

# Digital Identity Webinar Series: Future of Authentication

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# Welcome

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# Why are we here today?

## **Purpose:**

- Continue our public engagement on the DRAFT of NIST SP 800-63-4
- Provide an opportunity to get insight from a panel of subject matter experts on relevant topics to the update
- Provide an opportunity for the public to engage in discussion around specific aspects of the guidance

## **Outcomes:**

- ✓ Reinforce the intended updates to the DRAFT of NIST SP 800-63B-4 *Authenticator and Lifecycle Management*
- ✓ Get insights from across different communities and sectors
- ✓ Initiate a public dialogue that will extend across the three sessions

**\*\*\* NOTE: Participating in this session is not a replacement for comments! Please engage both here and through the established NIST process.**

# A Quick Announcement!

**To allow for continued engagement and additional input from across diverse communities we will be extending our comment period!**

***The new Deadline will be 11:59pm on April 14<sup>th</sup> !***

***Details for how and where to submit comments remains the same and can be found at the end of this presentation***

# Some Notes on Engagement

## ***On Webex, Andrew will host a moderated panel of experts featuring:***

- John Bradley, *Senior Principal Architect, Yubico*
- Libby Brown, *Senior Program Manager- Cloud Authentication, Microsoft*
- Christine Owen, *Director, Guidehouse*
- Mike Prorock, *CTO and Founder, mesur.io*

## ***On Slack we will host an open discussion where:***

- Everyone can respond to the questions posed to our panel...
- Everyone can engage in discussion, debate, and constructive feedback...
- Everyone can submit questions for NIST team members and panelists (we may not get to all of them...)
- But that is ok, because the Slack will remain open through the close of the comment period on March 24<sup>th</sup>
- Looking for the invite to the slack? We have posted in the Webex chat over here\*

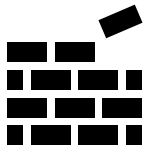


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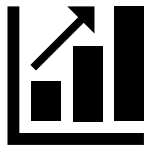
# Slack Rules of the Road



***Be polite and be respectful!***



***Be constructive!***



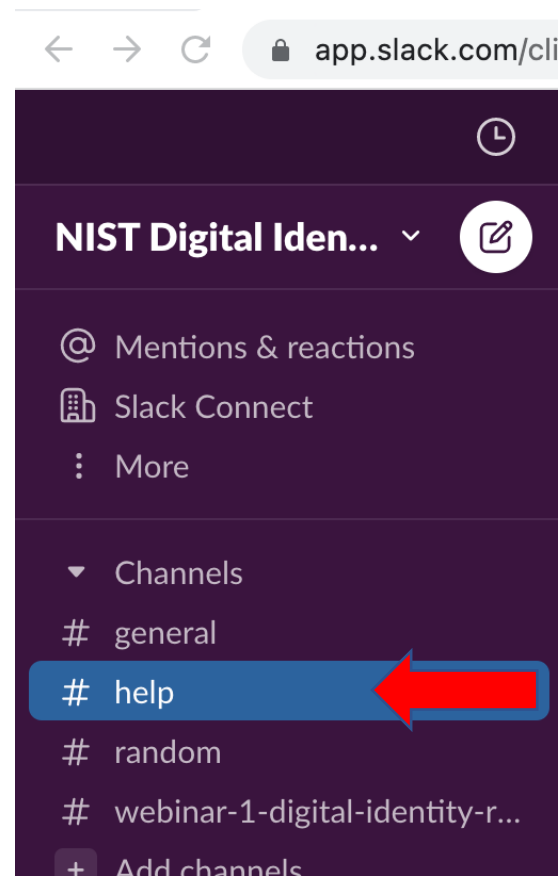
***No spam, no marketing!***



***Debate, discussion, and questions are encouraged!***

# Webex Captioning

*Our panel will be simulcast with live captioning. The link to access this is posted in the Webex Chat and in the “help” section of Slack*



# NIST SP 800-63B-4: *Authenticator and Lifecycle Management*

Andrew Regenscheid, NIST



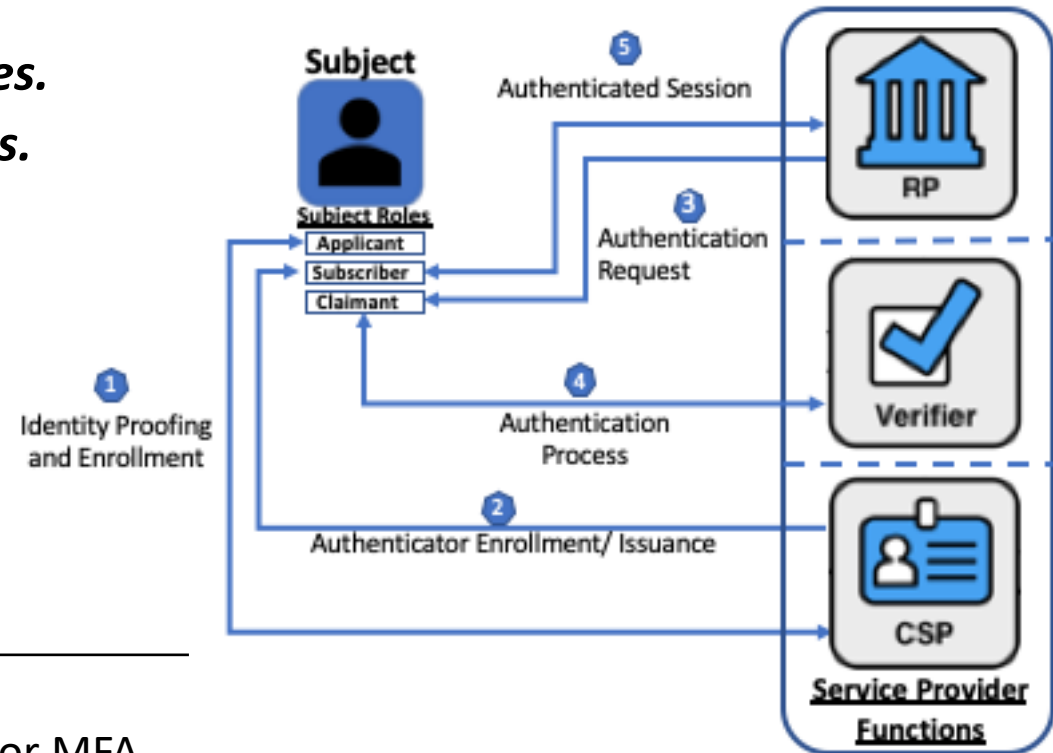
# SP 800-63B Overview

## Scope: Authentication and Lifecycle Management

- Authenticators to authenticate **subjects** to **relying parties**.
- Authentication processes and protocols used by **verifiers**.
- Lifecycle:
  - Authenticator Selection and equity considerations
  - Authenticator Binding/Issuance
  - Session management
  - Account recovery

## Authentication Assurance Levels

<b>AAL1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Single-factor authentication</li></ul>
<b>AAL2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Multifactor authentication</li><li>• Supports implementation of EO 14028 and EO 13681 for MFA</li></ul>
<b>AAL3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hardware-based, cryptographic multifactor authentication</li><li>• Phishing resistant in support of OMB M -22-09</li><li>• Supported by PIV at federal agencies, consistent with HSPD-12</li></ul>



- **Phishing Resistance** – Able to be achieved through one of two techniques: Channel Binding (such as mutual TLS) and Verifier Name Binding (WebAuthn/FIDO).
- **Password Guidelines** – Advances previous recommendations by requiring the removal of complexity, arbitrary rotation requirements, and allowing for password managers.
- **Activation Secrets** – Splits out requirements for secrets used for activation of a device (e.g., mobile phone) from requirements from those that are remotely verified over a network.
- **Biometric Requirements** – Biometrics remain allowable as part of an MFA scheme that includes a physical authenticator but performance metrics have been updated to align to new industry standards (FMR 1:10,000)
- **Out-of-Band Changes** – Removed the option for push notifications that do not require the user to enter a secret to account for prevalence of MFA exhaustion attacks.
- **Wireless Authenticators** – includes new requirements for the connection of wireless (e.g., bluetooth, NFC) authenticators for use in an MFA scheme.
- **Equity Considerations for Authenticators and Recovery** – Provides recommendations for account recovery options where users may not have the ability bind multiple authenticators. Also considers the need to maintain widely available authenticators - such as SMS - to provide MFA for diverse populations.
- **Cryptographic Authenticators** – Removes the restriction on “facilitating cloning” to allow for synching and back of keys. Maintains “non-exportability” at AAL3. *Still evaluating the potential impact of Passkey.*

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# Panel of Experts

# Meet the Panel



**John Bradley**  
Senior Principal  
Architect,  
Yubico



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Senior Program Manager,  
Cloud Authentication,  
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**Christine Owen**  
Director,  
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# Closing

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# Comment Period

- Where can I find the documents?
  - [800-63-4: Base Volume](#)
  - [800-63A-4: Identity Proofing and Enrollment](#)
  - [800-63B-4: Authentication and Lifecycle Management](#)
  - [800-63C-4: Federation and Assertions](#)
- How do I submit comments?
  - Email them to: [dig-comments@nist.gov](mailto:dig-comments@nist.gov)
- What format should my comments be in?
  - The preferred format is the comment sheet available here: [Comment template \(xls\)](#)
- What kind of comments are most helpful?
  - All of them!
  - Reference our [Note to Reviewers](#) for specific questions
  - Please do not send marketing material
- What if I have questions before I submit comments?
  - Email any questions or requests for clarifications you may have to: [dig-comments@nist.gov](mailto:dig-comments@nist.gov)
  - We will do our best to respond to as many questions as possible
- Will my comments be made public?
  - Yes! Our process is open and transparent and we will post all comments as issues on our GitHub repository
- How can I keep up to speed on any changes?
  - There will not be changes to the text between now and the close of the comment period
  - But, if we get frequent comments or areas where clarification is regularly requested, we will post them to our “Ongoing Updates” page
  - Follow along at: <https://pages.nist.gov/800-63-4/>

Comment period extended!

**COMMENTS ARE DUE APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>**