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Traditional Identity and Access Management (IAM) is fundamentally broken for AI agents because it relies on human interaction (like MFA) or static credentials, which cannot manage autonomous, non-interactive, or highly dynamic delegated workflows. The necessary architecture shift involves implementing a dual-identity model for delegated agents, robust Machine Identity Management (MIM) for ephemeral autonomous agents, and adopting Zero Trust AI Access (ZTAI), which replaces static roles with dynamic Attribute-Based Access Control (ABAC) and validates the agent's intent (semantic verification) rather than just its identity.

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Strong point, traditional IAM setups just weren't built for autonomous AI agents roaming around. Once those bots start acting like users, you need policies that move from "who is this" to "what behaviors are allowed." Identity will keep mattering, but the game's shifting fast.