

## Major South African law firm depends on MyID MFA to secure.

**Webber Wentzel is a South African-based legal firm, that provides legal support to South African and international clients in relation to their operations in the rest of Africa.**

**More of the firm's 360 lawyers are working remotely, and clients also need access to sensitive documents and information from all around Africa - and the world.**

### THE CHALLENGE

The Webber Wentzel IT department have to provide access to information that is convenient, fast and reliable for all employees, partners and clients but also offers world-class security. "We simply can't take any chances with security of documents," explains Pierre Liddle, IT Information Security Risk Manager.

"It would be devastating to our reputation if sensitive information was leaked or lost." Webber Wentzel was keen to build an extranet that could be used to provide personalised remote access to corporate applications and data.

### THE SOLUTION

The solution Intercede recommended for Webber Wentzel included the MyID MFA pattern authentication feature, a new 1.5 and 2 factor authentication system that uses Matrix Pattern Authentication to authenticate users. With the pattern authentication feature, users logging into an application don't need passwords, tokens or PIN numbers. Instead, when they log in to the network, they are presented with a grid of coloured squares, each containing a single digit.

The user must enter the numbers that correlate with a pattern that has previously been agreed as theirs. For example if a user's chosen pattern is the six squares that cross a 6x6 matrix diagonally from top right to bottom left, then when they log in to the system, they enter whichever six numbers are in those squares. The complexity of the patterns which users are allowed to input can be defined by the IT department, and may be customised for different users, applications and locations.

This type of authentication is immeasurably more secure than a conventional PIN or password, and that is vitally important for a firm like Webber Wentzel. The pattern authentication feature is integrated seamlessly with Microsoft UAG, minimising the need for integration and further improving security.

## THE BENEFITS

<p><b>STRONG, SECURE AND SIMPLE</b></p> <p>MyID MFA provides a variety of authentication methods including passwordless options to protect your organisation from cyber attacks. Ideal for all organisations looking to improve their security posture.</p>	<p><b>EASY TO USE AND MANAGE</b></p> <p>MyID MFA is designed to be easy to use. Users can authenticate using their preferred method, and administrators can easily manage users and devices through the web-based interface.</p>
<p><b>SUPPORT FOR CLOUD AND ON-PREMISE</b></p> <p>MyID MFA can be used to protect both cloud-based and on-premise applications, giving you the flexibility to deploy in the environment that best meets your needs.</p>	<p><b>PASSWORDLESS LOGIN EXPERIENCE</b></p> <p>MyID MFA allows you to replace passwords with more secure authentication methods, such as push notifications, biometrics and grid pattern logins. Helps to reduce the risk of password related attacks, such as phishing and brute force.</p>

## ABOUT INTERCEDE

Intercede is a cybersecurity software company specialising in digital identities, and its innovative solutions enable organisations to protect themselves against the number one cause of data breach: compromised user credentials.

The Intercede suite of products allows customers to choose the level of security that best fits their needs, from Secure Registration and ID Verification to Password Security Management, One-Time Passwords, FIDO and PKI. Uniquely, Intercede provides the entire set of authentication options from Passwords to PKI, supporting customers on their journey to passwordless and stronger authentication environments. In addition to developing and supporting Intercede software, the Group offers professional services and custom development capabilities as well as managing the world's largest password breach database.

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