

# Microsoft EntraID Authentication

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# EntraID Authentication

- Microsoft EntraID authentication
  - **Part 1:** User logs into EntraID server
    - Unnecessary if user is already logged into EntraID server
    - User must provide credentials
  - **Part 2:** User logs into PennyAdmin
    - User need not provide credentials

# EntraID Authentication

- See **PennyAdminEntraID** app

# Agenda

- Microsoft EntraID Authentication
  - **The code**
  - Running locally
  - Running on Render
  - Assessment

# The Code

- See **PennyAdminEntralD** app (cont.)
  - runserver.py
  - penny.sql, penny.sqlite
  - database.py
  - header.html, footer.html
  - index.html, show.html,
  - add.html, delete.html, reportresults.html
  - penny.py

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# Running Locally

- See **PennyAdminEntralD** app (cont.)
  - How to run it on your local computer...

# Running Locally

1. Create and activate an appropriate Python virtual environment. To do that, issue these commands:

```
mkdir ~/.virtualenvs  
python -m venv ~/.virtualenvs/somedir  
source ~/.virtualenvs/somedir/bin/activate
```

2. Install modules into your Python virtual environment. To do that, in your app directory issue this command:

```
python -m pip install -r requirements.txt
```



# Running Locally

3. Register your app (**`http://localhost:5000`**) with Microsoft Entra ID.

- 3.1. Browse to **`https://entra.microsoft.com`**, and log in using your Princeton email address and password.
- 3.2. In the left panel, click on "Entra ID" to expand that item.
- 3.3. In the left panel under "Entra ID", click on "App registrations".
- 3.4. Click on "+ New Registration".
- 3.5. For "Name" enter ``PennyEntraId``.
- 3.6. For Redirect URI choose ``Web`` and enter the URL **`http://localhost/getAToken`**.
- 3.7. Click "Register".
- 3.8. Note the Application (client) ID; you'll need it in the next step.
- 3.9. Click on the link immediately under "Client credentials".
- 3.10. Click on "+ New client secret"
- 3.11. For "Description" enter **`PennyEntraId Secret`**.
- 3.12. For "Expires" choose something reasonable.
- 3.13. Click "Add".
- 3.14. Note the client secret; you'll need it in the next step.

# Running Locally

4. Define these environment variables. It would be common to define them in a `.env` file in your app directory.

```
AUTHORITY="https://login.microsoftonline.com/  
2ff60116-7431-425d-b5af-077d7791bda4"  
REDIRECT_URI="http://localhost:5000/getAToken"  
CLIENT_ID="yourEntraIdClientId"  
CLIENT_SECRET="yourEntraIdClientSecret"  
SCOPE="User.Read"  
ENDPOINT="https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/me"
```

5. Run the server. To do that, in your app directory issue this command:

```
python runserver.py
```

# Running Locally

6. Browse to `http://localhost:5000`.

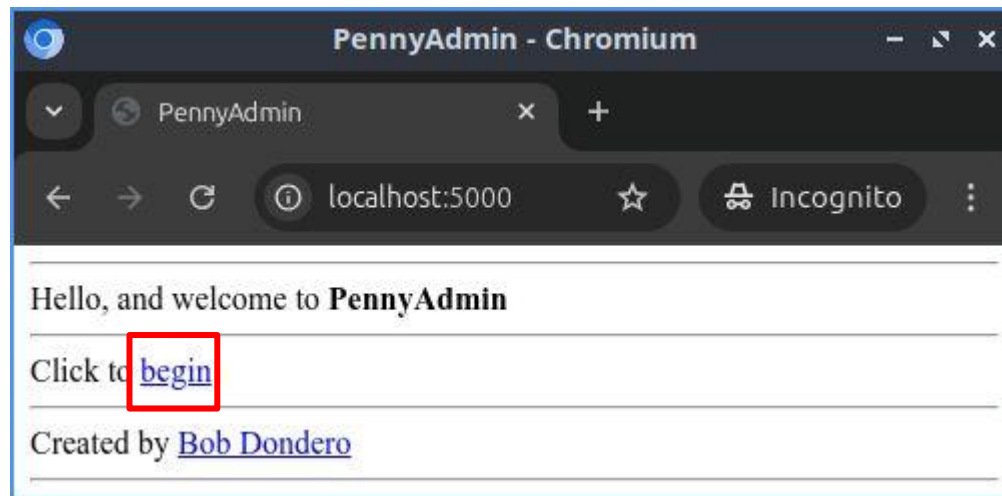
6.1. You must use **localhost** as the host. Using the real IP address of your computer won't work properly. Using **127.0.0.1** won't work properly.

6.2. Authenticate using Microsoft Entra ID.

6.3. When prompted for an author name, enter Ker.

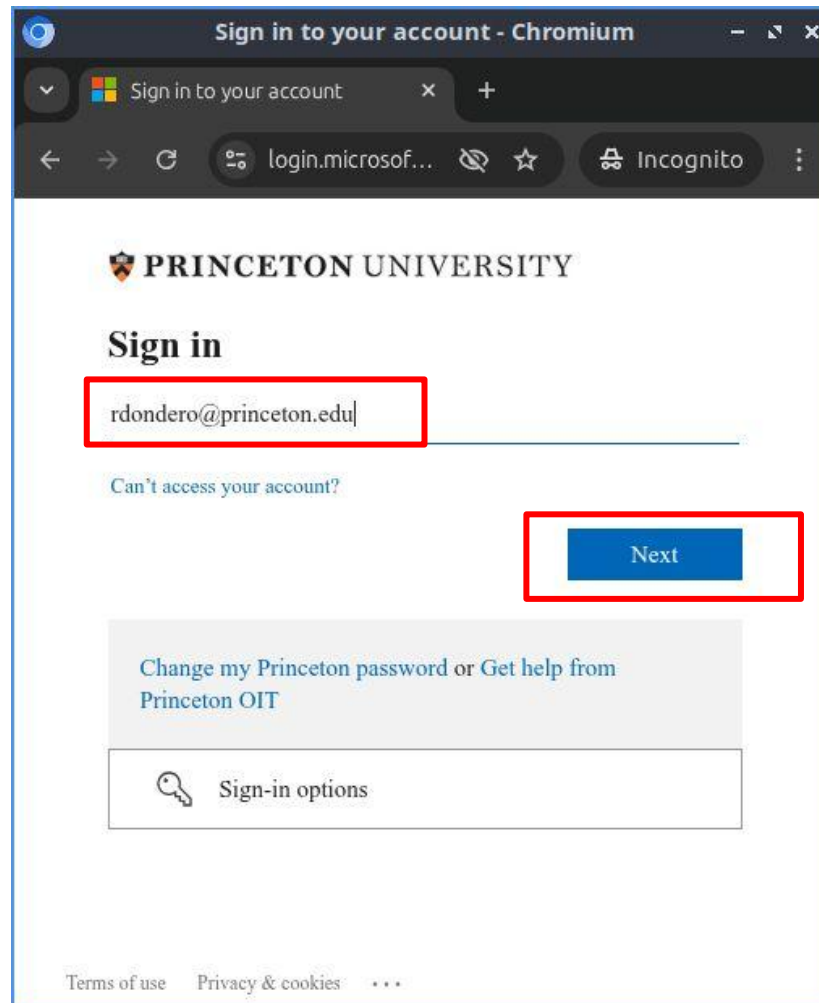
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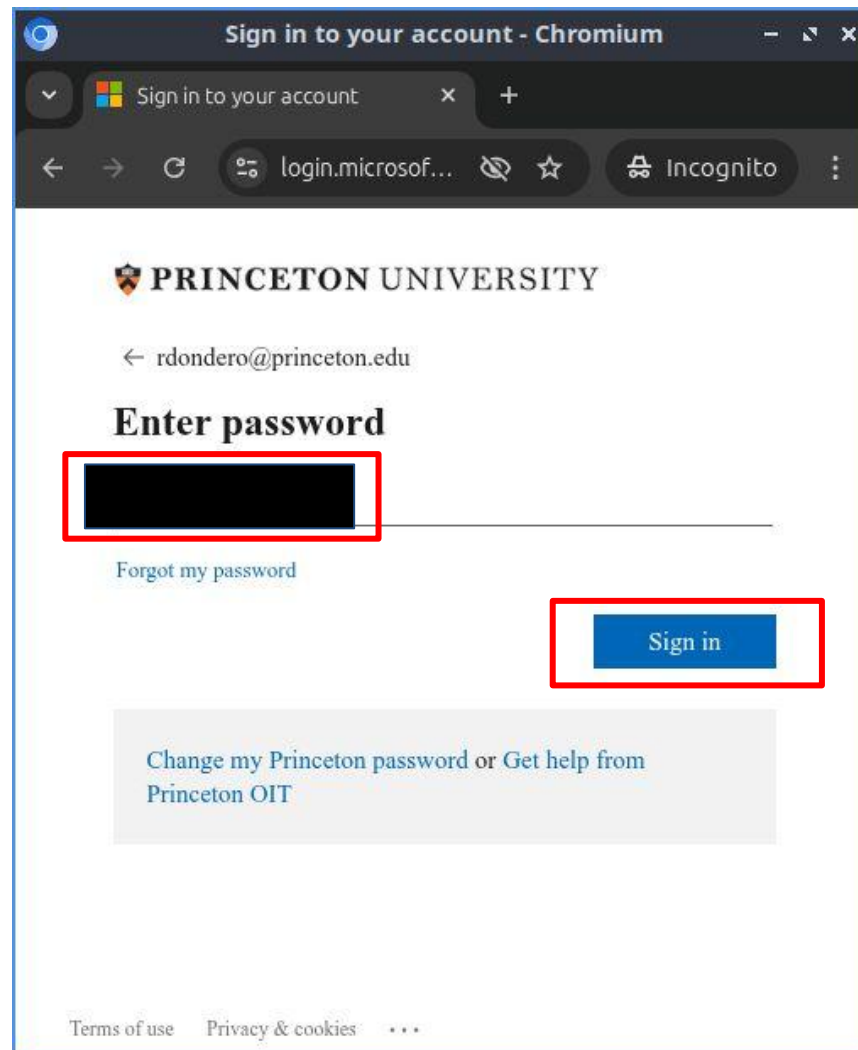
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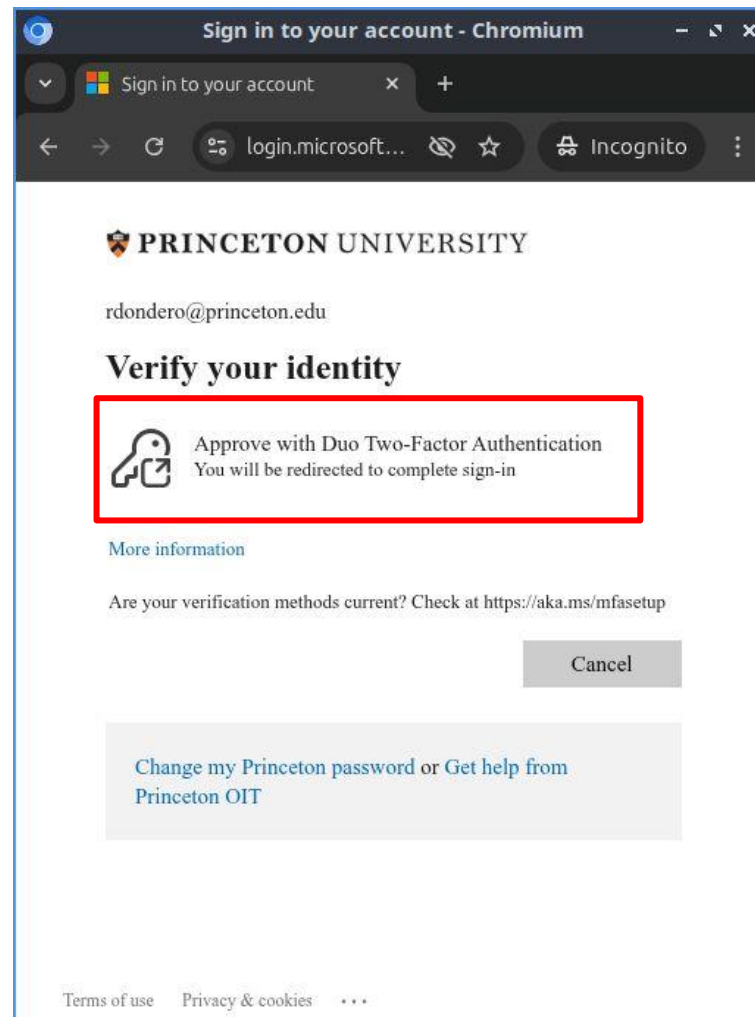
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The screenshot shows a Chromium browser window titled "Sign in to your account - Chromium". The address bar displays "login.microsof...". The page content includes the Princeton University logo and name, followed by the email address "rdondero@princeton.edu". Below this is the heading "Enter password" and a password input field, which is highlighted with a red rectangle. A "Forgot my password" link is positioned below the input field. To the right of the input field is a blue "Sign in" button, also highlighted with a red rectangle. At the bottom of the page, there is a link to "Change my Princeton password or Get help from Princeton OIT". The footer contains links for "Terms of use" and "Privacy & cookies".

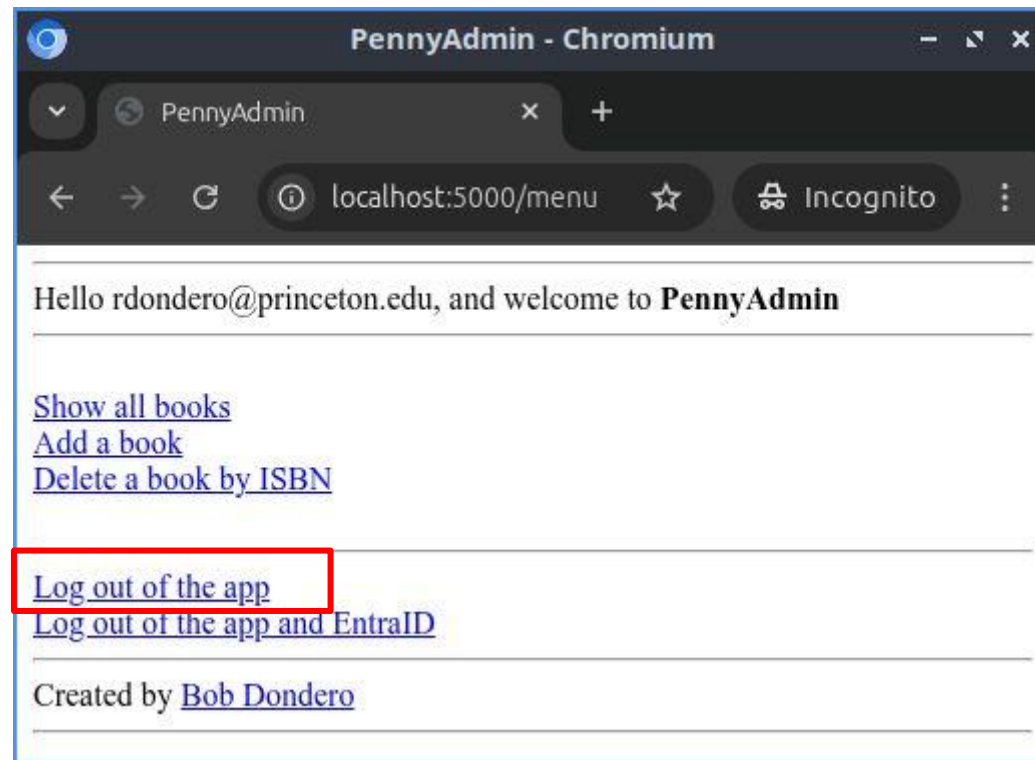
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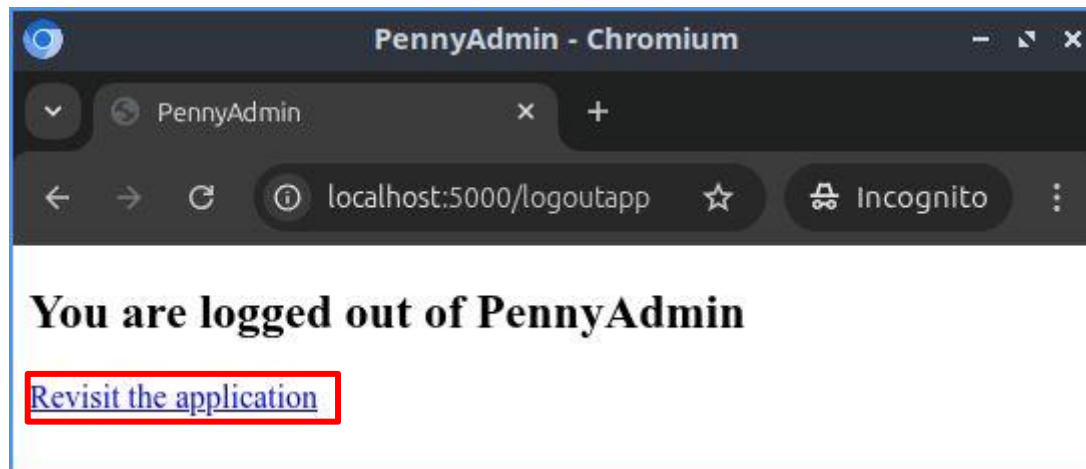
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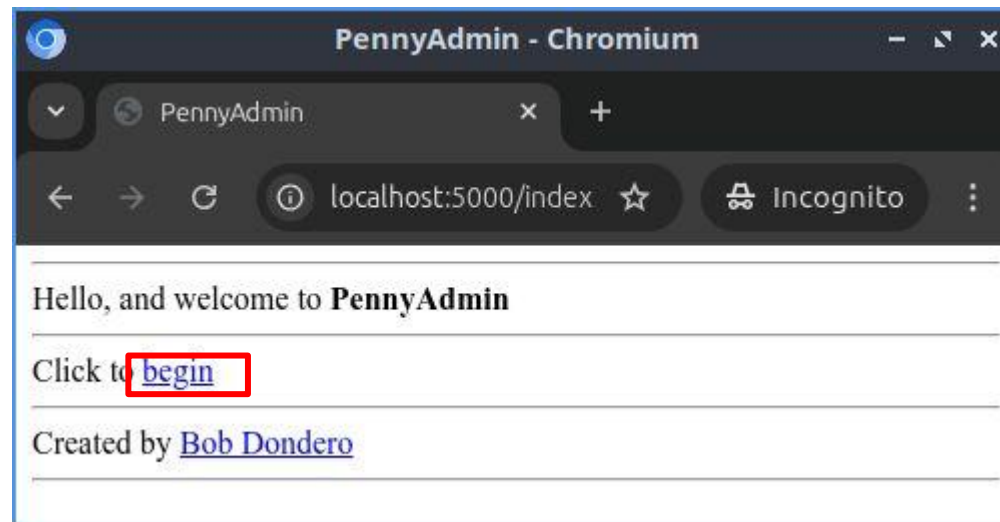
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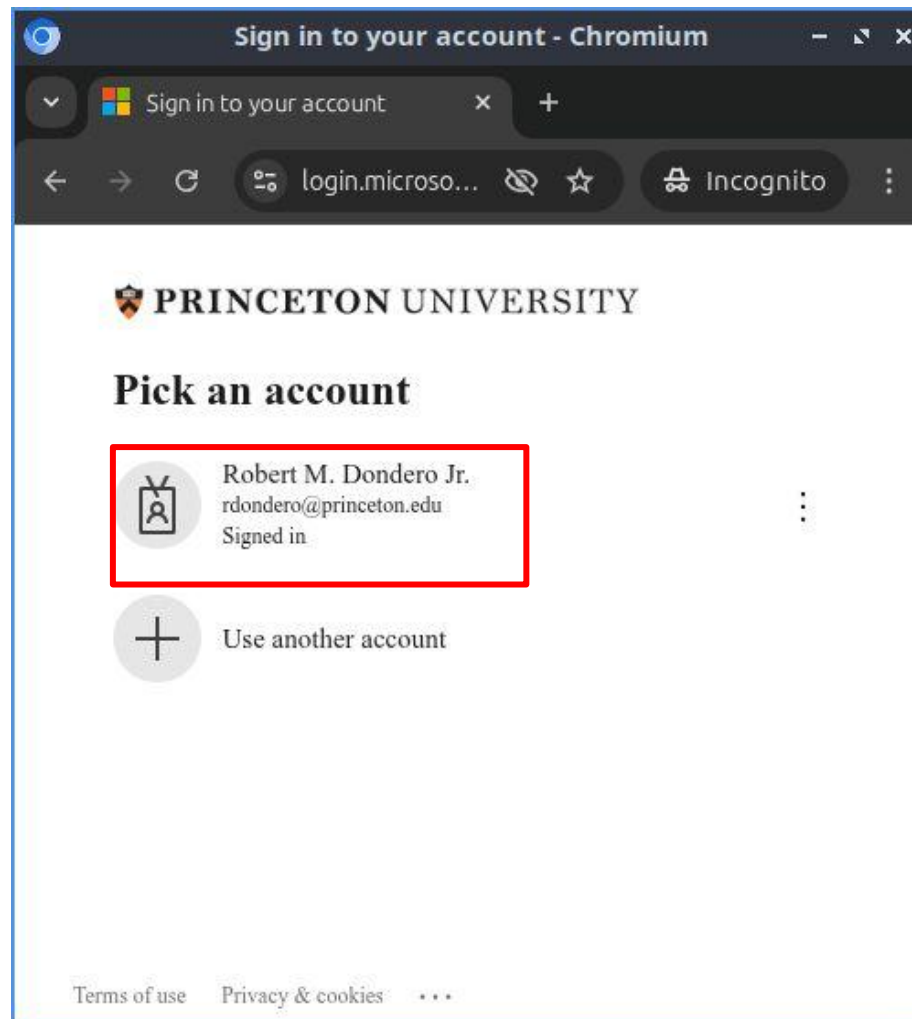
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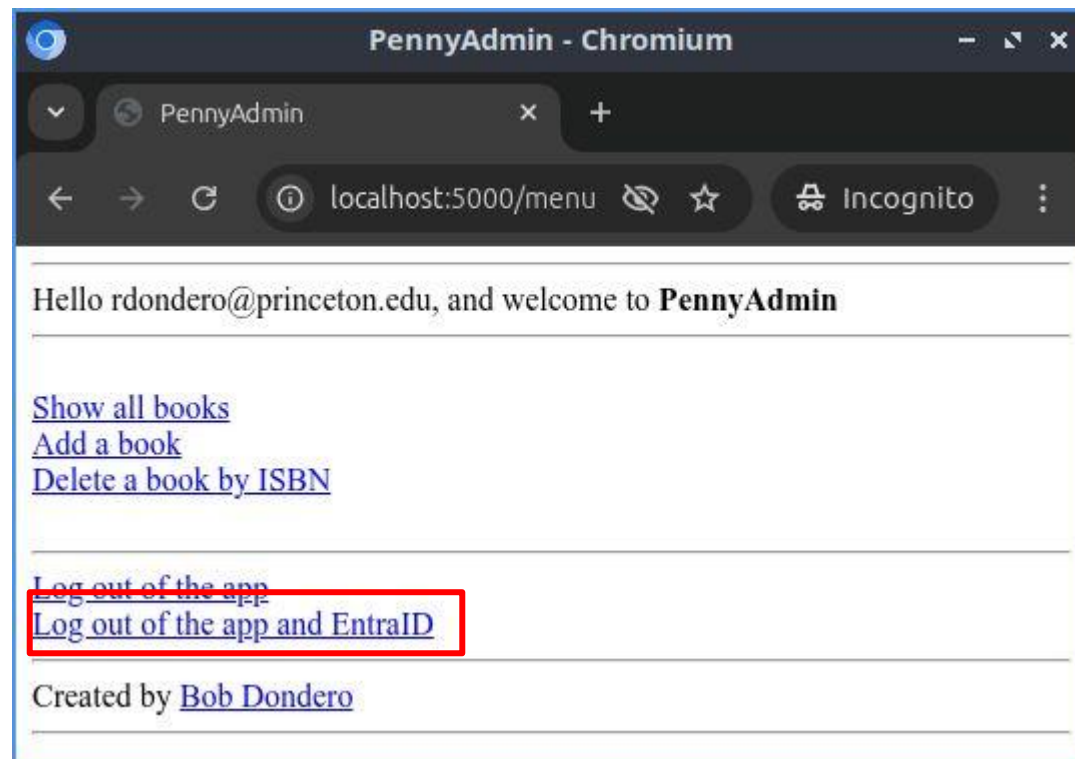
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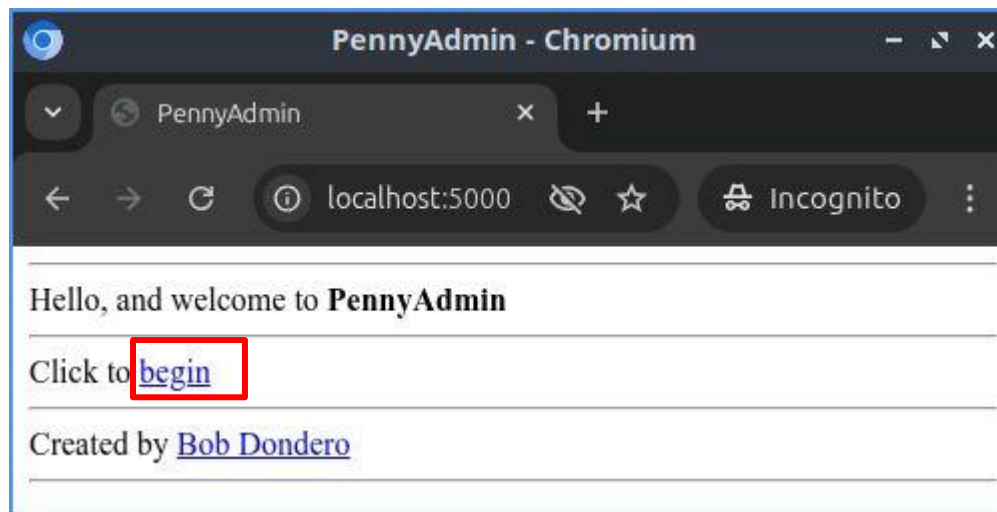
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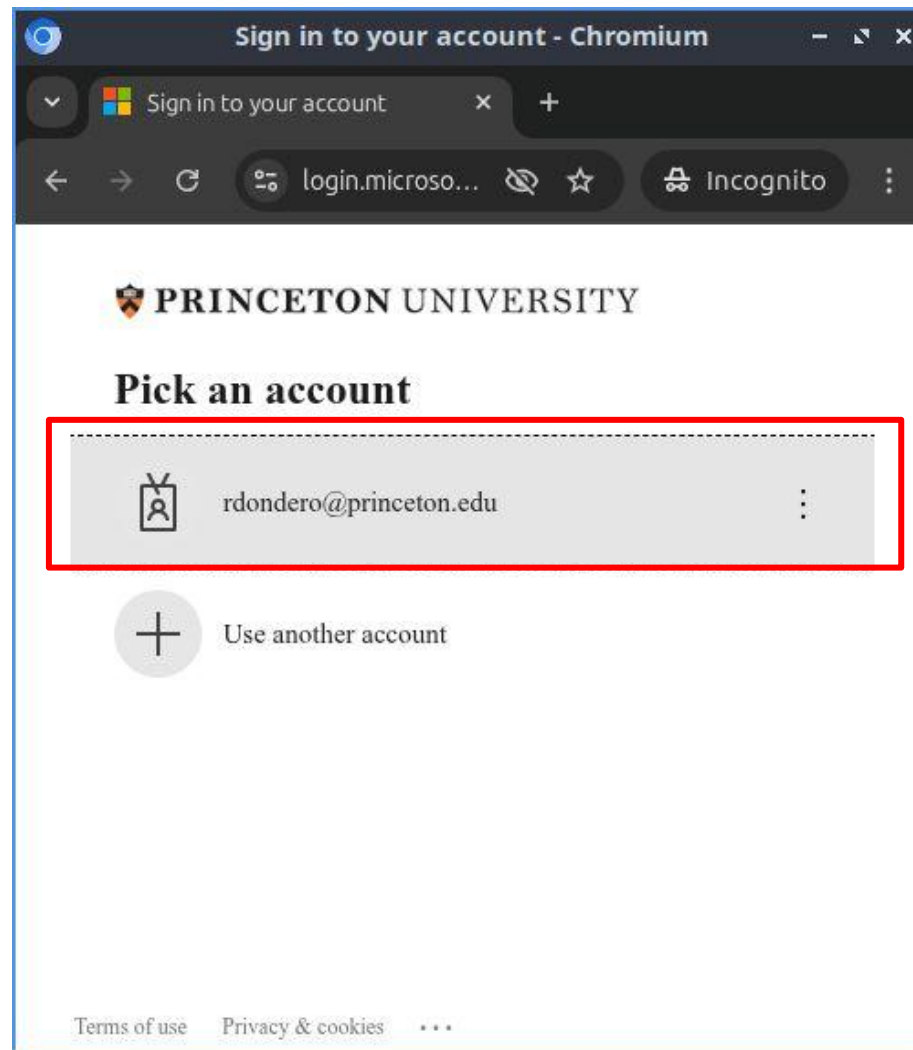
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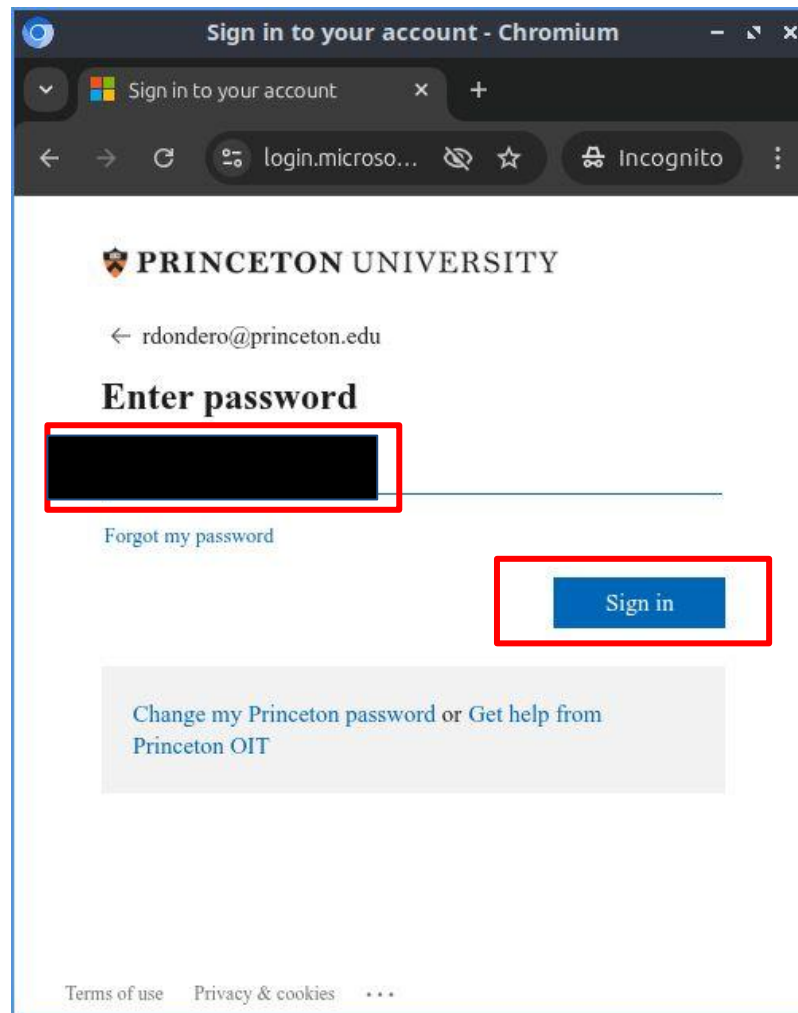
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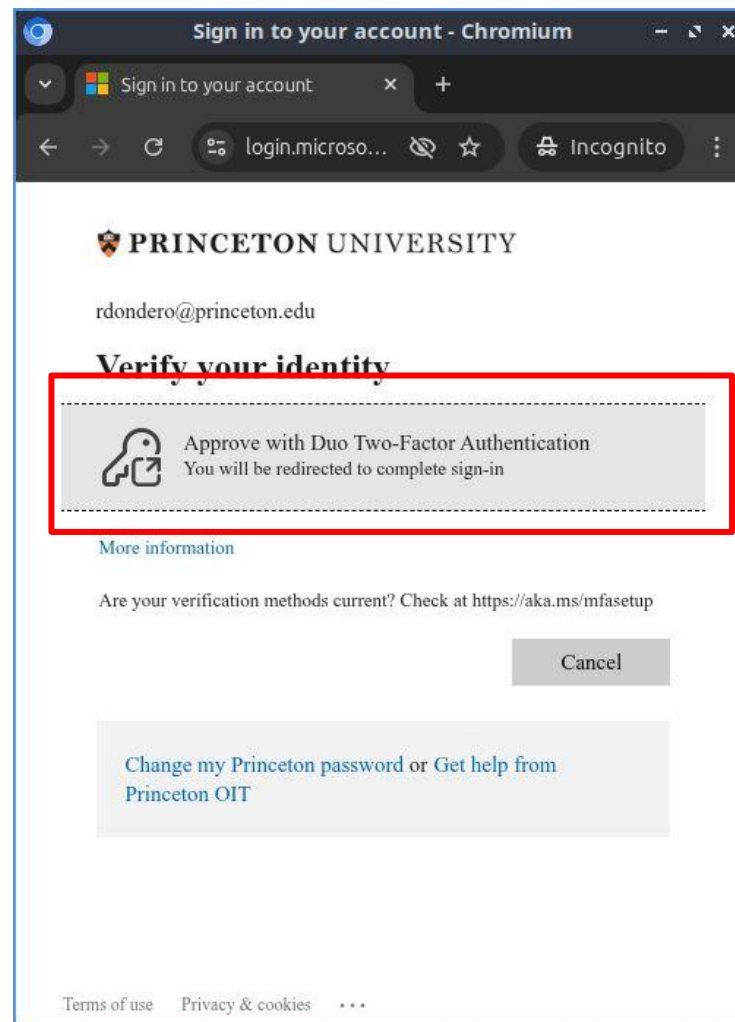
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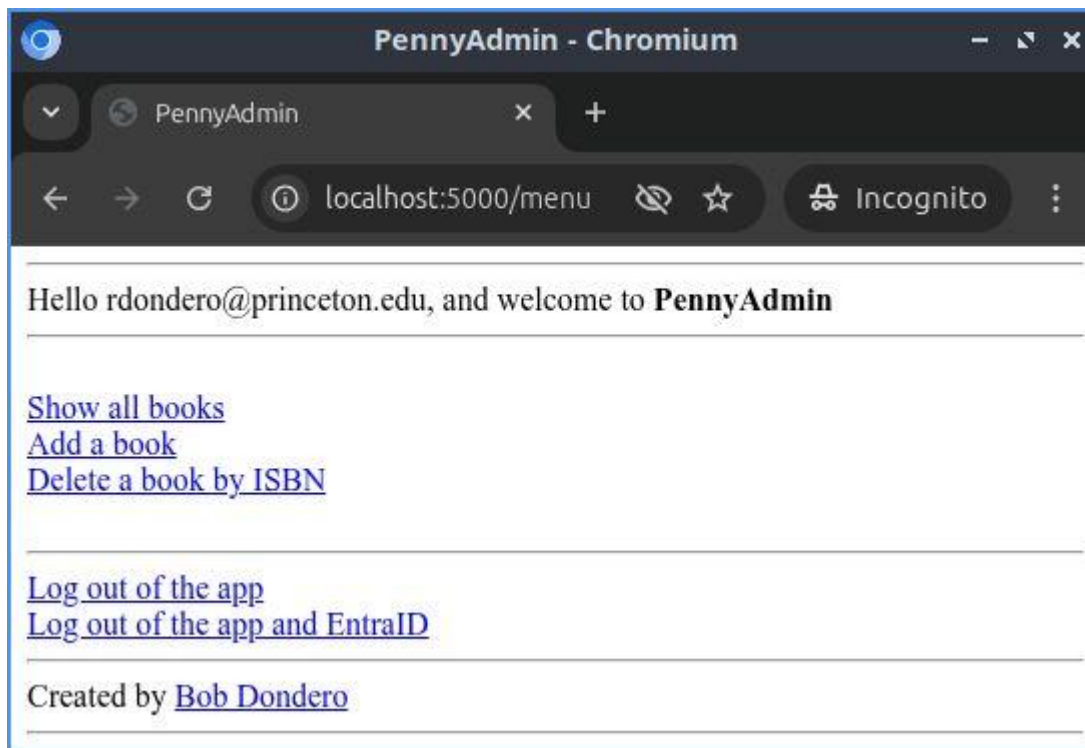
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# Running on Render

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  - How to deploy it to Render.com and run it there...

# Running on Render

1. Deploy the app to Render as a **Web Service**.

1.1. Provide this as the build command:

```
pip install -r requirements.txt
```

1.2. Provide this as the start command:

```
gunicorn penny:app
```

1.3. Define these environment variables:

```
AUTHORITY="https://login.microsoftonline.com/  
2ff60116-7431-425d-b5af-077d7791bda4"  
REDIRECT_URI="http://localhost:5000/getAToken"  
CLIENT_ID="yourEntraIdClientId"  
CLIENT_SECRET="yourEntraIdClientSecret"  
SCOPE="User.Read"  
ENDPOINT="https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/me"
```

# Running on Render

2. Register your Render app with Microsoft Entra ID.

2.1. Again browse to ``https://entra.microsoft.com``.

2.2. Follow the instructions given above, except...

2.2.1. For "Redirect URIs" add  
**`https://yourappname.onrender.com/getAToken.`**

3. Browse to ``https://yourappname.onrender.com``.

4. Authenticate using Microsoft Entra ID.

5. When prompted for an author name, enter **Ker**.

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# Assessment

- **Pros**

- Application need not manage usernames or passwords
- Application ***cannot*** access passwords!
- Application is constrained to one user community
- More standards-based than CAS
- Princeton OIT is phasing in
- No need for Princeton OIT intervention

# Assessment

- **Cons**

- Complex
- Adds overhead, but only during user's first visit to the app per browser session
- Application is constrained to one user community!