

Note on Acronyms

Here and in several other documents you see many acronyms that are associated with the notion of a second means of authentication. This is a non-exhaustive list:

Acronym	Description
MFA	Multi Factor Authentication. You will need to identify yourself using an additional, independent from account password, means, such as a 6 digit code or smartphone app
2FA	Instance of MFA with only one additional means of authentication
OTP	One time password
One time password	A usually additional password that you need to give in order to authenticate and be allowed to login
TOTP	Time-based one time password
Time-based one time password	A usually addition password, which is valid for a limited amount of time, that you need to give in order to authenticate and be allowed to login
HOTP	Event-based One-Time Password
Event-based One-Time Password	A usually hardware based additional means of authentication, sometimes implemented using USB keys
OATH	Open Authentication TOTP HTOP is a protocol defintion on how to use TOTP (or HTOP)

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