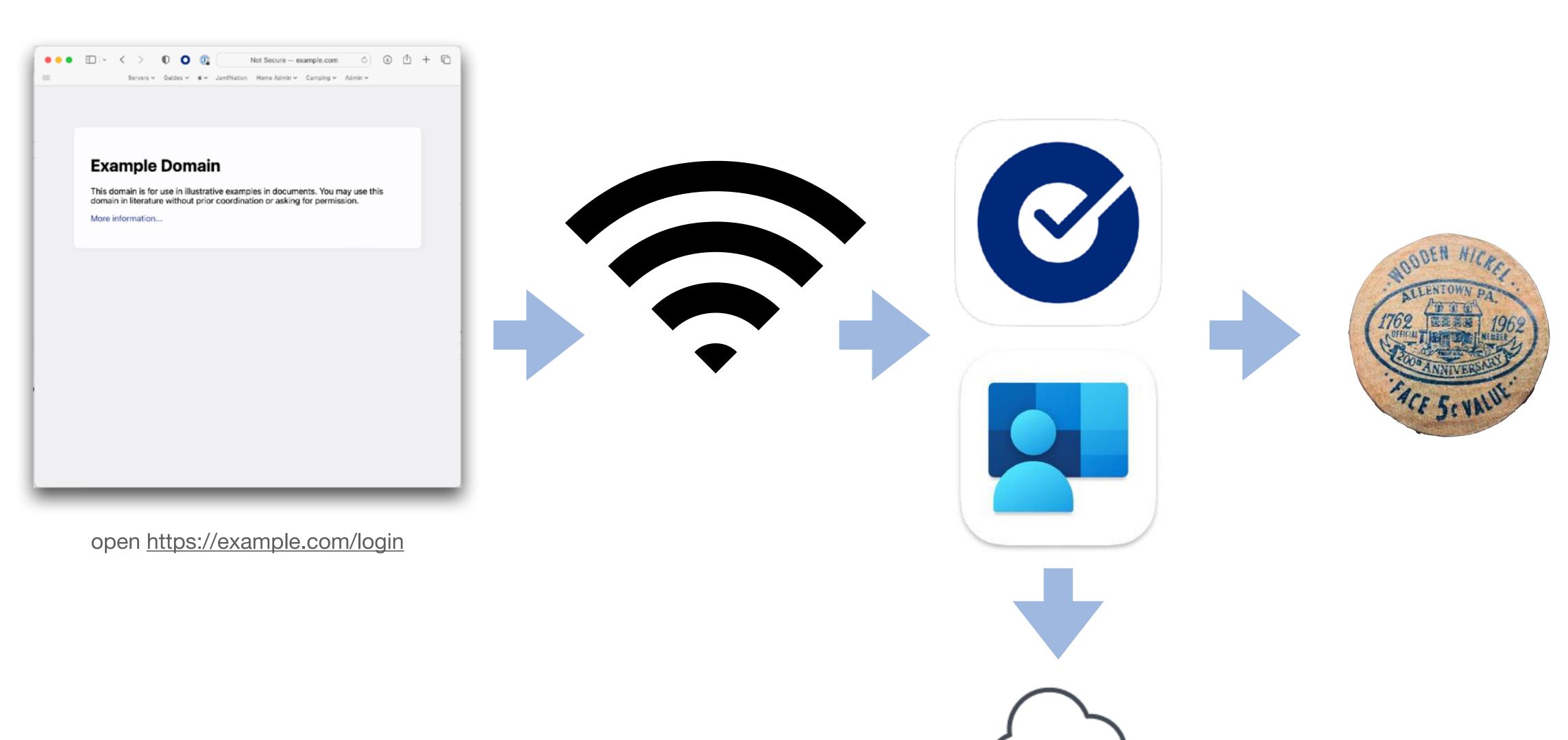


# Single Sign-On Extension for Enterprise



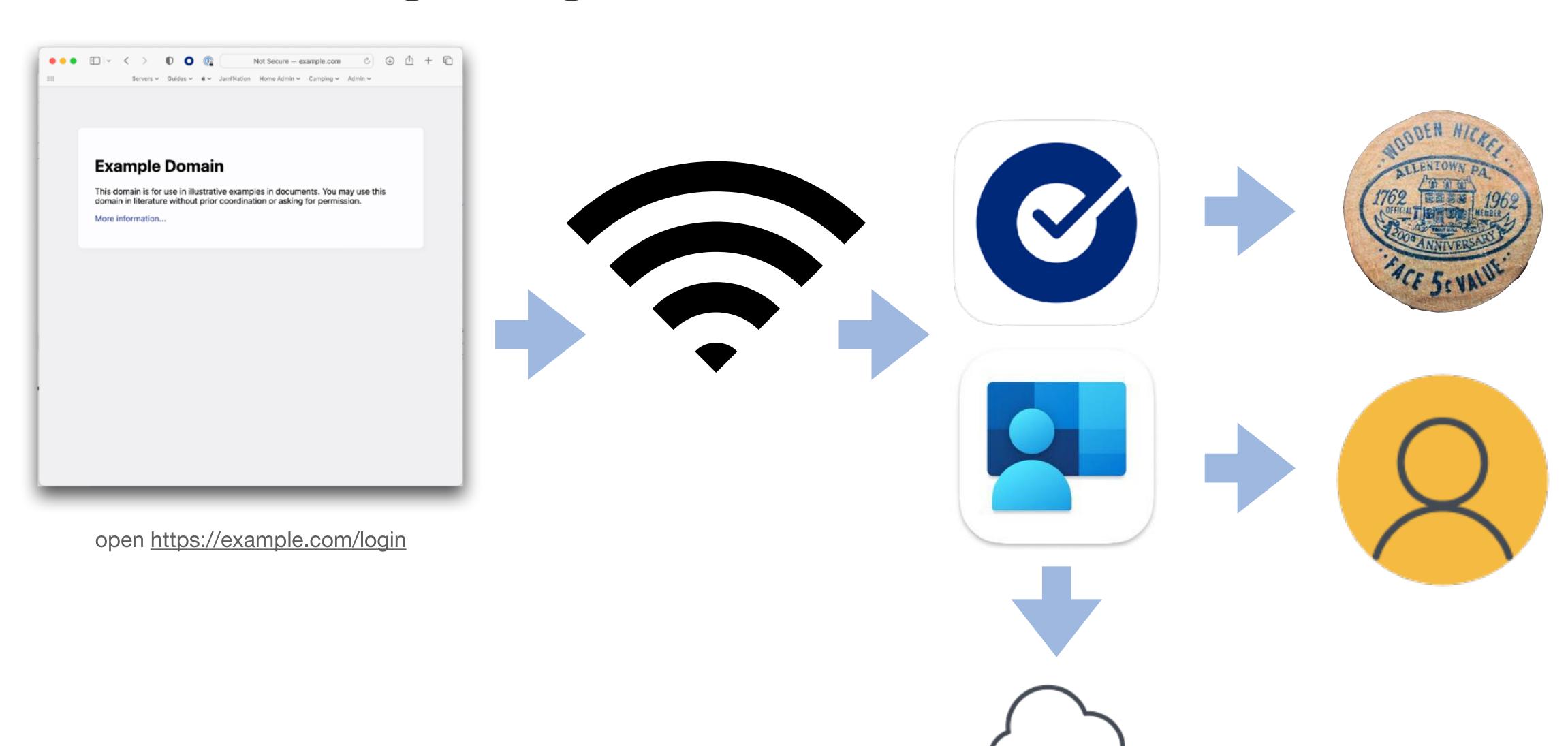


# Single Sign-On Extension for Enterprise

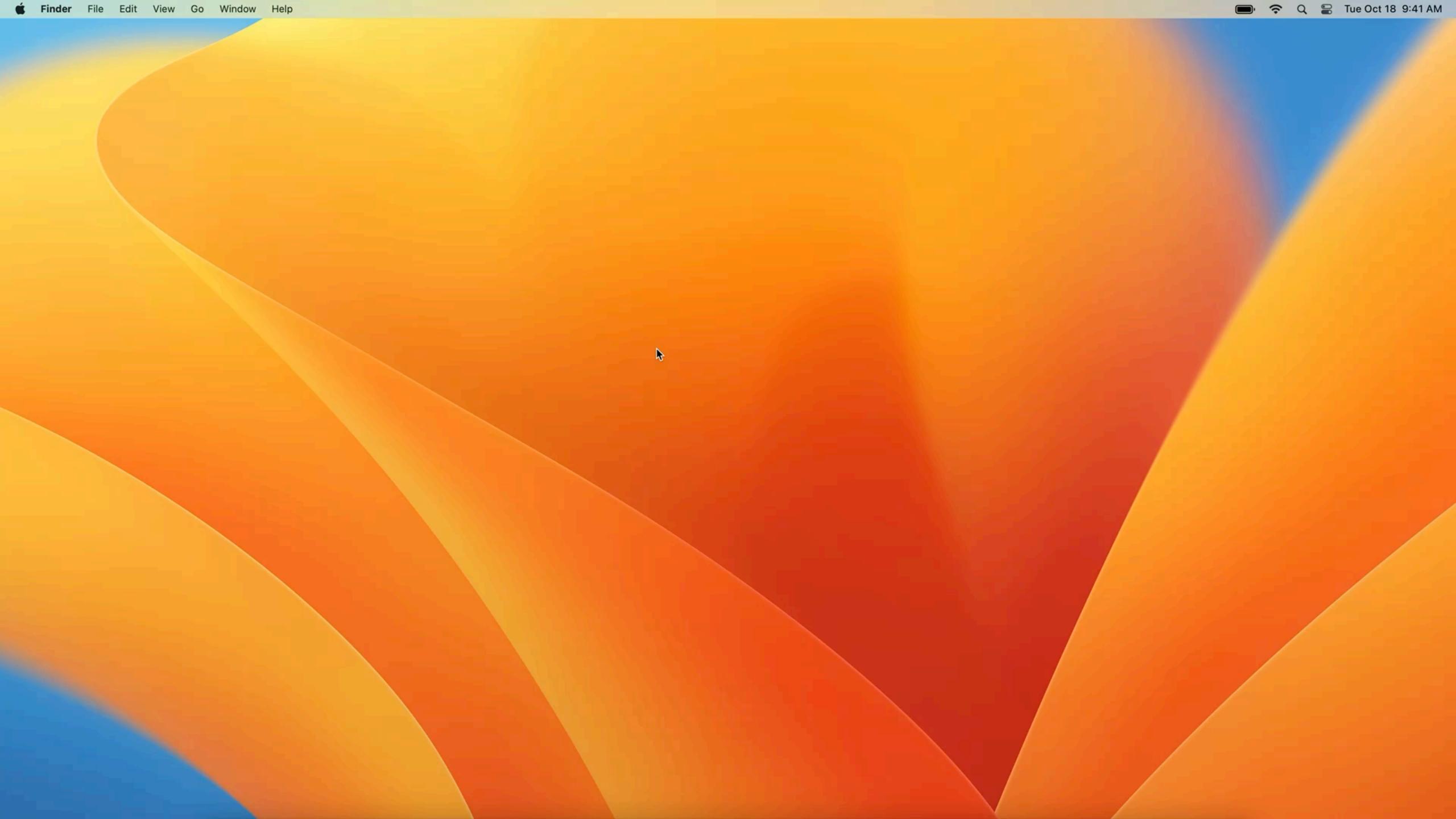




# Platform Single Sign-On Extension







# Platform Single Sign On - as of macOS Ventura

Feature	Platform Single Sign On	Jamf Connect & Others
Works at login window		
Makes local user account		
Admin / Standard rights management		
Works in Zero Touch Enrollment flow		
Can enforce network only logins		
Can enforce MFA for offline auth		(Depends on tool used)
Keeps local account in sync with IdP		
Kerberos support	(with Kerberos SSOe)	
Automatically logs in to cloud IdP gated apps		
Screensaver Unlock		



# Content Warning:

No identity provider currently supports any of the stuff we're about to see.

Unless Michael is about to announce something cool in the next session.



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Kerberos support	(with Kerberos SSOe)	
Automatically logs in to cloud IdP gated apps		
Screensaver Unlock		
PIV / SmartCard Support		



#### **Authentication Scenarios:**

- Password Local account password sync with the IdP
- Password with WS-Trust IdP doesn't know password SAML token auth
- User Secure Enclave Key Auth to IdP without a password still local password
- SmartCard Auth with cert on PIV local password may still be required

### Group Membership:

- Pass up to 100 IdP based groups to local macOS device
- Local UNIX group membership determines admin/standard/sudo rights



# Shared Device Registration



# Shared Device Registration



User Registration









Final thoughts:
Local User Accounts
Network Accounts
Cloud Identity Accounts
Platform Single Sign-On



# Final Thoughts

- macOS is UNIX
- FileVault gonna FileVault
- Tying to a directory introduces challenges
- Challenges can be overcome
- Let's see what happens with PSSOe in the future
- macOS is still UNIX



