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5 Reasons to Upgrade to RSA Authentication Manager 8.5

Protect and optimize workforces with new RSA SecurID® Access innovations

Workforces have become increasingly dynamic and remote, and managing the risk associated with the "new normal" has become increasingly important. The combination of standing up remote workers and accelerating digital transformation initiatives has generated the requirement for workforce optimization. Today, more than ever, you need to protect and optimize your workforce.

How can you…

- Enable remote workers to be both productive AND secure?
- Accelerate digital transformation initiatives by moving to the cloud?
- Ensure that the technologies they implement today will secure their organization for tomorrow?

As part of RSA SecurID Access, the latest version of RSA Authentication Manager provides many significant enhancements and new functionality that simplifies your journey to the cloud with the use of convenient, modern multi-factor authentication (MFA) for all access use cases. Here are the top five reasons you should upgrade to the latest version of RSA Authentication Manager 8.5.

1. High availability = Always-on, 24x7 protection

Moving to the cloud provides many conveniences, such as automatic updates with the latest features and functionalities. But what happens if the cloud slows or goes down?

- RSA Authentication Manager 8.5 now offers a Secure Proxy and Failover Node Service for RSA Cloud Authentication Services (CAS). This provides 24x7 authentication availability and protection, and the confidence to move to the cloud with RSA's unrivalled hybrid approach. And users won't notice if/when the cloud becomes unavailable.

2. Simplify connecting to the cloud

You may already be on a path to digital transformation, but recent disruptions may have accelerated your move to the cloud. To best prepare for today's opportunities and tomorrow's challenges, RSA is helping organizations take a hybrid approach to their identity and authentication strategy.

- The backbone of a unified hybrid platform, RSA Authentication Manager 8.5 includes an Identity Router, which connects RSA Authentication Manager to CAS, making it fast and easy to protect both on-premises resources and SaaS or web-based applications. Now, as an embedded component, the Identity Router reduces the friction and potential costs associated with the requisition, installation and maintenance of additional virtual machines. Administrators save time, resources and cost while reducing risk as they support the move to the cloud.

3.   Modern MFA with strong assurance

The increase in remote workers is driving further adoption of modern authentication capabilities, such as biometrics, face recognition and FIDO®. As enterprises adopt these authentication methods, they need enterprise-grade security and compliance to ensure devices are safe.

- The new RSA SecurID Authenticate 3.6 App for Android provides strong identity assurance to enterprises with biometrics and face recognition and makes access easy for users.

- RSA provides the broadest range of authentication capabilities, including recent advancements in FIDO authentication, such as YubiKey for RSA SecurID Access, and enables customers to bring their own authenticator to support organizational and/or user preferences.

4.   True "no fail-open" offline authentication

How do users log in when there's no internet connection? And if access is granted, what assurance is there that users are who they say they are?

- RSA SecurID Access offers true "no fail-open" offline authentication for both Microsoft Windows and macOS laptop users who are not connected to a network. While other solutions may provide limited offline access, RSA ensures that users are fully authenticated to sign in, even offline. With the new RSA MFA Agent 2.0 for Microsoft Windows and RSA MFA Agent for macOS, you can provide truly secure access with a seamless experience, online or offline, to improve productivity.

5.   Continuous innovations through easier upgrades

The best way to combat what risks lie ahead is to use technologies that are thinking ahead. But sometimes getting access to those capabilities requires cumbersome upgrade processes.

- The Direct Upgrade feature in RSA Authentication Manager 8.5 eliminates the time-consuming, step-by-step serial upgrade process from older versions (starting from RSA Authentication Manager 8.2 service pack 1).

RSA is continuing to drive innovations that secure and optimize dynamic workforces. The unrivalled hybrid approach not only simplifies the journey to the cloud for on-premises customers but also ensures that modern authentication methods protect both cloud and on-premises resources.

About RSA SecurID Access

RSA SecurID Access, part of the RSA SecurID Suite, enables businesses to empower employees, partners and contractors to do more without compromising security or convenience. Embracing the security challenges of today's blended cloud and on-premises environments, bring your own device, and mobile, RSA SecurID Access ensures that users have timely access to the applications they need—from any device, anywhere and ensures that users are who they say they are, with a modern, convenient user experience.