Governing Non-Human Identities with Proven IGA Principles

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Agenda

- Introduction to non-human identities (NHI)
- Management of NHI
- Governance of NHI
- Conclusion and recommendation

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From Human to Non-Human Identities (NHI)?

- Human identities are prime
- NHI are naturally occurring
- Modern IT is mostly automatized
- Blurring the differences
  - Devices, services, agents acting as a user
- Zero trust principles
- Embrace non-human identities

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Why Non-Human Identities?

- The number is rising
  - Estimates are 20-50x more than human identities
- Often overlooked
  - Both life-cycle and usage
- Huge potential attack surface
  - Privileged by design
- Harder to manage
  - Scale
  - Shared ownership

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Types of Non-Human Identities

- Service accounts, system accounts
- Devices
- Internet of things
- Applications, micro-services
- Agents, bots
- Integration code, CI/CD
- Workload
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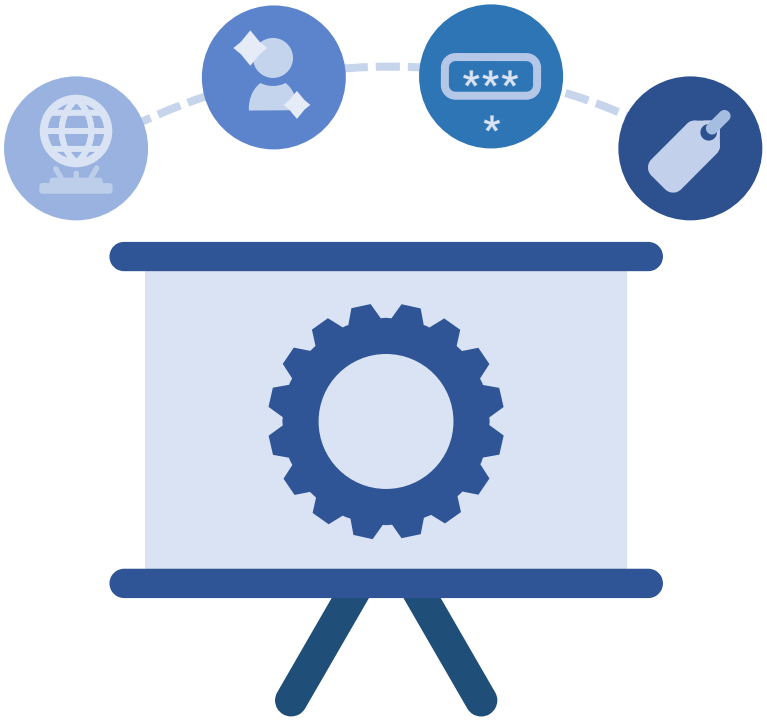

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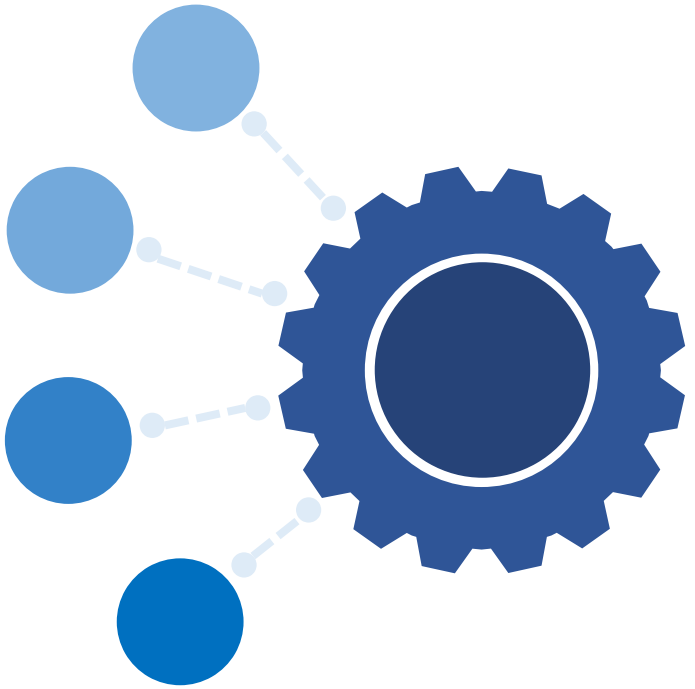
Typical Approach to Non-Human Identities

- Low-level approach to NHI management
- Security
- Credential management
- API protection
- Monitoring, risk assessment
- There are many specialized solutions for it



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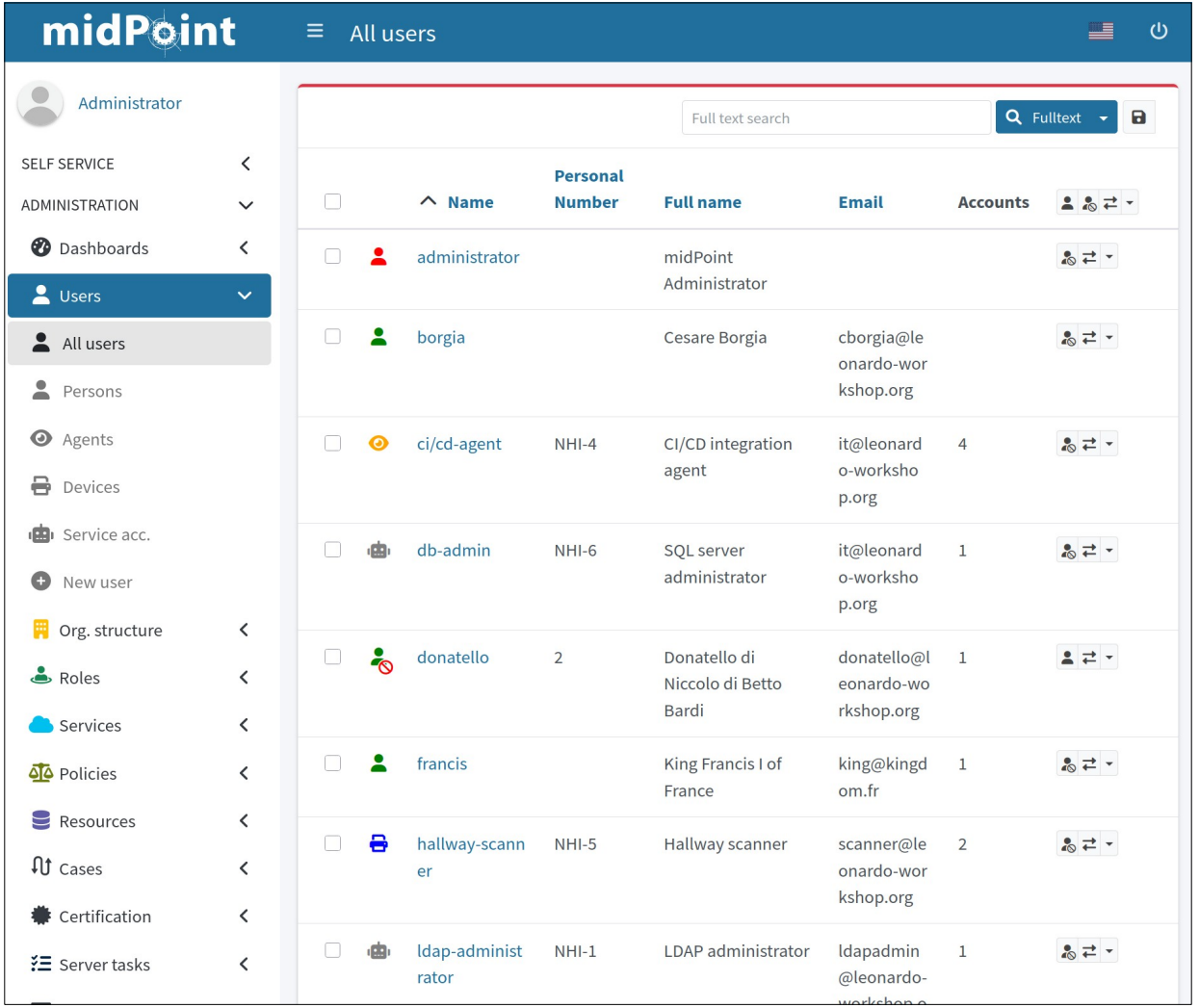
A Different View of NHI

- Evolveum focuses on IGA
- MidPoint
- Open source IGA platform made in EU
- Thinking about NHI from the IGA point of view



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What About Governance?

- Governance as an essence of managing NHI
- A high-level approach to NHI governance
- Why does NHI exist? (purpose)
- Who is responsible? (ownership)
- What can NHI do? (authorization)

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Governance Principles Applicable to NHI

- Life-cycle management
- Approvals
- Access certifications
- Auditing
- Notifications
- Reporting
- Outlier detection
- Risk assessment

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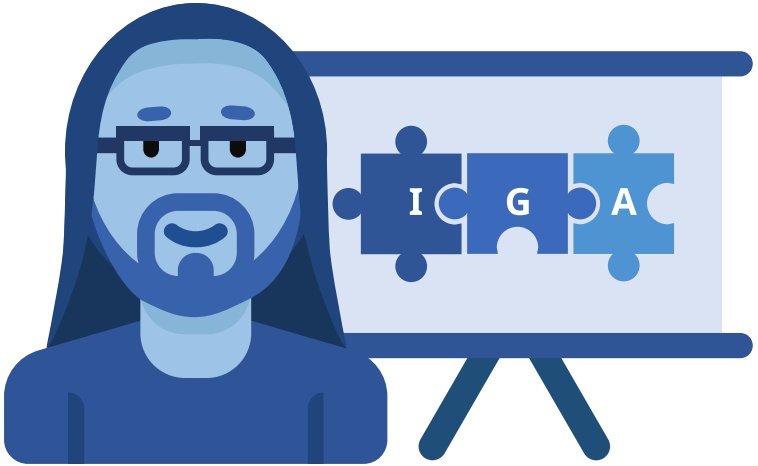
Evolveum's View on NHI Governance

- Existing IGA principles are applicable to NHI
- Inventorization / catalogization
- Ownership management
  - React to ownership change
- Management using connectors
  - Expensive
  - Enables discovery, usage monitoring...
- Manage "master" identities for short lived ones
- Integration with specialized tools



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Conclusion

- Existing IGA principles are applicable to NHI
- You most likely have an IGA or IdM
- You can start by extending the existing IGA with NHI
  - Minimal initial investment
- Then you can continue with specialized tools or by extending NHI-related IGA processes
- **It is recommended to start with inventorization & ownership responsibility**

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