



# Get started with 2-factor authentication (2FA)

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### Verify it's you

Check your authenticator app for a code.

Enter your 6-digit code

Remember me on this device for 30 days.

[Continue](#)

[Verify a different way instead](#)

[Go to help \(opens in a new tab\)](#)



# What are we covering in today's webinar?

- **Introduction to 2FA**
- **Security and why it is important**
- *How does 2FA impact me?*
- *Important questions answered*
- **How to set up and use 2FA**
- **When will I need to start using 2FA?**
- **Live Q&A**



# What is 2-factor authentication?



# What is data security and 2FA?

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## Add extra security to your account

2-factor authentication adds extra security to your Sage account. Every time you log in, you'll get a 6-digit code to verify that it's you.

### Ways to get a code

- Use an authenticator app like Microsoft Authenticator, Google Authenticator or Authy.
- By text or call to your phone.

### We're making 2-factor authentication mandatory soon

Set up 2-factor authentication now so you're ready for this change.

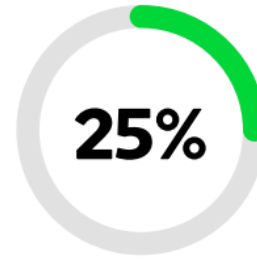
Set up 2-factor authentication

Not right now

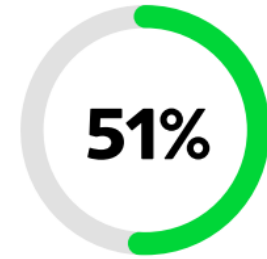
[Find out more about 2-factor authentication \(opens in a new tab\)](#)



# Why have we introduced it?



of SMBs have experienced more than one cyber security incident in the past year



say keeping on top of new threats is their biggest challenge

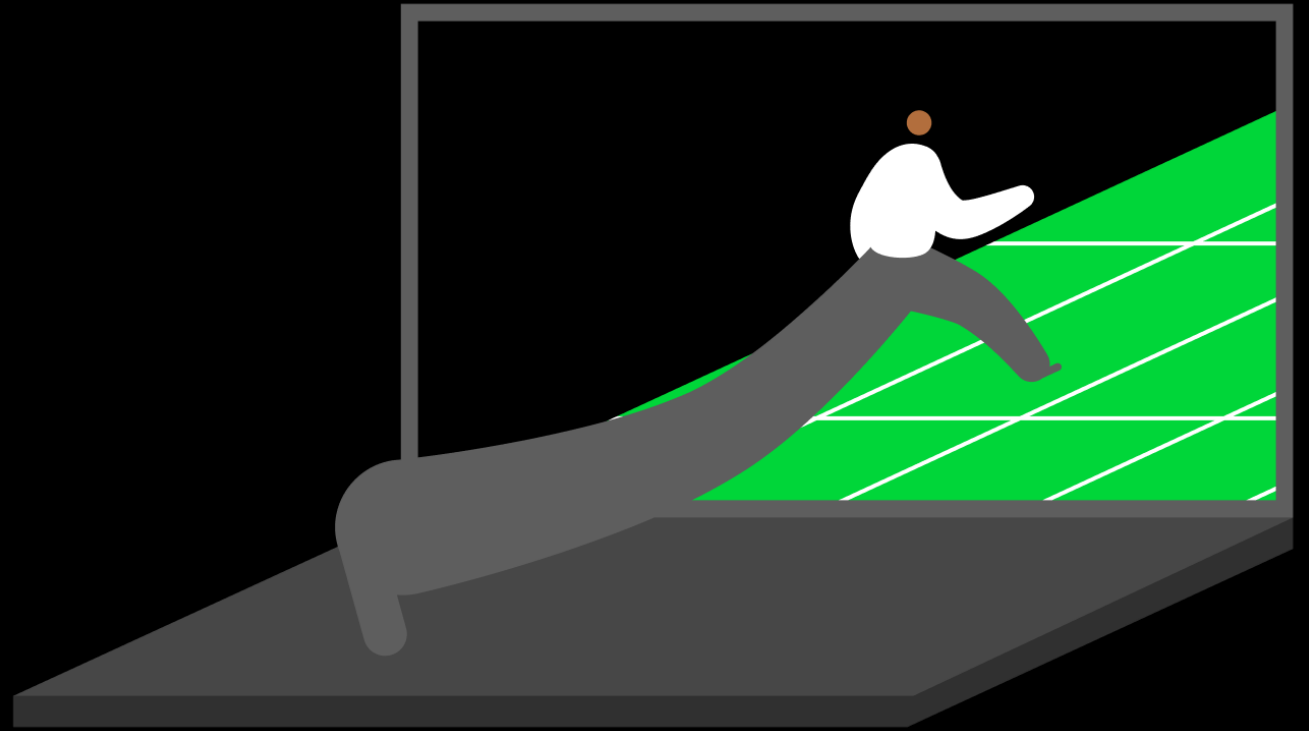
The Global Security Team has supported thousands of customers in 2024

Cyber criminals continue to target accounts with no additional 2FA protection, particularly those with weak passwords

This includes business accounts (such as Sage 50) and personal accounts (social media, email)



# How does 2FA impact me?



# How will 2FA impact my product?

## Scenario 1

### Connected Services (all versions)

- Bank feeds
- Remote Data Access
- Invoice Finance
- GoCardless
- Supplier payments
- Sage Connect

## Scenario 2

### Introduce AI tools in v31

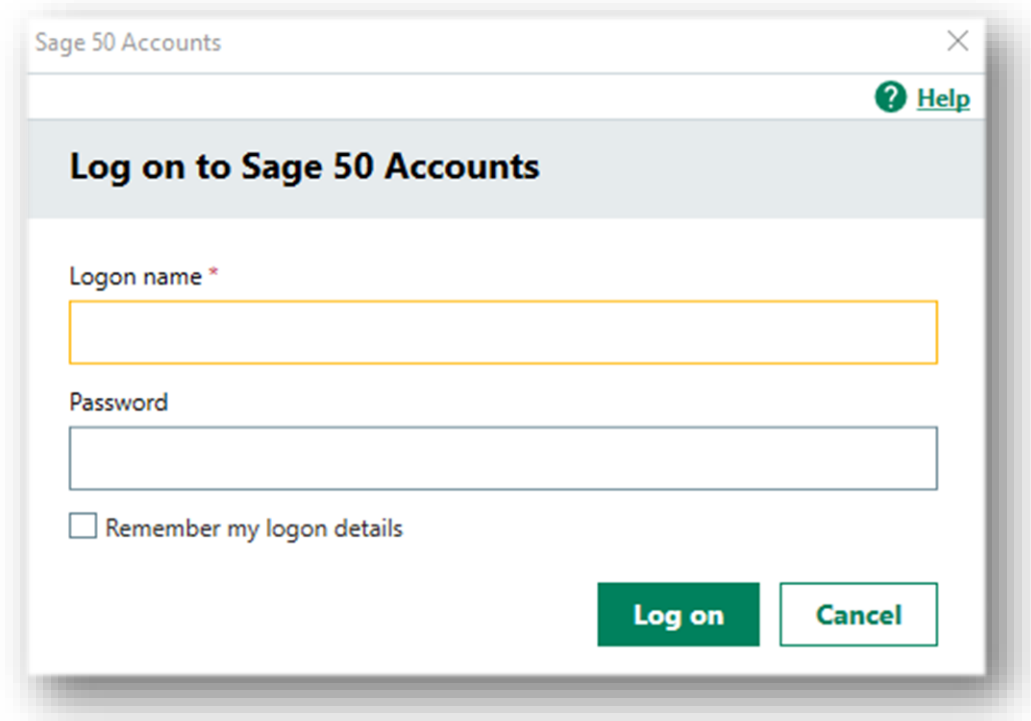
- AI tools
- Launch of 'Sage Copilot'

## Scenario 3

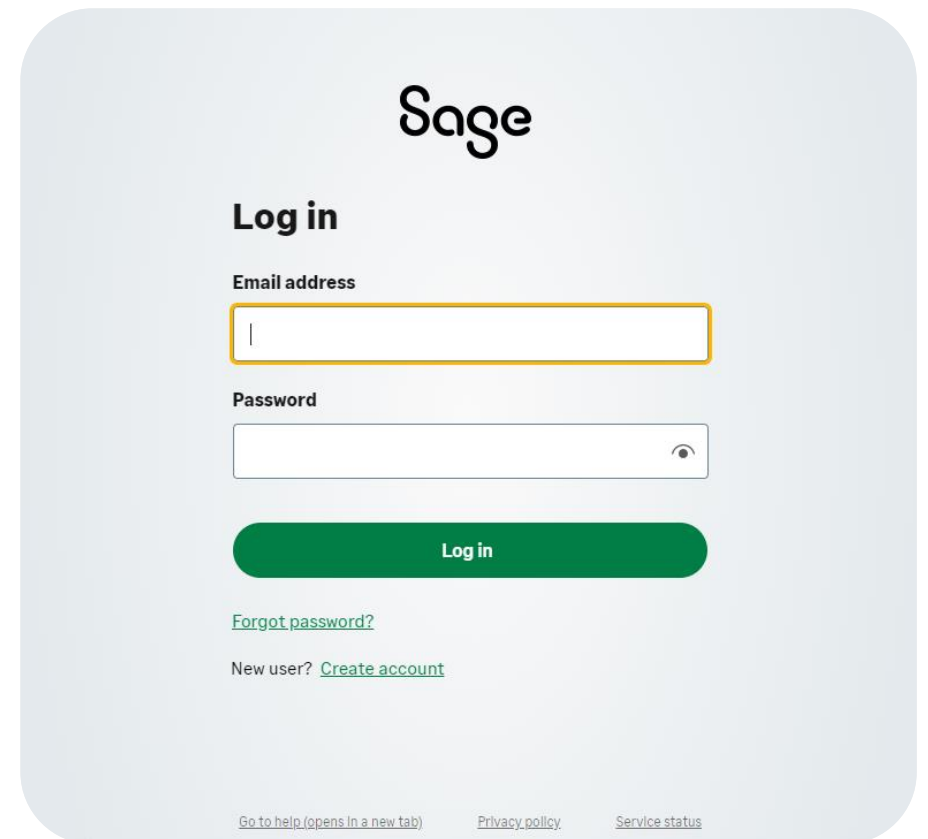
### Get 2FA Ready!

- Product roadmap
- Phased approach





- Log in to the software



- MySage
- Authenticate / Re-authenticate Connected Services.



# Sage account Eco-system



# Important questions answered



# FAQ

## Why am I not able to use an email to receive a code?

We believe in using the best and most secure methods to protect your data. However, emails are where cyber criminals will target first to gain access, so we consider using an authentication app or text/phone call more secure.

## I don't want to use my personal device/mobile?

If you do not wish to use your personal number, an authenticator app on your phone does not use/store any personal data. Alternatively, you can use a landline in an office to receive a call as long as an extension number is not required.

## What if we are unable to use mobile or landline?

Desktop authentication is available to use but this is not a method we recommend as we do not consider this the most secure option. It is important to note that some desktop authenticators do charge, whereas **mobile authenticator apps are free**. If you do have any issues using a desktop authentication it is not something we support.

Additionally, you will only be able to authenticate from that location.

## Which version of Sage 50 Accounts will require 2FA?

From November, all versions will support 2FA. For connected services users, 2FA will be triggered when re-authentication is required, which can be up to 6 months. In V31, Copilot users can authenticate daily or every 30 days.

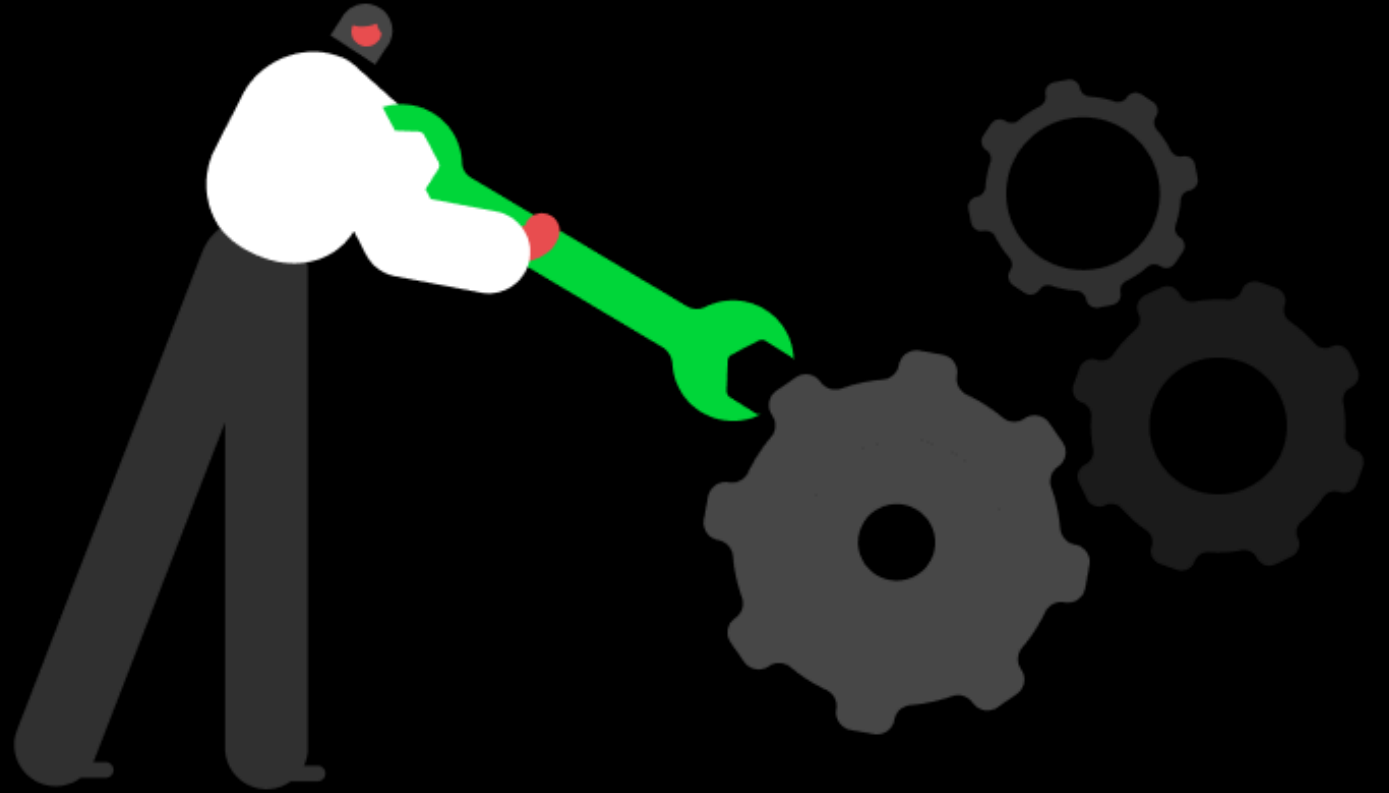
## Mobile authentication apps are offering free trial or trying to charge?

The three recommendations do not charge to use. If you are unsure, try visiting the providers website to ensure you are downloading the correct app.

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# How easy is it to use?




# Set up 2FA in 3 simple steps

- Receive a unique link to your email address.
- Set up to authenticate via:
  - Text – 5 codes per hour
  - Phone call – 5 codes per hour
  - Authenticator App – No limit
- Make a note of recovery code.

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## Set up using an app

Scan the QR code with an authenticator app, then enter the 6-digit code it generates. Use an app like Microsoft Authenticator, Google Authenticator or Authy.



[Cannot scan the QR code?](#)

THEN

Enter your 6-digit code

[Continue](#)

[Set up with a text or phone call](#)

[Go to help \(opens in a new tab\)](#)

# Account recovery

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## Save your recovery code

Copy the recovery code and keep it safe. You'll need it to log in if you do not have access to your mobile device.

3XZLGLFETH6BZEFJV7Q5KH9G

Copy code to clipboard

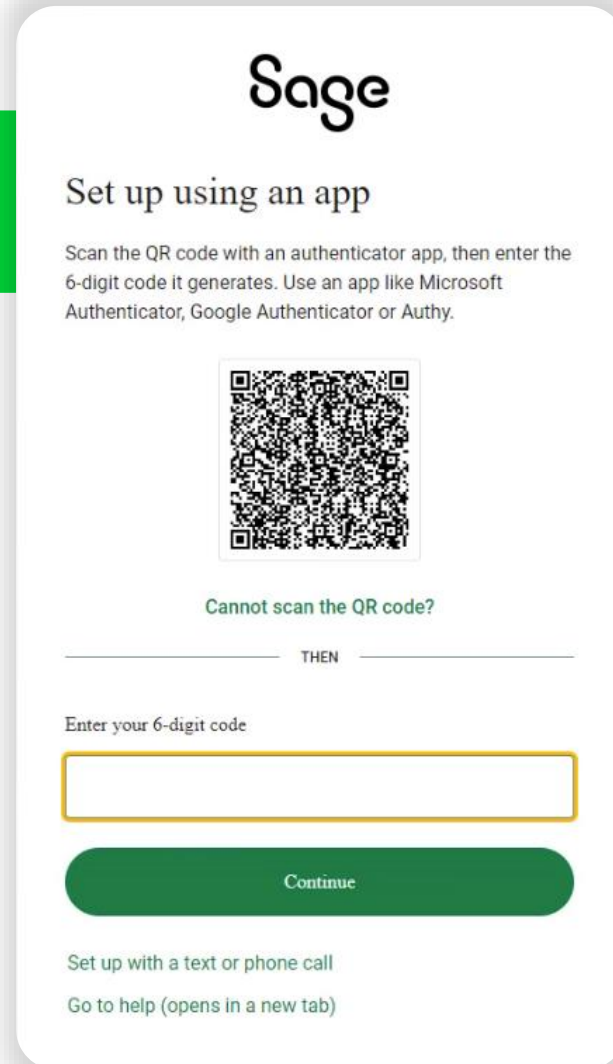
I have saved my recovery code.

Continue

- One time use – New one provided once utilised.
- Store the code somewhere safe that you can access if needed,
- Only use when primary method is not available.

# Summary & Considerations

- Make sure to use the QR code scanner within your Authentication App **not** the phones camera app.
- You can authenticate via a call to a landline if an extension number is not required.
- Copy and paste the recovery code to a safe place.
- ‘Remember this device for 30 days’ option will be available per user with a Sage account for **each** company.



The screenshot shows the Sage app's setup screen for authentication using an app. At the top, the Sage logo is displayed. Below it, the heading 'Set up using an app' is followed by instructions: 'Scan the QR code with an authenticator app, then enter the 6-digit code it generates. Use an app like Microsoft Authenticator, Google Authenticator or Authy.' A QR code is centered on the screen. Below the QR code is a link that says 'Cannot scan the QR code?'. A horizontal line with the word 'THEN' in the center separates this from the next step. Below the line, the text 'Enter your 6-digit code' is followed by a text input field with a yellow border. A green 'Continue' button is positioned below the input field. At the bottom of the screen, there are two links: 'Set up with a text or phone call' and 'Go to help (opens in a new tab)'.

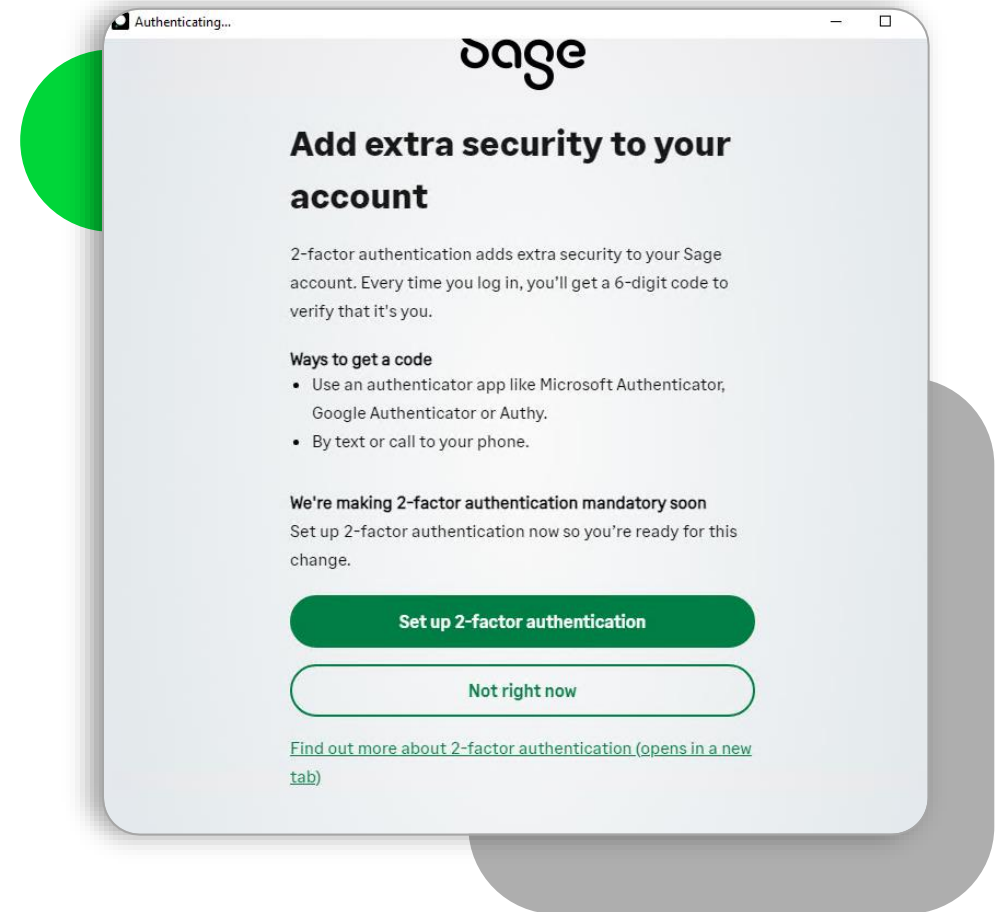


# Next Steps

**Get Started**

**Change device**

**FAQ**





# When do I need to start using 2FA?



# Our roll out plan for 2-factor authentication

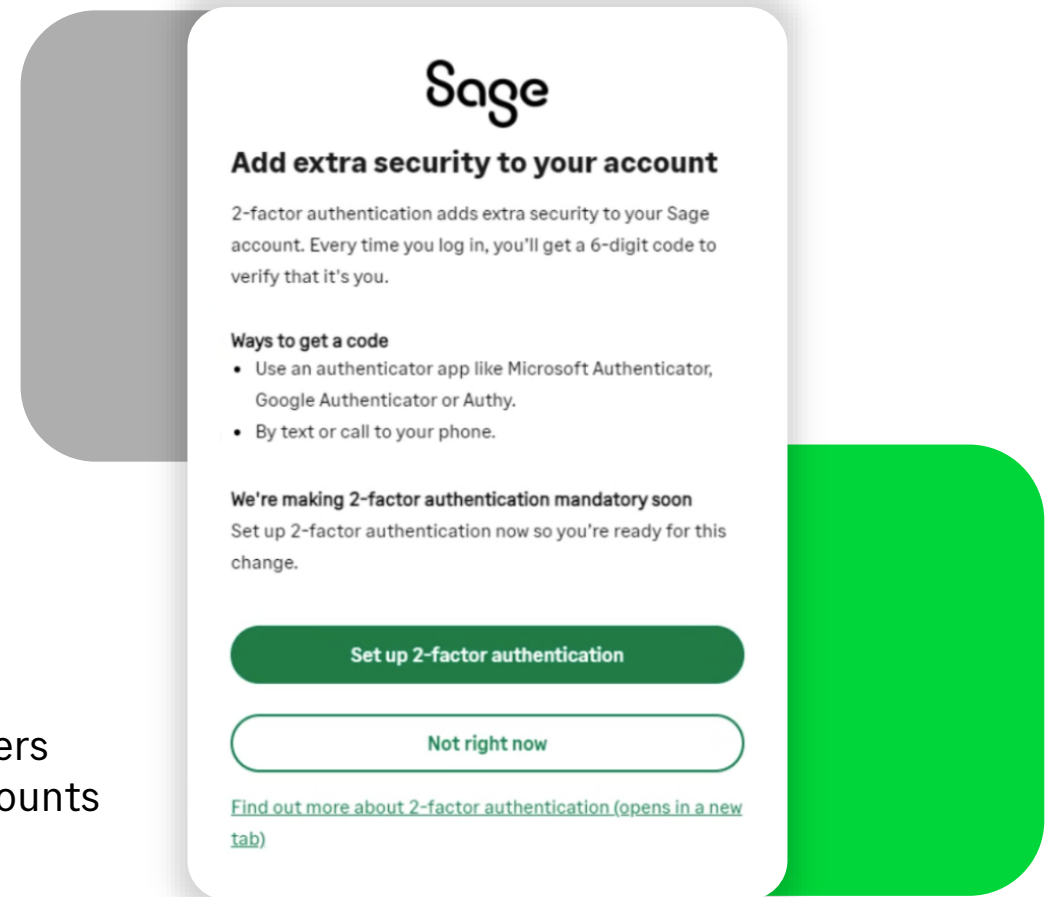
- We began rolling this out across our many products from May 2024 therefore you may be prompted for 2FA.
- **This will begin to become mandatory for Sage 50 Accounts from November 2024.**
- Starting with Sage Copilot and Connected services users initially.
- Get a head start and set up unique profiles for your users and enable two factor authentication now.



Active 2FA users across all products in UKI.



Active 2FA users across 50 Accounts in UKI.



# Important information for **RDA users**

For **customers using remote data access**, please follow the same guidance we have just covered, with some important **additional considerations**:

- All individual RDA users will need their own unique login, **sharing logins will no longer work.**
- This is required, even if they are not accessing the product remotely.
- This will trigger an automated email invite for the user, which can then be ignored.
- Once unique users have been setup with a unique Sage Account, they can begin setting up 2FA.



# Summary

- No changes will take place until **November 2024** unless you have other products linked to your Sage account.
- Starting with Sage Copilot and Connected services users initially.
- 2FA will only impact connected service users when they need to authenticate.
  - Not necessarily at the point of logging in.
- Each user requires a unique username and email address.
  - Free email providers are available.
- If you already have a Sage account for other products or online services, this can also be utilised for 50 Accounts.
- Each user will create their own Sage Account and set up 2FA.

Create a Sage account and set up 2FA

Help Centre

2-factor authentication Hub



# Help and resources

## FAQ: Common 2-factor authentication (2FA) questions

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### Summary

Answers to common 2FA questions and issues.

### Answers

#### How do I receive codes?

You can get a 6-digit code using an Authenticator App on your smartphone. This is the recommended option as it means you can get codes anytime and don't need a phone signal or WiFi access.

If you already have an Authenticator App, you can use it with your Sage Account. If not, you need to download one; at Sage, we use Microsoft Authenticator.

If you don't have a smartphone, you can also receive a 6-digit code via Text Message (SMS), Phone calls or by using a desktop authenticator app.

#### What if I don't have my device?

## Keep data secure with Sage 2-factor authentication

2-factor authentication (2FA) is essential to keeping your data safe. Learn how to improve cyber security, make sure you can log in securely to Sage products, and get set up in 6 simple steps.

Need support with 2FA set up? Follow these simple steps.

Need support with 2FA log in? Contact support.

[Watch a 2FA overview](#)

### Protect your data with Sage 2FA

Phishing attempts, use of personal devices, and weak passwords can put your data at risk. 2FA

## ';--have i been pwned?

Check if your email address is in a data breach

email address  [pwned?](#)

Using Have I Been Pwned is subject to the terms of use

[Generate secure, unique passwords for every account](#) [Learn more at 1Password.com](#)

Why 1Password?

810	14,128,624,041	115,796	228,889,153
pwned websites	pwned accounts	pastes	paste accounts

Largest breaches

772,904,991	Collection #1 accounts
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Recently added breaches

319,613	Instituto Nacional de Deportes de
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FAQ for 2FA

2FA Security information

Has my email been in a breach?



# If you want to find out more, or sign-up for early access to Sage Copilot



## Register for Early Access

See how you can get ahead with Sage Copilot. Complete the form and be among the first to experience its powerful features. Once it's available for your Sage product, we'll be in touch.

[Click here to sign up](#)

## Request early access

Email address

Please enter your full email address

First name

Last name

Country

United Kingdom

I am an accountant or bookkeeper

We would like to use the contact details you have provided above to send you Sage marketing emails, and you can opt out at any time. Please see our [Privacy Notice](#) for details of how we use your personal data.

Yes please

No thanks

Would you like to receive SMS messages to learn more about Sages products and offers?

Yes please, I want to receive SMS communications

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