

# **Towards the Realization of the “THERS DU Plan” NU Information System Redesign Migration Guide**

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# “Digital University Plan” and Information System

- **About the Digital University Plan (“DU Plan”)**

- The Tokai National Higher Education and Research System (THERS) will make the educational and research content of participating universities available for general access, and increase the scale, distribution, and interoperability of this educational and research content, not only for students and researchers, but also for the 1 million university stakeholders, including those in industry, high school students, citizens, and hospital users. By providing the value of knowledge and a space for communication, this plan will contribute to a new reshaping of society across the entire Tokai region.

- **The Information system will be revamped to realize the “DU Plan”**

- Unify the information systems of THERS and improve efficiency
- Provide common software that faculty, staff members, and students can use for work and learning
- Provide a one-stop online communication tool
- Introduce an authentication system with enhanced security

# THERS One Million Person “Digital University Plan”

DX Promotion is “Realization of the THERS DU Plan through integration, fusion and aggregation”

**Next-Generation Authentication Platform**  
(Multi-Factor / Federation)  
**THERS Data Infrastructure**  
(Education and Research / Academia-Industry Collaboration / Management)

**Aggregation (2028)**

**Fusion (2025)**

**Integration (2022)**  
THERS Organization  
Personnel Affairs & Payroll / Financial Accounting Back Office System



Digital Research Research Data

Medical Information

Digital Lecture Content

Researcher Data & Research Equipment Data

## ★ Research DX

- Support for research projects
- Research dissemination and networking

International academic community

Universities outside THERS

## ★ Education DX

- Digital educational content
- Cyber-physical learning environment
- Student support to ensure that no student is left behind

Inter-university collaboration

Alumni / Working adults brushing up on their studies

## ★ Back Office DX

Affiliated hospital Hospital users

## ★ Health Care DX

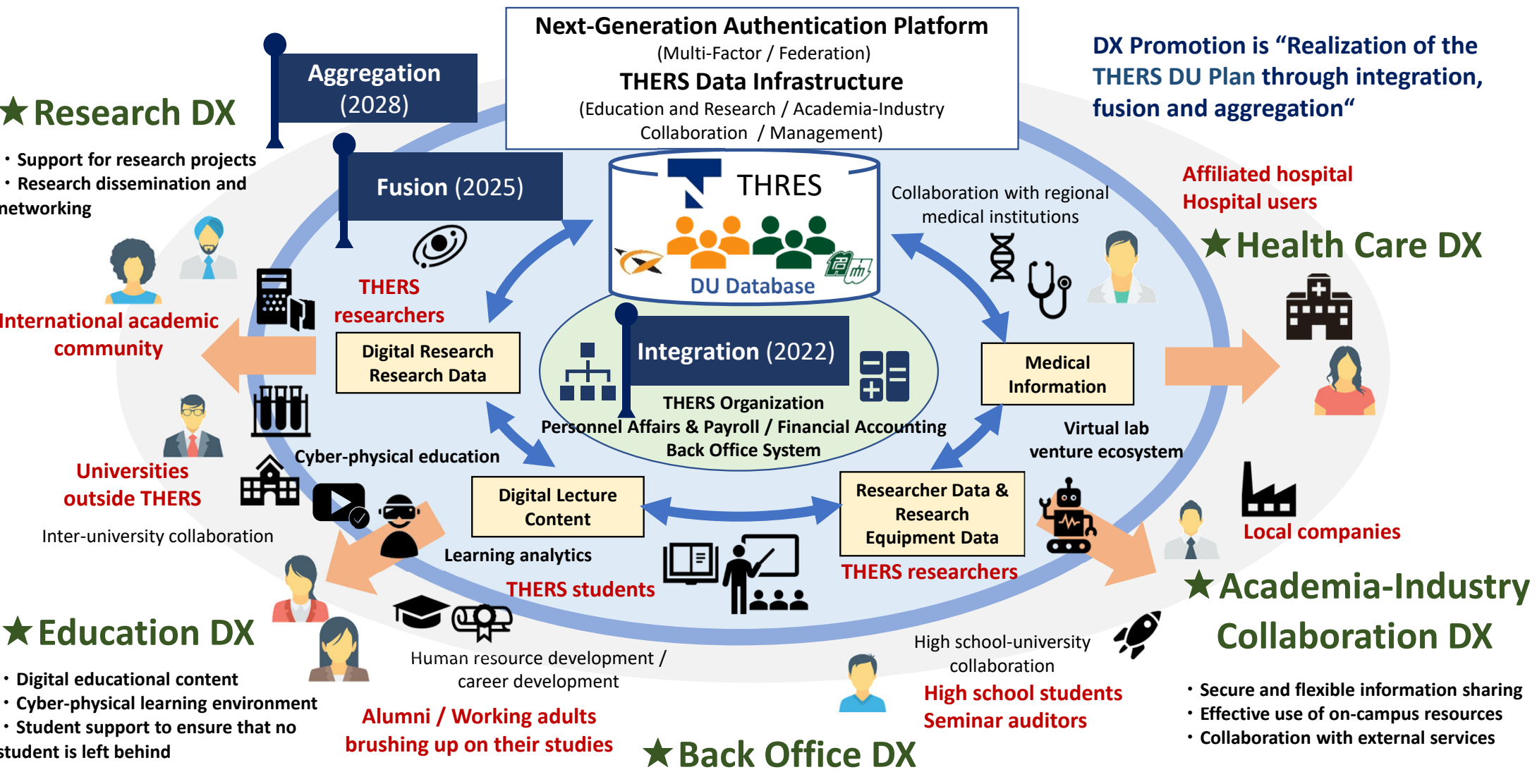
Local companies

## ★ Academia-Industry Collaboration DX

- Secure and flexible information sharing
- Effective use of on-campus resources
- Collaboration with external services

High school-university collaboration

High school students Seminar auditors



# The Information System will Change to Realize the DU Plan

- We will move towards the creation of a unified information system at THERS.
  - Members of Gifu University and Nagoya University will be able to use the same system.
- Microsoft 365 will be deployed throughout THERS.
  - Desktop versions of Office software will be available free of charge.
- Use of Teams software will change.
  - Microsoft 365 email addresses will be changed, and multi-factor authentication (\* 1) will be introduced.
- Nagoya University ID (NU ID) login will be changed to THERS account login.
  - This will strengthen security and the THERS account will be used to log in to the common THERS-wide services.
- Nagoya University email addresses will change.
  - mbox.nagoya-u.ac.jp → mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp

Thank you for your cooperation.

\* 1 : Multi-factor authentication: A more stringent authentication method that uses a number sent to your smartphone in addition to your password to verify your identity when accessing the system.

# Roadmap for NU Information System Updates

	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>THERS Accounts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ Jul. 2021 - THERS Azure AD</li> <li>▼ Jul. 2021 - Distribute user information</li> <li>▼ Apr. 2021 - Start preparing for distribution of THERS accounts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ Feb. 2022 - THERS Shibboleth</li> <li>▼ Feb. 2022 - THERS LDAP</li> </ul>		
<b>MS365</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ Apr. 2021 - “Office” becomes available for first-year undergraduate students</li> <li>▼ Jul. 2021 - “Office” becomes available for faculty, staff members, and current students</li> <li>▼ Jul. 2021 - THERS MS365 (Available at NU)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ Jul. 2022 - THERS MS365 Full-scale tenant start</li> </ul>		
<b>Teams</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ Apr. 2021 - Students begin use</li> <li>▼ Jul. 2021 - Introduction of multi-factor authentication</li> </ul>			
<b>E-Mail Service</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ Oct. 2021 - Issuance of new “nagoya-u” e-mail addresses</li> <li>▼ Oct. 2021 – Launch of new e-mail service</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▼ Apr. 2023 - Suspension of old e-mail service</li> </ul>	

# THERS Account/THERS ID/NU ID/NU MS365 Account

New

## THERS Account

- Account for logging in to various services
- Also used to log in to Teams, etc.
- Highly secure with multi-factor authentication

Account format  
bc.12d.3456

## THERS ID

- THERS version of NU ID; same format (2 letters + 7 numbers) as before
  - An ID number that identifies an individual within the THERS system
- Nagoya University ID owners will continue to use the same ID

Account format  
ab1234567

Continued

## NU ID

- Will continue to be used for the time being to log in to existing systems
- Introduce new multi-factor authentication to improve security

Account format  
ab1234567

Abolished

## NU MS365 ID

- Previously used to log in to Teams, etc.
- Will be suspended around July 2022

Account format  
nagoya.taro@a0.nagoya-u.jp

# Introduction of a Common “THERS Account” for System Login at THERS

- To strengthen inter-university collaboration within THERS, this account will be used in common services that are expected to increase in the future.

- Log in to Microsoft Office 365, Teams, etc.

- **Achieve Increased Security**

- Introduce multi-factor authentication to improve security

- Multi-factor authentication will be explained later in this document.

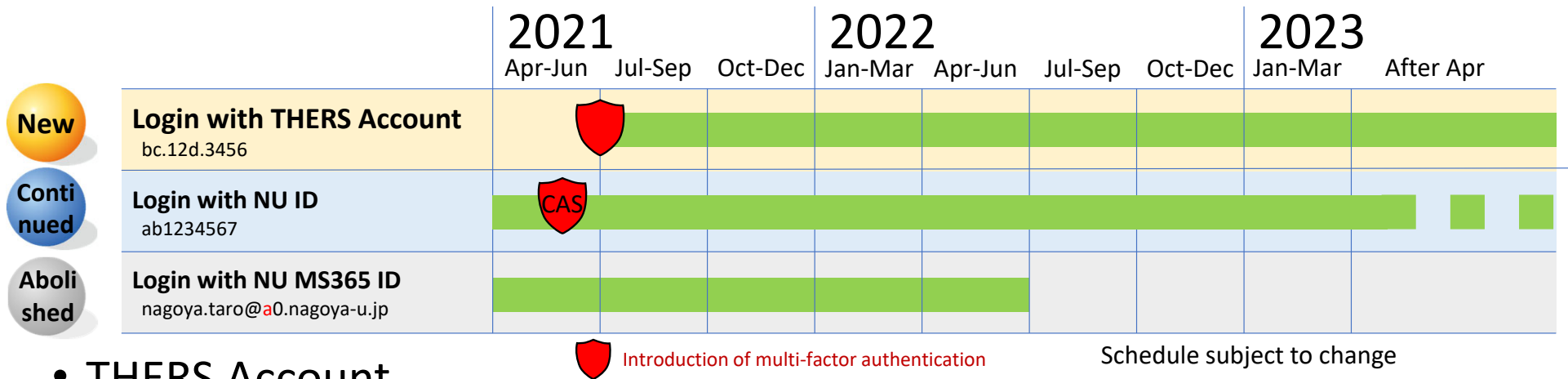
**THERS Account**  
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## Implementation schedule

- ✓ Distribution of THERS accounts will start around July 2021.
  - Login with existing IDs (NU ID, NU MS365 ID, etc.) will be integrated into THERS account.
- ✓ Login with existing ID will be available for the time being to use existing services.

# Account Implementation Schedule



- THERS Account

- Accounts will be distributed from around July 2021, and first used for MS365 (Teams/Office/etc.)

- NU ID

- Login with NU ID will be phased out in stages
- Starting June 2021, we will move to introduce multi-factor authentication to CAS to ensure immediate security.

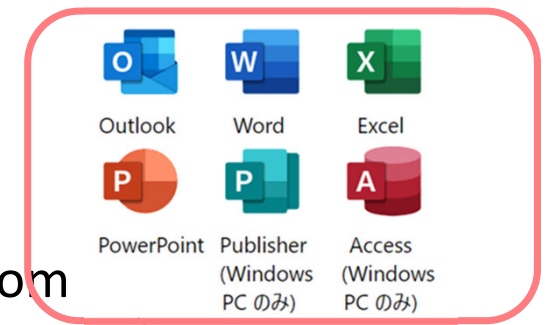
- NU MS365 ID

- Scheduled to end around July 2022



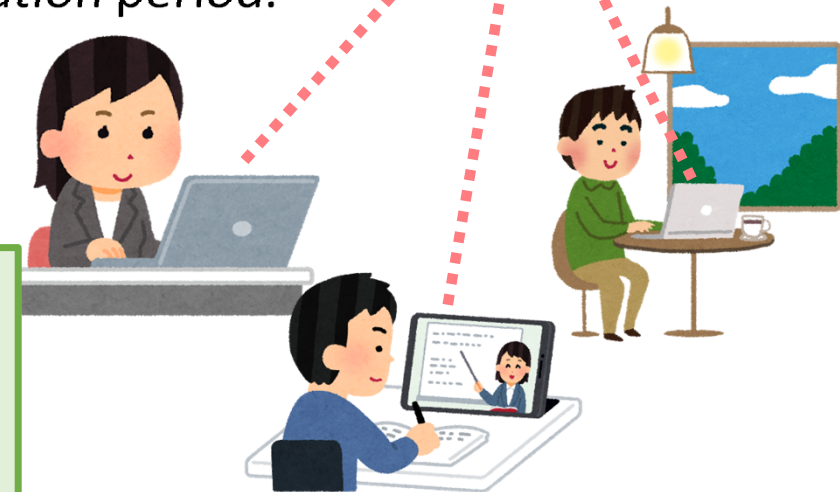
# Microsoft 365 (MS365) Contract Starts at THERS

- Free use of Microsoft desktop software and cloud services
  - Free access to Microsoft Office 365 for faculty, staff members, and students
  - Can also be used on private PCs and smartphones
- Requests
  - Please install the software on your own.
  - Please copy all settings and data from Teams, OneDrive, etc. from NU MS365 to your THERS account within the migration period.
- Downloadable from the Microsoft Website using your THERS Account



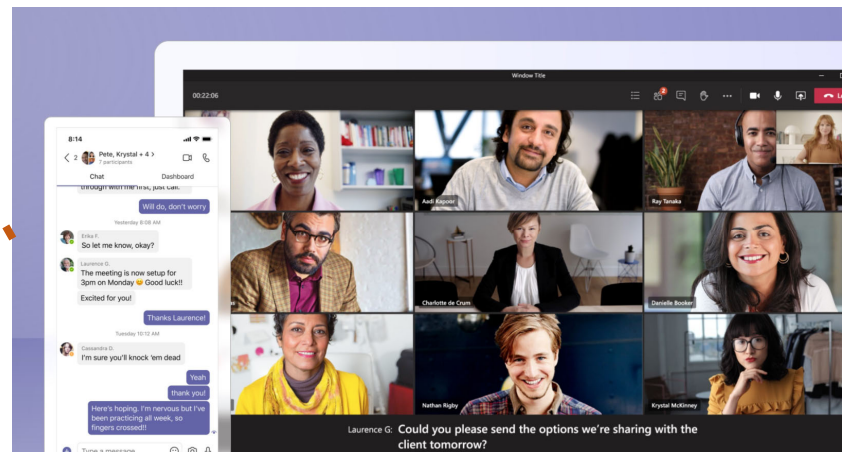
## Implementation schedule

- ✓ Available for new undergraduate students from April 2021
- ✓ Available for faculty, staff members, and current students starting around July 2021



# Students Will Also Be Able to Use Teams

- Teams can be used for online classes and communication with students.
- You can set up teams in which students from both Gifu University and Nagoya University participate and conduct online classes.
- By combining with NUCT, online classes using video, textbooks, etc. can be conducted at no cost.



# NU E-mail Service Will Change

- Convenience and security of NU e-mail service will be improved.
  - Expand inbox capacity to 100GB (previously 0.5GB)
  - Increase security with multi-factor authentication
- Requests
  - Please complete all migration procedures on your own. (changing e-mail software settings, saving e-mails in your inbox, etc.)



## New NU e-mail service

Available starting around Aug. 2021

[tokai.taro.x9@f.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp](mailto:tokai.taro.x9@f.mail.nagoya-u.ac.jp)

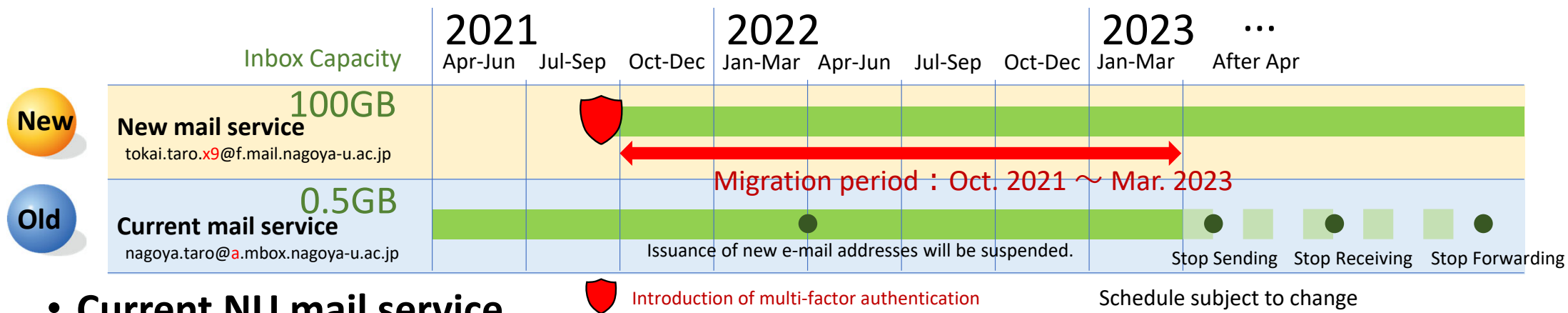


## Current NU e-mail service

The e-mail system will be suspended in Apr. 2023

[nagoya.taro@a.mbox.nagoya-u.ac.jp](mailto:nagoya.taro@a.mbox.nagoya-u.ac.jp)

# NU E-mail Service Implementation Schedule



## • Current NU mail service

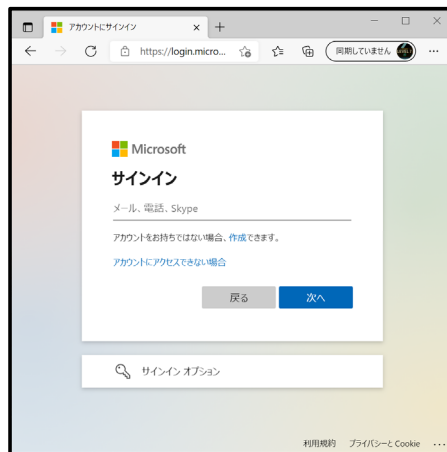
- Service will be suspended in following order: issuance of new e-mail addresses, sending e-mails, e-mail inbox.
- E-mail forwarding settings from the old NU mail service to the new NU mail service will be announced at a later date.

## • Request for migration

- For NU e-mails, please transfer your settings (change e-mail software settings, save received e-mails, etc.) within the migration period.

# What Is Multi-Factor Authentication for THERS Accounts?

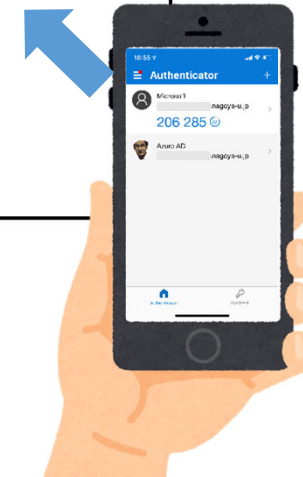
- In addition to a THERS account and password, a second factor—a code displayed on the smartphone app—will also be used for authentication.



THERS Account and Password



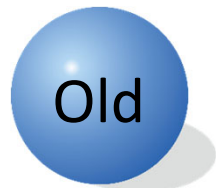
Code



You can now access the system!

# What Is Multi-Factor Authentication for NU ID?

- In addition to an NU ID and password, a second factor—a code displayed on the smartphone app—will also be used for authentication.



NU ID and Password

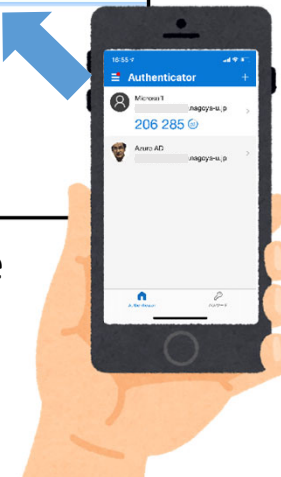
You can  
now access  
the system!



NU ID and Password



Code



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**MS365**

**Teams**


**Multi-factor  
authentication**


**Usage and Precautions**





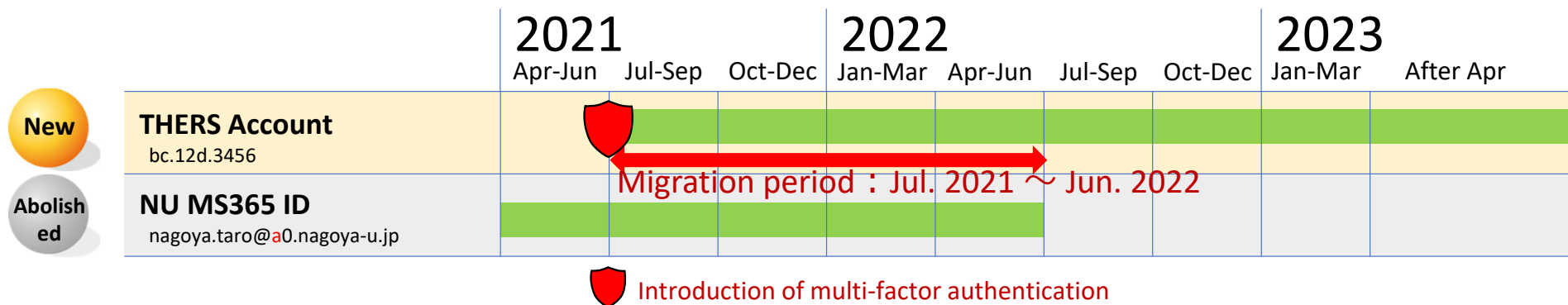
# Download Office 365 Desktop Version

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	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar		After Apr
<b>THERS Account</b> bc.12d.3456										<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All students</li> <li>Staff (with exceptions)</li> </ul>
<b>NU MS365 ID</b> nagoya.taro@a0.nagoya-u.jp										<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchasers from Univ. Co-op</li> <li>2021 first-year undergraduate students</li> </ul>

 Introduction of multi-factor authentication

- Account used for download
  - First-year undergraduate students: Download with NU MS365 ID (until Jun. 2021)  
Download with THERS Account (starting Jul. 2021)
  - Faculty, staff members, and current students:  
Download with THERS Account starting Jul. 2021
- The download method will be announced on the NU Information and Communications website.

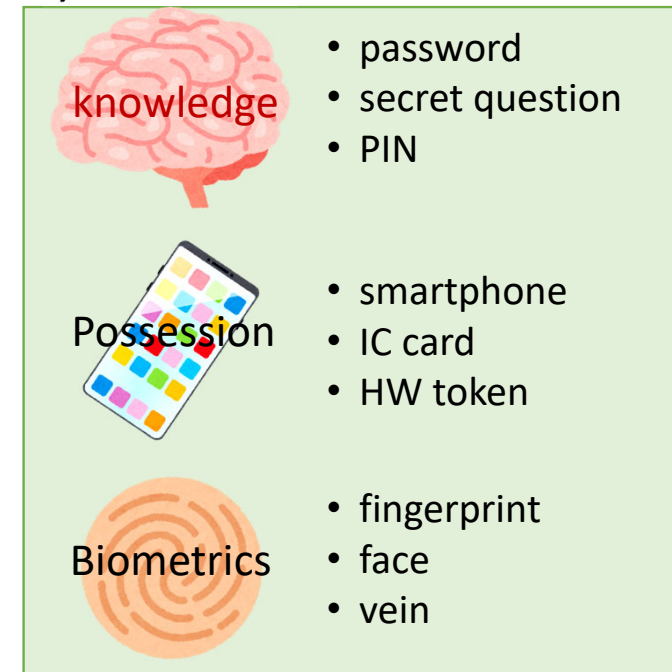
# Request to Migrate Teams Currently in Use



- Those who must migrate
  - Faculty and staff members currently using Teams
- Migrating data
  - Please transfer your NU MS365 Teams settings to your THERS account within the migration period.
    - Teams settings to copy: contacts, teams, files, to-do lists, etc.

# What Is Multi-Factor Authentication for THERS Accounts?

- Issues with previous password authentication systems
    - There are many authentication services, and it is difficult to remember individual passwords.
    - Many people use the same password for multiple services.
    - One password leak can result in unauthorized access across many services.
- “Knowledge”-based authentication has its limits!**
- Multi-factor authentication
    - Uses not only "knowledge“, but also combines "possession" and “biometric" information as authentication factors
    - **Achieves high security while reducing the complexity of authentication procedures**
  - **THERS account is authenticated by two factors, "knowledge (password)" and "possession (smartphone)“.**



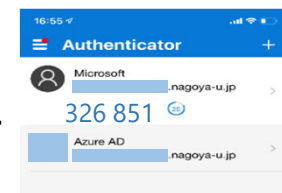
## (Transitional Measures)

# Multi-Factor Authentication by NU ID

- Authentication by current NU ID
  - Various services can be used by authentication with NU ID (CAS authentication).
  - If a password is leaked, there is a risk of having multiple services misused.
- Introducing multi-factor authentication for CAS authentication to improve security
  - Authentication with two factors:  
"knowledge (password)" and "possession (smartphone or hardware token)"

About the use of smartphones or hardware (HW) tokens for authentication:

- Generate an authentication code with a smartphone or HW token
- The authentication code is a number that changes every 30 seconds and is difficult to steal.
  - ✓ You can use your smartphone for authentication by downloading the authentication app onto your smartphone.
  - ✓ If you do not have a smartphone, you can obtain an HW token.



Smartphone authentication app



HW token

Click here for more information: <https://icts.nagoya-u.ac.jp/ja/services/nuid/CAS/>