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# Platform SSO

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# Intro

- Timothy Perfitt, founder of Twocanoes Software in 2012
- Apple Engineer, 2001-2012
- Maker of Winclone, Boot Runner, Bluetooth Smart Card Reader, XCreds, Bluetooth Beacons, and many smaller utilities (DFU Blaster :) )
- Working with Apple to provide additional tutorials and documentation for PSSO


# What is the purpose of Platform SSO?

- Platform Single Sign On (PSSO) is a native way to get single sign-on tokens at the login to allow an Enterprise Single Sign-On Extension (eSSO)
- eSSO is a system extension to share tokens between Apps and Web Pages.

# Purpose

- Understand what PSSO is for, how it is configured, and how it works
- No crypto, no config files, no message flow diagrams. Concepts. Lots of Concepts. and a Demo.
- No Kerberos. No WS-Trust.

# What PSSO Isn't and Isn't Supposed to Be

- MFA Prompts At Login Window
  - User creation for One-To-One deployments
  - Compatible with a predefined SSO protocol
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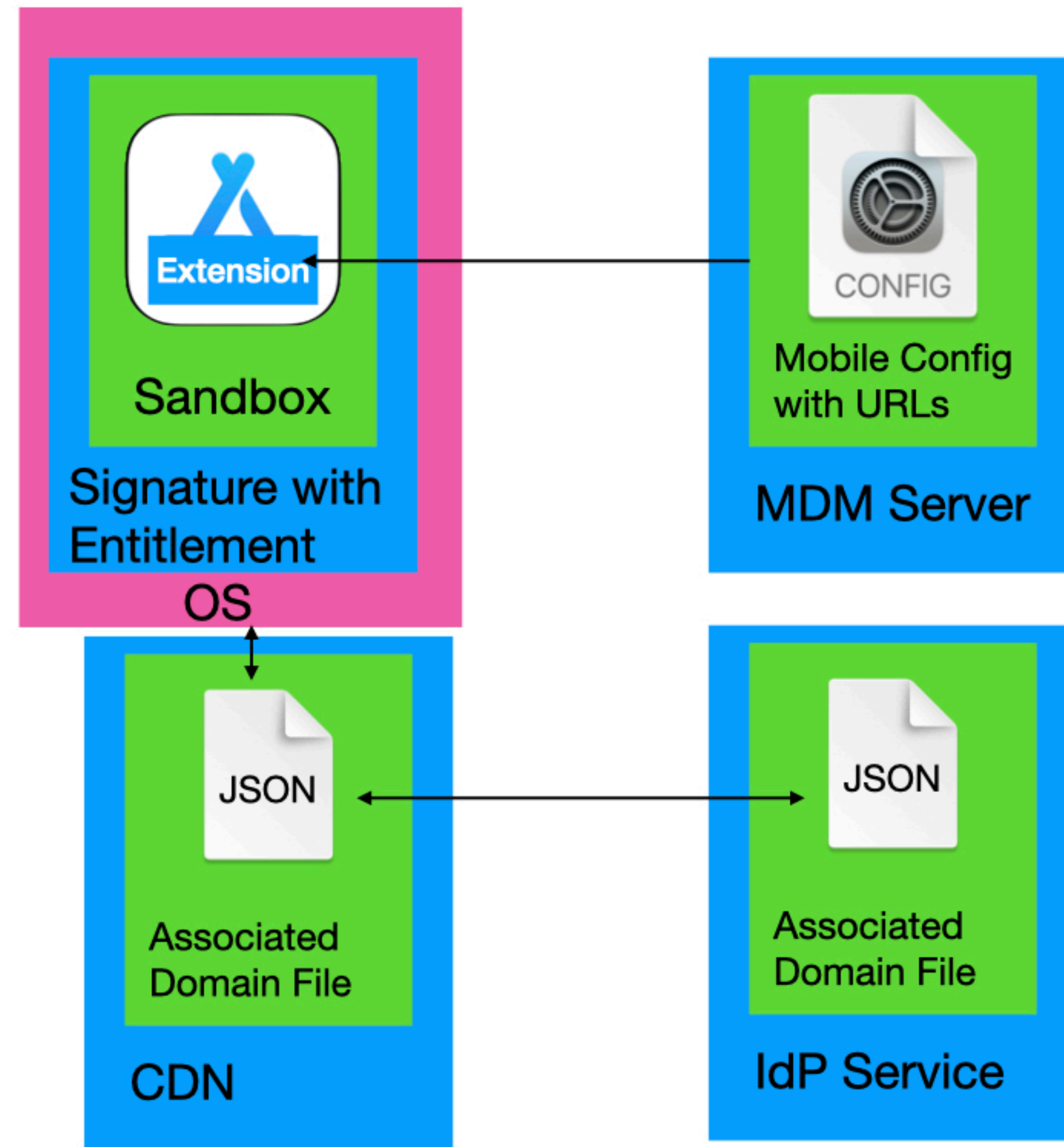
# Enterprise Single Sign On

- System extension deployed in an app that extends macOS in the user session
- Requires URLs registered via MDM that will be redirected to the single sign-on extension
- The host of the redirect URLs must contain an associated domain JSON file that contains the team ID and bundle identifier of the extension.
- Host must be accessible by Apple's CDN
- Host must have a Apple provided certificate trusted by the System Root, and cannot use other root certificates

# Say That A Different Way

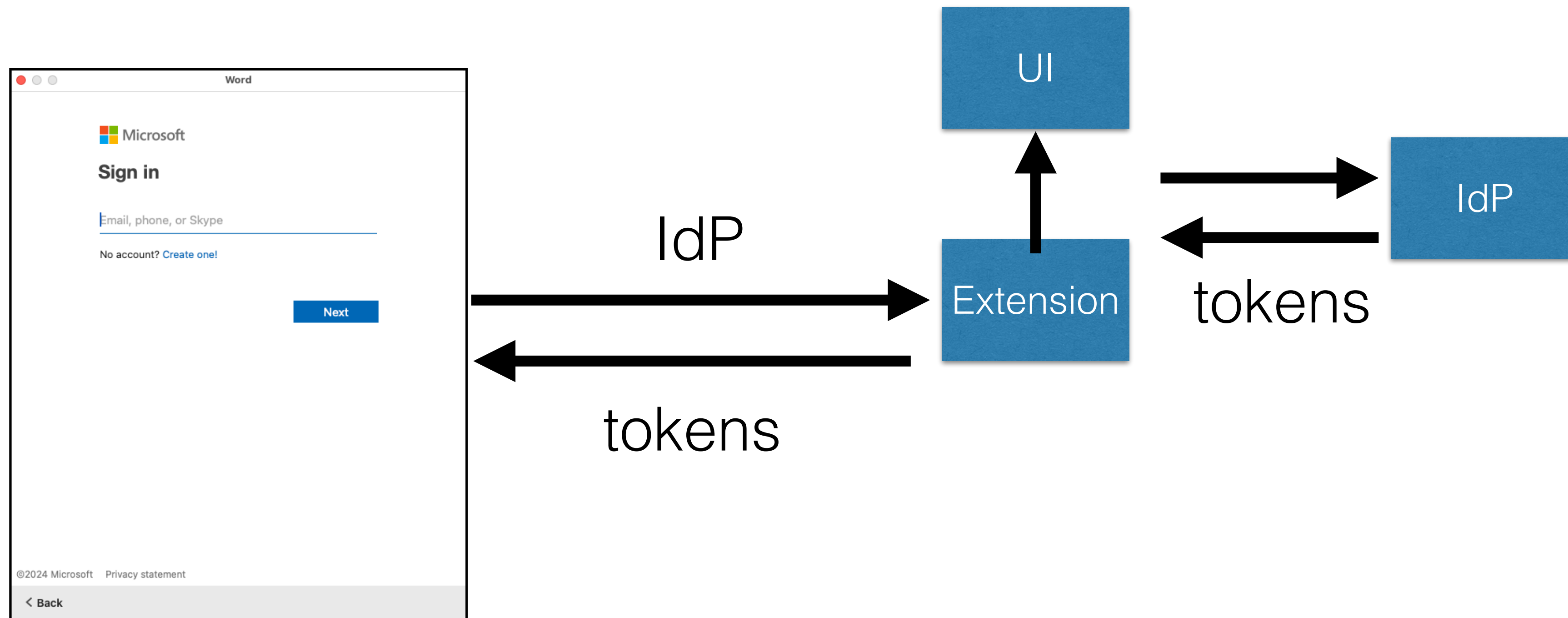
- Device must trust the configuration (MDM enrollment)
- The identity Provider must approve the extension by providing the JSON file at its endpoint.
- TLS sniffing using 3rd party tools that require installed roots will not work
- You can't run it internally (Associated Domain / CDN Requirement)

# Trust





# App with SSO



I thought this was  
about PSSO!



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# PSSO

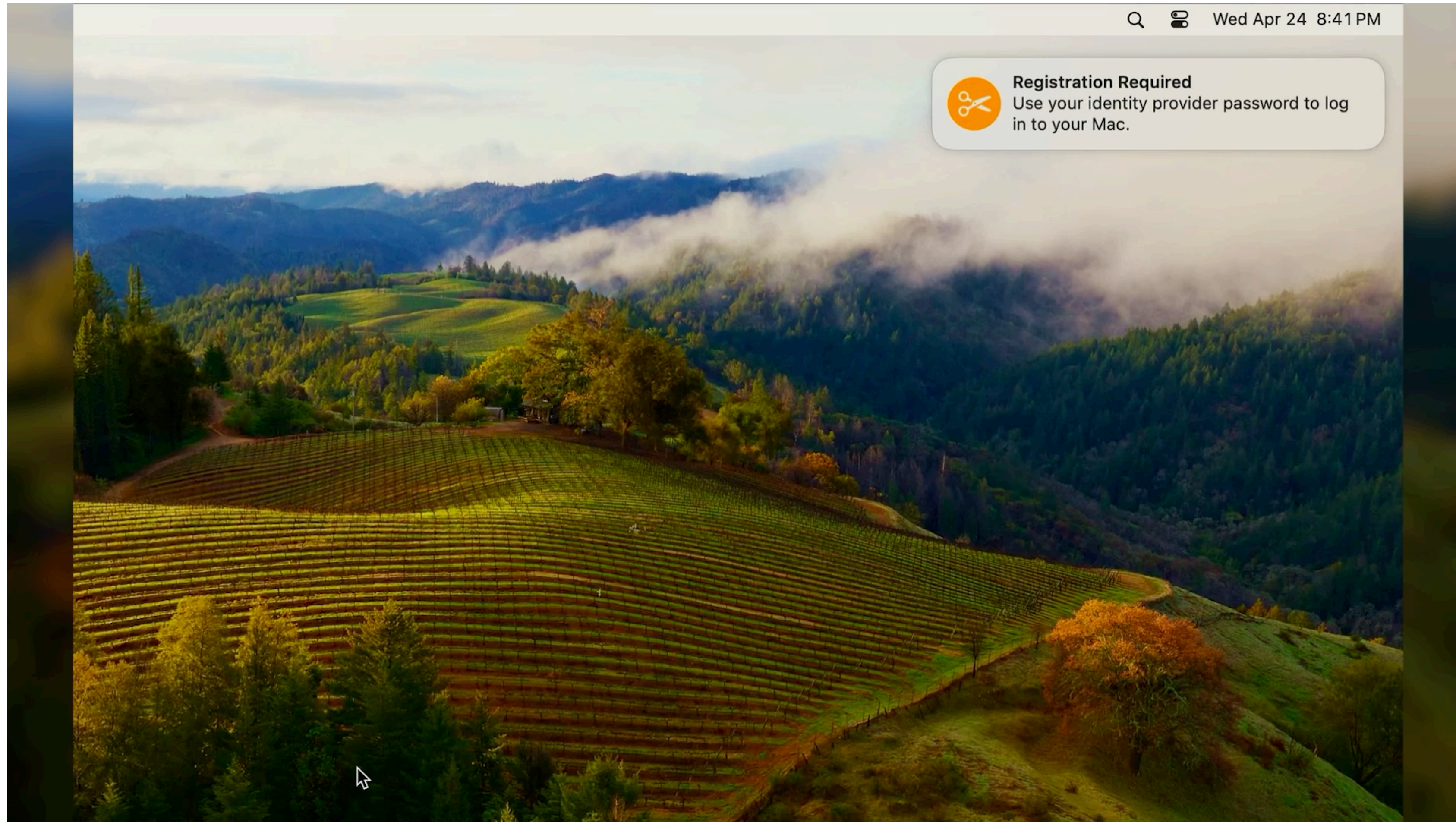
Login Window  
Username and  
Password

Shared Key / Users  
Session

Login Window Smart  
Card

Also: WS-Trust

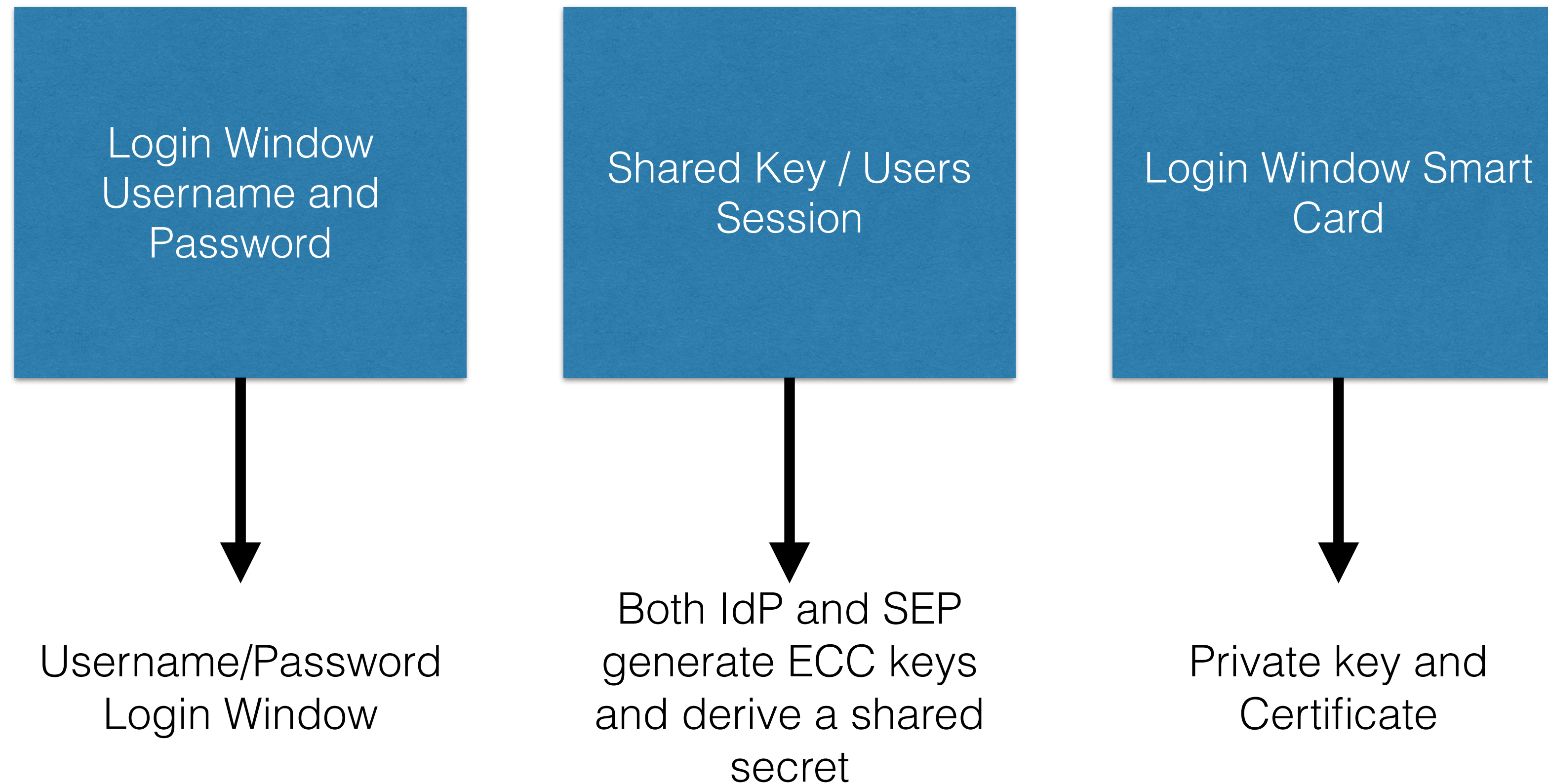
# Registration / Device Trust



# Device Trust

- ECC keys created in the secure enclave, public key shared with IdP during registration
- IdP advertises its public key at endpoint on IdP
- keys used to sign and encrypt tokens between Mac and Identity Provider

# PSSO User Authentication

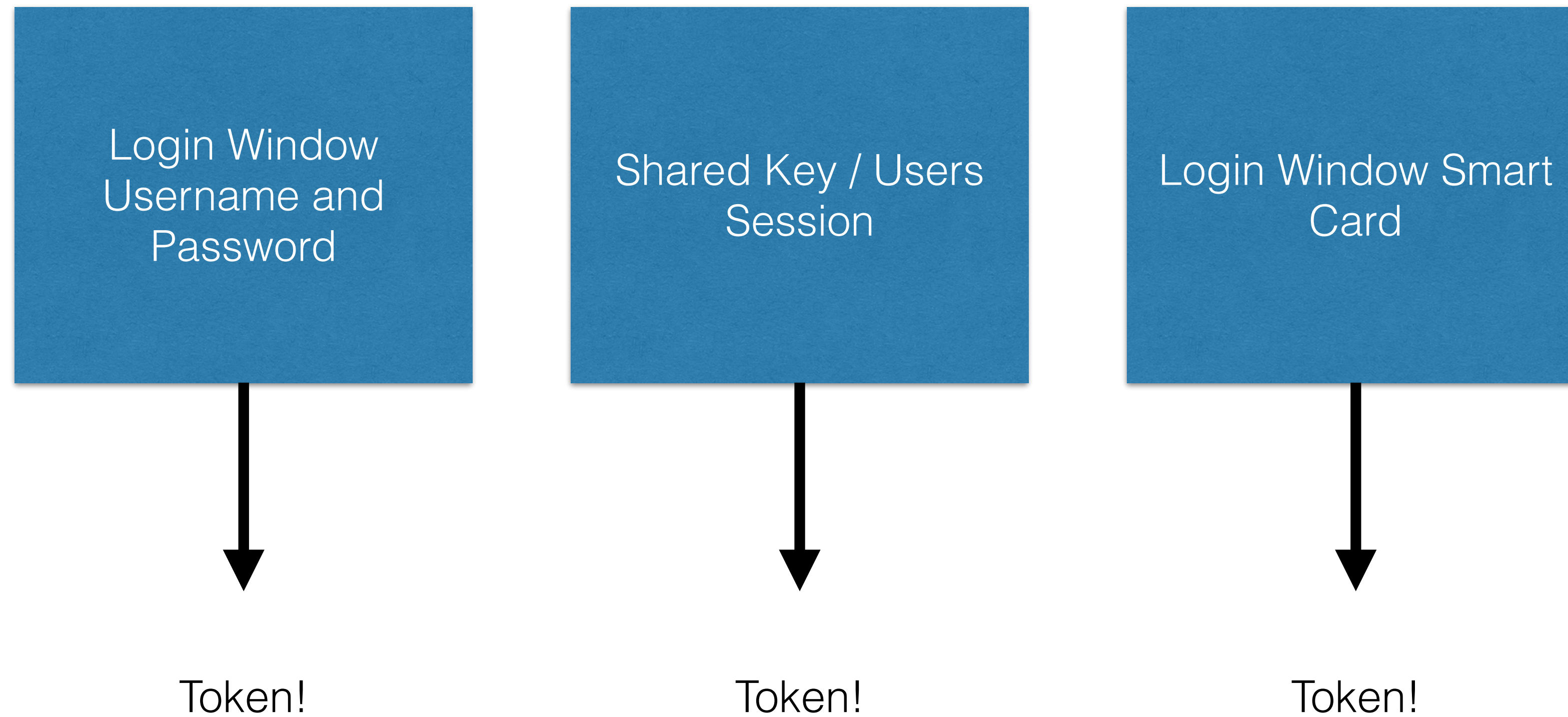


# Token!

- End result of all flows is a token assertion from IdP inside a refresh token
- assertion can be any info that IdP provides that is presented later for authentication
- refresh token available to SSOE to be used in when authenticating
- PSSO uses refresh token to get another refresh token about every 4 hours




# PSSO User Authentication



# OIDC Tokens? SAML Token?

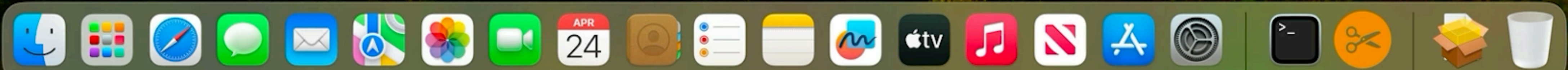
- PSSO and eSSO is IdP agnostic, but requires IdP opt-in
- SSOE is 3rd party developer code that decides how to authenticate and what UI to show
- PSSO is apple code that requires a specific interface and cryptography on the IdP endpoints. Tokens are defined by Apple but refresh token contains opaque data that is passed to the SSOE

# PSSO Username and Password Login


- User creation at the login window
  - Password, Keychain and FileVault Synchronization
  - Groups and Authorization
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# Requirements

- User must set up PSSO (no automated enrollment) after login
- IdP cannot require MFA UI at Login Window
- IdP must know about extension (and probably developed it)
- IdP must extend their endpoints to support PSSO
- IdP must be able to authenticate user with refresh token to provide application tokens for eSSO.
- User is prompted for prior password if not provided during login
- All users are prompted to register



# New At WWDC 2024

- Unlock FileVault
  - Login policies can now require IdP authentication across FileVault, login window, and lock screen
    - AttemptAuthentication
    - RequireAuthentication
  - HPKE
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# More Info

- SSO Page:  
<https://twocanoes.com/sso>
- Try it out!  
<https://github.com/twocanoes/sso>
- Build Your Own:  
<https://github.com/twocanoes/pssso-server-go>

Questions?

