

Multi Factor Authentication

IT service providers are increasingly offering something called Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA), also known as 2-Factor Authentication (2FA).

Basically, it means that you will need to take (normally) two separate actions in order to access your accounts.

This sounds complicated and time-consuming, but it need not be, and it does add a very significant level of security.

An example of how it works is that you enter your normal password to access e.g., your online banking and the system then sends you a second unique, one-time password to e.g., your smartphone that you are then prompted to enter into the web portal.

This means that no-one can access your account without knowing your password and this unique, one-time code.

