

# Location Factor

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**Location Factors** are part of [Multifactor Authentication \(MFA\)](#) and includes using the user's current geographic location as determined by Global Positioning System (GPS) or using mobile device radio tower triangulation. Location Factors are generally not used as a sole source of [identification](#) but are used in combination with other identifying MFA factors such as [Knowledge Factor](#), [Possession Factor](#), or [Inherence Factor](#). For example, an attempt is made to sign-on to a site using the user's user id and [Password](#) but is doing so from a different location. The server rejects the sign-on because it uses the combination of the user/password and location to confirm the identity of the user.

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