



# A Decade of Microsoft Identity Attacks: What We've Learned & What's Next

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### About

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# l've Done Some Stuff

- 2015: Published original method to detect Golden Tickets
- 2015: Made Golden Tickets more effective by adding Enterprise Admins to SIDHistory in the ticket (extrasids) working with Benjamin Delpy
- 2015: Described what rights were necessary to DCSync, including initial detection guidance
- 2015: Described "SPN Scanning" identifying services on a network without port scanning
- 2015: Identified how to use Silver Tickets to compromise AD (via DCs) for persistence
- 2015: Described how to pass-the-hash using the DC's DSRM password (with Benjamin Delpy)
- 2015: Described how to modify AdminSDHolder permissions for persistence
- 2016: Published methods to better detect PowerShell attack activity
- 2017: Published first effective detection of Kerberoasting with no false positives (still effective)
- 2017: Published Password Spray (AD) detection when attackers use Kerberos
- 2017: Discussed how to forge federation tokens (aka "GoldenSAML") & compromise AD through Azure AD Connect (on-prem)
- 2018: Described how most Read-Only Domain Controller deployments are vulnerable & how to improve
- 2018: Discussed how to bypass most enterprise password vault security
- 2019: Presented on Microsoft Cloud (Azure AD & Microsoft Office 365) attack & defense at BlackHat & DEFCON Cloud Security Village
- 2020: Published info on how to compromise Azure instances (VMs) from Azure AD / Microsoft Office 365
- 2021: 1 of 3 people thanked during CISA Director's BlackHat keynote for SolarWinds help
- "Stealth" contributor to Bloodhound
- Published lots of AD attack & defense techniques (conference talks & blog posts)







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# In the beginning, there was AD...

# Active Directory Attack Timelines

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Active Directory Attack Timelines: "Baby Steps" (2000 – 2009)



1997

April: Paul Ashton posted to NTBugtraq about "<u>Pass</u> <u>the Hash' with Modified</u> <u>SMB Client</u>" leveraging the username and LanMan hash against NT.



2001

March: Sir Dystic of Cult of the Dead Cow (cDc) <u>releases SMBRelay and</u> <u>SMBRelay2</u>



2007

NBNSpoof tool created by Robert Wesley McGrew (LLMNR/NBT-NS)



#### 2008

July: Hernan Ochoa <u>publishes the "Pass-the-</u> <u>Hash Toolkit"</u> (later called WCE)

### Active Directory Attack Timelines: "The Wonder Years" (2010 – 2014)



2010

March: <u>Windows Credentials Editor</u> (WCE) & <u>RootedCon presentation</u> by Hernan Ochoa



**2011** May: First version of <u>Mimikatz</u> tool released by Benjamin Delpy 2012

Exploiting Windows 2008 Group Policy Preferences by Emilien Giraul

May: <u>Chris Campbell's post on GPP</u> <u>Passwords</u>

October: <u>Responder v1</u> tool released by Laurent Gaffie



2013

October: <u>Invoke-Mimikatz</u> PowerShell module released by Joe Bialek



2014

August: "<u>Abusing Microsoft</u> <u>Kerberos sorry you guys don't get</u> <u>it</u>" Black Hat presentation by Benjamin Delpy & Skip Duckwell

- Golden Tickets
- Overpass-the-hash

Pass-the-ticket

September: <u>PAC Validation, The 20</u> <u>Minute Rule and Exceptions (BHUSA</u> <u>2014 part deux)</u> blog post about Silver Tickets by Skip Duckwell

September: <u>Kerberoast</u> released by Tim Medin at DerbyCon

December: <u>PowerView</u> tool released by Will Schroeder

Active Directory Attack Timeline Summary (with Mitre ATT&CK): "The Wonder Years" (2010 – 2014)



### Tools

Windows Credential Editor (WCE) (<u>ID: S0005</u>) Mimikatz (<u>ID: S0002</u>) Responder (<u>ID: S0174</u>) PowerView

### **Privilege Escalation**

Group Policy Preferences password (ID: T1552.006)

Pass the Ticket (ID: T1550.003)

Overpass-the-Hash

Kerberoast (<u>ID: T1558.003</u>)



### Persistence

Golden Tickets (<u>ID: T1558.001</u>) Silver Tickets (<u>ID: T1558.002</u>)

# "The Wonder Years" (2010 – 2014) Conceptual Overview



### Active Directory Attack Timelines: "The Golden Years" (2015 – 2019)



DSInternals tool <u>released</u> by Michael Grafnetter <u>Kekeo</u> tool released by Benjamin Delpy <u>PowerSploit</u> toolset released by Matt Graeber May: <u>Impacket</u> tool released by Alberto Solino (asolino) May: Method to <u>Detect Golden Tickets</u> August: <u>PowerShell Empire</u> released by Will @Hrmj0y & Justin Warner August: <u>DCSync update</u> to Mimikatz by Vincent Le Toux & Benjamin Delpy

August: Black Hat 2015 presentation by Sean Metcalf: <u>Unconstrained Delegation</u> & <u>Golden Tickets more powerful</u> & <u>Active Directory Persistence using</u> <u>AdminSDHolder</u>

September: CrackMapExec v1.0.0 tool released by Marcello aka byt3bl33d3r

September: <u>DerbyCon 2015 presentation</u> by Sean Metcalf: <u>Attacking DSRM</u>

December: <u>Attacking Group Managed Service</u> <u>Accounts (GMSAs)</u> by Michael Grafnetter



2016

August: <u>Bloodhound</u> tool <u>released at DEFCON 23</u> originally written by Will Schroeder, Rohan Vazarkar, & Andy Robbins

2017

May: <u>DNSAdmin to Domain</u> <u>Admin</u> by Shay Ber

May: <u>Death Star python script</u> released by byt3bl33d3r

May: <u>NtImrelayx</u> tool released by Fox-IT

August: <u>ACE up the Sleeve Black</u> <u>Hat 2017 presentation</u> by Andy Robbins and Will Schroeder

September: <u>Sharphound</u> tool release



February: <u>Bloodhound.py</u>tool released by Dirk-jan Molema (Python based Bloodhound ingester)

July: <u>GhostPack</u> released as a collection of C# ports of popular PowerShell tools and collects these tools together

August: <u>DCShadow attack</u> by Vincent Le Toux & Benjamin Delpy

September: <u>Rubeus</u> tool released by Will Schroeder (port of Kekeo and added to GhostPack)

October: "Printer Bug" AD priv esc <u>talk at DerbyCon</u> by Will Schroeder, Lee Christensen, & Matt Nelson <u>Ldapdomaindump</u> tool released by Dirk-jan Molema



2019

January: <u>PrivExchange</u> tool released by Dirk-jan Molema

January: <u>Wagging the Dog:</u> <u>Abusing Resource-Based</u> <u>Constrained Delegation to</u> <u>Attack Active Directory</u> article "Wagging the Dog" by Elad Shamir Active Directory Attack Timeline Summary (with Mitre ATT&CK): "The Golden Years" (2015 – 2019)



#### Tools **DSInternals** Kekeo PowerSploit (ID: S0194) Impacket (ID: S0357) PowerShell Empire (ID: S0363) DCSync added to Mimikatz (ID: T1003.006) CrackMapExec (ID: S0488) Bloodhound (ID: S0521) DeathStar.py NTLMRelayX SharpHound GhostPack

Rubeus (<u>ID: S1071</u>)



#### **Privilege Escalation**

DNSAdmin to Domain Admin

**AD** Permissions

"Printer Bug"

# Resource-Based Constrained Delegation

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#### Persistence

**AD** Permissions

DCShadow (ID: T1207)



# "The Golden Years" (2015 – 2019) Tools Conceptual Overview

## "The Golden Years" (2015 – 2019) Conceptual Flow



### Active Directory Attack Timelines: "The Third Age" (2020 – 2023)

#### 2020

• December: Adalanche tool released by Lars Karlslund

#### 2021

- April: <u>RemotePotato0</u> tool released by antonioCoco & <u>article</u> by Antonio Cocomazzi and Andrea Pierini
- July: <u>PetitPotam</u> tool released
- August: <u>Certified Pre-Owned</u> (ADCS Attacks) Black Hat talk by Will Schroeder & Lee Christensen whitepaper download
- August: <u>Certify</u> ADCS tool released by Will Schroeder & Lee Christensen (in GhostPack)
- October: Kerberos Relay Attack by James Forshaw
- October: Certipy tool released by Oliver Lyak (ly4k) Python port of the Certify tool
- November: "<u>Is This My Domain Controller</u>" Black Hat talk by Sagi Sheinfeld (@sagish1233), Eyal Karni (@eyal\_karni), & Yaron Zinar (@YaronZi)

#### 2022

April: <u>KrbRelayUp tool released</u> by DecOne

#### 2023

October: CrackMapExec continues as <u>NetExec</u> (nxc)!

Active Directory Attack Timeline Summary (with Mitre ATT&CK): "The Third Age" (2020 – 2023)





### Tools

RemotePotato0

PetitPotam

Certify

Certipy

KrbRelayUp

CrackMapExec continues as NetExec

(nxc)

### **Privilege Escalation**

Certified Pre-Owned (ADCS Attacks) Kerberos Relay Attack

### Persistence

Certified Pre-Owned (ADCS Attacks)

# "The Third Age" (2020 – 2023) Conceptual Overview



# Structuring Effective Active Directory Defenses



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## Administrative Group/Account Enumeration

- Remove Authenticated Users from having rights on the groups (add a new "auditing" group so it can view the members).
- Place admin accounts/groups into secured OU that Authenticated Users can't view.

## GPO Security Permission/Setting Enumeration

- Remove Authenticated Users (this also prevents GPO from applying).
- Add new computer group that needs to apply the GPO.

# Allow Blue Team & Auditors Recon/Review

Ensure there is a custom group that can view all objects where default permissions have changed.

Recommend different groups to enable different read access:

- Secure OU
- AD Privileged Groups (AdminSDHolder)
- Local Administrators Group Membership
- GPO View Access

Adding audit accounts to these group enables Bloodhound/Recon type access.

# Effective Windows System Defense

- Disable LLMNR via Group Policy
- Disable NetBIOS via Group Policy
- Disable WPAD via Group Policy
- Disable LM & NTLMv1
- Disable SMBv1
- Enable PowerShell constrained language mode
- Control Microsoft Office macros via Group Policy
- Deploy Microsoft LAPS (or similar) to ensure all local Administrator passwords are unique
- Set GPO to prevent local accounts from connecting over network to computers
- Deny access to this computer from the network: Domain Admins, Enterprise Admins, other custom admin groups
- Ensure all admins only log onto approved admin workstations & servers
- Restrict workstation to workstation communication with host firewalls AD clients don't need special rules, default block All inbound<sub>s</sub>works<sub>alf | @PyroTek3 | sean@trimarcsecurity.com
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# Active Directory Administrative Security

- Admin accounts set to "sensitive & cannot be delegated"
- Ensure all Active Directory admin accounts associated with people are members of the Protected Users groupComplete separation of administration
- ADAs never logon to other security tiers
- ADAs should only logon to a DC from an admin workstation or admin server
- Ideally ADAs use time-based, temporary group membership
- Change the KRBTGT account password (twice) every year & when an AD admin leaves
- Implement network segmentation

# Service Account Security

- Leverage "(Group) Managed Service Accounts"
- Implement Fine-Grained Password Policies
- Limit SAs to systems of the same security level, not shared between workstations & servers (for example)
- Ensure passwords are >25 characters
- Disable logon interactive capability
- No Domain Admin service accounts on non-DCs

# Domain Controller Security

- Ensure DCs are physically secure
- Ensure the server is fully patched before running DCPromo
- Remove all unnecessary software, agents, and services
- Ensure IIS is not running on any DCs (IIS\_USR account)
- Limit admin logon to DCs
- Update all Domain Controllers to a current supported Windows OS version.
- Scrutinize scheduled tasks
- Monitor logon events
- Audit use of backup & restore
- Enable Audit Subcategories
- Regularly change the DSRM account password on all DCs
- Limit management protocol access on DCs to admin subnets (RDP, WMI, WinRM, etc.)

# Effective NTLM Relay Defenses

- Configure SMB auditing
- Configure NTLM auditing
- Add all AD Admin accounts to the Protected Users security group
- Enforce SMB signing
- Configure LDAP channel binding and LDAP signing
- Disable NTLM authentication where possible
- Enable Credential Guard

# Azure AD/ Entra ID Attack Timelines

Microsoft Cloud Attacks

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# Azure AD/Entra ID Attack Timelines: "Baby Steps" (2016 - 2023)

2018

(kfosaaen)



July: evilginx2 tool released by Kuba Gretzky (kgretzky) July: Microburst series of tools first released by Karl Fosaaen

> **October:** AADInternals PowerShell module tool published by Dr Nestori Syynimaa (@DrAzureAD)

Golden SAML tool released

#### 2019

February: Azure AD Connect for Red Teams by Adam Chester

August: Attacking & **Defending the Microsoft** Cloud (Azure AD & Office 365) Black Hat Talk by Mark Morowczynski & Sean Metcalf

August: Dirk-jan Mollema's DEF CON 27 talk "I'm In Your Cloud Pwning Your Azure Environment"

adconnectdump tool released by Dirk-Jan Molema

MSOLSpray tool released by Beau Bullock

MFASweep Tool released by Beau Bullock



#### 2020

**ROADTools tool** released by Dirk-Jan Molema

Invoke-

AzureAdPasswordSpra **vAttack** tool by Daniel Chronlund



2022

August: Midnight

Blizzard MagicWeb

ADFS hack

December: "Leveraging

**Microsoft Teams for** 

Initial Access" article

by Andrea Santese

2023

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April: TeamsEnum tool released by Bastian Kanbach (bka-dev)

June: "Advisory: IDOR in Microsoft Teams Allows for External Tenants to Introduce Malware" article by Max Corbridge

July: TeamsPhisher tool released by Octoberfest7

### Azure AD/Entra ID Attack Timelines: "Baby Steps" (2016 – 2023)

#### Tools

MailSniper Evilginx GoldenSAML Evilginx2 Microburst AADInternals Aadconnectdump MSOLSpray MFASweep ROADTools



#### **Privilege Escalation**

Evilginx AADInternals Aadconnectdump ROADTools MagicWeb



#### Persistence

GoldenSAML AADInternals MagicWeb



Microsoft Incident Response lessons on preventing cloud identity compromise | Microsoft Security Blog <u>https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/security/blog/2023/12/05/microsoft-incident-response-lessons-on-preventing-cloud-identity-compromise/</u>

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# Entra ID Level 0

Like Tier 0, but Different!



# There are 100+ Entra ID Roles!

Role	Description	Template ID
Application Administrator	Can create and manage an aspects or app registrations and enterprise apps. Can create application registrations independent of the 'Users can register applications' setting.	cf1c38e5-3621-4004-a7cb-873624dced7c
Attack Payload Author	Can create attack pavloads that an administrator can initiate later.	3c6df0f2-1e7c-4dc3-b195-66dfbd24aa8f
Attack Simulation Administrator	Can create and manage all aspects of attack simulation campaigns.	c430b396-e693-46cc-96f3-db01bf8bb62a
Attribute Assignment Administrator	Assign custom security attribute keys and values to supported Microsoft Entra objects.	58a13ea3-c632-46ae-9ee0-9c0d43cd7f3d
Attribute Assignment Reader	Head custom security attribute keys and values for supported Microsoft Entra objects.	Hd52ta5-38dc-465c-33td-tc0r3eb53t8t
Attribute Definition Reader	Bead the definition of custom security attributes.	1d336d2c-4ae8-42ef-9711-b3604ce3fc2c
Attribute Log Administrator	Read audit logs and configure diagnostic settings for events related to custom security attributes.	5b784334-f94b-471a-a387-e7219fc49ca2
Attribute Log Reader	Read audit logs related to custom security attributes.	3c33533d-8186-4804-835f-fd51ef3e2dcd
Authentication Administrator	Can access to view, set and reset authentication method information for any non-admin user.	c4e39bd9-1100-46d3-8c65-fb160ds0071f
Authentication Extensibility Administrator	Lustomize sign in and sign up experiences for users by creating and managing custom authentication extensions.	256516ed-2760-40e6-62d0-123256214156 05567166-1134-4-15-62-8-68-3-25569780
Agure DevOps Administrator	Can manage Ague DevOps policies and settings.	e3973bdf-4987-49ae-837a-ba8e231c7286
Azure Information Protection Administrator	Can manage all aspects of the Azure Information Protection product.	7495fdc4-34c4-4d15-a289-98788cc399fd
B2C IEF Keyset Administrator	Can manage secrets for federation and encryption in the Identity Experience Framework (IEF).	aaf43236-0c0d-4d5f-883a-6955382ac081
B2C IEF Policy Administrator	Can create and manage trust framework policies in the Identity Experience Framework (IEF).	3edaf663-341e-4475-3f34-5c338ef6c070
Billing Administrator Cloud é on Security é dininistrator	Can perform common billing related tasks like updating payment information.	50054661-2014-4c50-ara3-lec603f12ere
Cloud Application Administrator	Can create and manage all aspects of app registrations and enterprise apps except application proxy.	158c047a-c307-4556-b7cf-446551a6b5f7
Cloud Device Administrator	Limited access to manage devices in Microsoft Entra ID.	7638a772-787b-4ac8-301f-60d6b08affd2
Compliance Administrator	Can read and manage compliance configuration and reports in Microsoft Entra ID and Microsoft 365.	17315797-102d-40b4-93e0-432062caca18
Compliance Data Administrator	Creates and manages compliance content.	e6d1a23a-da11-4be4-9570-befc86d067a7
Conditional Access Administrator	Can manage Conditional Access capabilities.	D1De1c3e-D03d-4F13-0421-F0F3Ud31FeD3 5c4F9dcd-47dc-4cF7-8c95-9c4207cbFc91
Desktop Analytics Administrator	Can access and manage Desktop management tools and services.	38a96431-2bdf-4b4c-8b6e-5d3d8abac1a4
Directory Readers	Can read basic directory information. Commonly used to grant directory read access to applications and guests.	88d8c3c3-8f55-4a1c-953a-9b9898b8876b
Directory Synchronization Accounts	Only used by Microsoft Entra Connect service.	d29b2b05-8046-44ba-8758-1a26182fcf32
Directory Writers	Can read and write basic directory information. For granting access to applications, not intended for users.	9360feb5-f418-4baa-8175-e2a00bac4301
Domain Name Administrator	Can manage domain names in cloud and on-premises.	83231535-31d0-4727-5345-745653565731
Dunamics 365 Business Central Administrator	Can access Dunamics 365 Business Central environments and perform all administrative tasks on the environments.	963797fb-eb3b-4cde-8ce3-5878b3f32a3f
Edge Administrator	Manage all aspects of Microsoft Edge.	3f1acade-1e04-4fbc-3b63-f0302cd84aef
Exchange Administrator	Can manage all aspects of the Exchange product.	29232cdf-9323-42fd-ade2-1d097af3e4de
Exchange Recipient Administrator	Can create or update Exchange Online recipients within the Exchange Online organization.	31332ffb-586c-42d1-3346-e53415a2cc4e
External ID User Flow Administrator	Can create and manage all aspects of user flows.	66531065-36ad-43ed-30f3-63424366d2f0
External Identity Provider Administrator	Can configure identity provides for use in direct federation	be2f45a1-457d-42af-a067-6ec1fa63bc45
Fabric Administrator	Can manage all aspects of the Fabric and Power BI products.	33e38336-122f-4c74-3520-8edcd132826c
Global Administrator	Can manage all aspects of Microsoft Entra ID and Microsoft services that use Microsoft Entra identities.	62c90394-69f5-4237-9190-012177145c10
Global Reader	Can read everything that a Global Administrator can, but not update anything.	f2ef932c-3afb-46b3-b7cf-a126ee74c451
Global Secure Access Administrator	Create and manage all aspects of Microsoft Entra Internet Access and Microsoft Entra Private Access, including managin Model and Access and Access and Access and Microsoft Entra Private Access, including managin	ac434307-12b3-4fa1-a708-88bf58caabc1
Groups Administrator Guest Inviter	Interpret of the state of the s	35e73103-35c0-4d8e-see3-d01sccf2d47b
Helpdesk Administrator	Can reset passwords for non-administrators and Helpdesk Administrators.	729827e3-9c14-49f7-bb1b-9608f156bbb8
Hybrid Identity Administrator	Can manage Active Directory to Microsoft Entra cloud provisioning, Microsoft Entra Connect, Pass-through Authenticat	8ac3fc64-6eca-42ea-9e69-59f4c7b60eb2
Identity Governance Administrator	Manage access using Microsoft Entra ID for identity governance scenarios.	45d8d3c5-c802-45c6-b32a-1d70b5e1e86e
Insights Administrator	Has administrative access in the Microsoft 365 Insights app.	eb1f4s8d-243s-41f0-9fbd-c7cdf6c5ef7c
Insights Analyst Insights Business Londer	Access the analytical capabilities in initrosort vita insights and run custom queries.	25dr355r-66eb-4113-0111-0rr02de201e3
Intune Administrator	Can manage all aspects of the intune product.	3s2c62db-5318-420d-8d74-23sffee5d9d5
Kaizala Administrator	Can manage settings for Microsoft Kaizala.	74ef975b-6605-40af-a5d2-b9539d836353
Knowledge Administrator	Can configure knowledge, learning, and other intelligent features.	b5a8dcf3-09d5-43a9-a639-8e29ef291470
Knowledge Manager	Can organize, create, manage, and promote topics and knowledge.	744ec460-337e-42ad-a462-8b3f9747a02c
Lifecucle Workflows Administrator	Can manage product incenses on users and groups. Create and manage all aspects of workflows and tasks associated with Lifecuste Workflows in Microsoft Entra ID	4d05c14r-3453-41d0-ber3-5360c5631135 59d46f88-662b-457b-bcob-5c3803o5908f
Message Center Privacy Reader	Can read security messages and updates in Office 365 Message Center only.	ac16e43d-7b2d-40e0-ac05-243ff356ab5b
Message Center Reader	Can read messages and updates for their organization in Office 365 Message Center only.	730c1fb3-7f7d-4f88-86a1-ef1f35c05c1b
Microsoft 365 Migration Administrator	Perform all migration functionality to migrate content to Microsoft 365 using Migration Manager.	8c8b803f-96c1-4129-9349-20738d9f9652
Microsoft Entra Joined Device Local Administ	Users assigned to this role are added to the local administrators group on Microsoft Entra joined devices.	9f06204d-73c1-4d4c-880s-6edb90606fd8
Microsoft Hardware Warranty Administrator	Create and manage all aspects warranty claims and entitlements for twicrosoft manufactured hardware, like surrace and no Create and read university claims for Microsoft manifactured bardware. Jike Surface and Hold age	281fa777.fb20.4fbb.b7a3.ccabca5b0.d96
Modern Commerce Administrator	Can manage commercial purchases for a company, department or team.	d24aef57-1500-4070-84db-2666f23cf366
Network Administrator	Can manage network locations and review enterprise network design insights for Microsoft 365 Software as a Service ap	d37c8bed-0711-4417-ba38-b4abe66ce4c2
Office Apps Administrator	Can manage Office apps cloud services, including policy and settings management, and manage the ability to select, unseld	2b745bdf-0803-4d80-aa65-822c4493daac
Organizational Branding Administrator	Manage all aspects of organizational branding in a tenant.	92ed04bf-c94a-4b82-9729-b799a7a4c178
Organizational Messages Approver	Heview, approve, or reject new organizational messages for delivery in the Microsoft 305 admin center before they are se Write a publick, massage and region the organizational messages for enducers through Microsoft predicts surfaces	e46336e2-r4bb-40r4-6r31-4566r25e205b 507r53a4-4a52-4077-ab-d3-d2a1558b6aa2
Partner Tier1 Support	When public manage, and reference or game action messages for end-users and again microsoft product surfaces.	4ba33ca4-527c-433a-b33d-d3b432c50246
Partner Tier2 Support	Do not use - not intended for general use.	e00e864a-17c5-4a4b-3c06-f5b35a8d5bd8
Password Administrator	Can reset passwords for non-administrators and Password Administrators.	966707d0-3269-4727-9be2-8c3a10f19b9d
Permissions Management Administrator	Manage all aspects of Microsoft Entra Permissions Management.	af78dc32-cf4d-46f9-ba4e-4428526346b5
Power Platform Administrator Printer Administrator	Can create and manage all aspects of relictorsoft Dynamics 300, Power Apps and Power Automate.	1040031-3200-4010-3000-DeeDDUDa0dec
Printer Technician	Can register and unregister printers and update printer status.	e8cef6f1-e4bd-4ea8-bc07-4b8d950f4477
Privileged Authentication Administrator	Can access to view, set and reset authentication method information for any user (admin or non-admin).	7be44c8a-adaf-4e2a-84d6-ab2649e08a13
Privileged Role Administrator	Can manage role assignments in Microsoft Entra ID, and all aspects of Privileged Identity Management.	e8611ab8-c189-46e8-94e1-60213ab1f814
Reports Reader	Can read sign-in and audit reports.	455d8f65-41d5-4de4-8968-e035b65339cf
Search Administrator	Can create and manage all aspects or Microsoft Search estituings.	U35455591x-918x-4647x94x-6x4960x6749
Security Administrator	Can read security information and reports, and manage configuration in Microsoft Entra ID and Office 365.	134ac4cb-b126-40b2-bd5b-6031b380377d
Security Operator	Creates and manages security events.	5f2222b1-57c3-48ba-8ad5-d4753f1fde6f
Security Reader	Can read security information and reports in Microsoft Entra ID and Office 365.	5d6b6bb7-de71-4623-b4af-96380a352509
Service Support Administrator	Can read service health information and manage support tickets.	f023fd81-a637-4b56-35fd-791ac0226033
SharePoint Administrator	Can manage all aspects of the SharePoint service.	1283150-1661-4511-8186-63121231666c
Teams Administrator	Can manage the Microsoft Teams service	63031246-20x8-4556-554d-066075b2s7s8
Teams Communications Administrator	Can manage calling and meetings features within the Microsoft Teams service.	baf37b3a-610e-45da-3e62-d3d1e5e8314b
Teams Communications Support Engineer	Can troubleshoot communications issues within Teams using advanced tools.	f70938s0-fc10-4177-9c90-2178f8765737
Teams Communications Support Specialist	Can troubleshoot communications issues within Teams using basic tools.	fcf91098-03e3-41a9-b5ba-6f0ec8188a12
Teams Devices Administrator	Uan perform management related tasks on Leams certified devices. Create new Microsoft Entre or Agure AD BOC tenents	30102033-1060-4331-8430-5533642323d4 112031524554-4102-9954-45505-47955-
Usage Summary Reports Reader	Read Usage reports and Adoption Score, but can't access user details.	75934031-6c7e-415a-99d7-48dbd49e875e
User Administrator	Can manage all aspects of users and groups, including resetting passwords for limited admins.	fe930be7-5e62-47db-91af-98c3a49a38b1
Virtual Visits Administrator	Manage and share Virtual Visits information and metrics from admin centers or the Virtual Visits app.	e300d9e7-4a2b-4295-9eff-f1c78b36cc98
Viva Goals Administrator	Manage and configure all aspects of Microsoft Viva Goals.	92508653-e367-4ef2-5869-1de128f5986e
Viva Pulse Administrator	Can manage all settings for Microsoft Viva Pulse app.	87761b17-1ed2-4af3-9acd-92a150038160
Windows Update Deployment Administrator	Can provision and manage an aspects of Global PCs. Can create and manage all aspects of Windows Undate deployments through the Windows Undate for Business deploym	32636413-001a-46ae-378c-ce0f6h362042
Yammer Administrator	Manage all aspects of the Yammer service.	810a2642-a034-447f-a5c8-41bcaa378541

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- Cloud Device Administrator
- Conditional Access Administrator
- Directory Synchronization Accounts
- Directory Writers
- Domain Name Administrator
- External Identity Provider Administrator
- Global Administrator
- Global Reader

- Helpdesk Administrator
- Hybrid Identity Administrator
- Intune Administrator
- Partner Tier1 Support
- Partner Tier2 Support
- Password Administrator
- Privileged Authentication Administrator
- Privileged Role Administrator
- Security Administrator
- Security Operator
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# Trimarc Level O Entra ID Roles (5)

Effective Full Admin Rights or Capability to Gain Full Admin to Entra ID

#### Global Administrator

 Full admin rights to the Entra ID, Microsoft 365, and 1-click full control of all Azure subscriptions <u>From Azure AD to Active Directory (via Azure) – An Unanticipated Attack Path (2020)</u>

#### • Hybrid Identity Administrator

 "Can create, manage and deploy provisioning configuration setup from Active Directory to Microsoft Entra ID using Cloud Provisioning as well as manage Microsoft Entra Connect, Pass-through Authentication (PTA), Password hash synchronization (PHS), Seamless Single Sign-On (Seamless SSO), and **federation settings**." <u>https://medium.com/tenable-techblog/roles-allowing-to-abuse-entra-id-federation-for-persistence-and-privilegeescalation-df9ca6e58360</u>

#### • Partner Tier2 Support

• "The Partner Tier2 Support role can reset passwords and invalidate refresh tokens for all non-administrators and administrators (including Global Administrators)."

"not quite as powerful as Global Admin, but the role does allow a principal with the role to promote themselves or any other principal to Global Admin." The Most Dangerous Entra Role You've (Probably) Never Heard Of

#### • Privileged Authentication Administrator

• Microsoft: "do not use."

"Set or reset any authentication method (including passwords) for any user, including Global Administrators. ... Force users to re-register against existing non-password credential (such as MFA or FIDO) and revoke remember MFA on the device, prompting for MFA on the next sign-in of all users."

#### Privileged Role Administrator

• "Users with this role can manage role assignments in Microsoft Entra ID, as well as within Microsoft Entra Privileged Identity Management. ...

This role grants the ability to manage assignments for all Microsoft Entra roles including the Global Administrator role. "

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#### Trimarc Level 1 Entra ID Roles (1 of 2)

Highly Privileged Rights that have Privilege Escalation Potential Depending on Tenant Configuration or ability to reconfigure the security posture of the tenant

Role	Microsoft Description
Application Administrator	This is a privileged role. Users in this role can create and manage all aspects of enterprise applications, application registrations, and application proxy settings.
Authentication Administrator	This is a privileged role. Set or reset any authentication method (including passwords) for non-administrators and some roles. Require users who are non-administrators or assigned to some roles to re-register against existing non-password credentials (for example, MFA or FIDO), and can also revoke remember MFA on the device, which prompts for MFA on the next sign-in. Perform sensitive actions for some users.
Domain Name Administrator	This is a privileged role. Users with this role can manage (read, add, verify, update, and delete) domain names. Can be used in federation attacks.
Microsoft Entra Joined Device Local Administrator	During Microsoft Entra join, this group is added to the local Administrators group on the device.
Cloud Application Administrator	This is a privileged role. Users in this role have the same permissions as the Application Administrator role, excluding the ability to manage application proxy. This role grants the ability to create and manage all aspects of enterprise applications and application registrations.
Conditional Access Administrator	This is a privileged role. Users with this role have the ability to manage Microsoft Entra Conditional Access settings.
Directory Synchronization Accounts	This is a privileged role. Do not use. This role is automatically assigned to the Microsoft Entra Connect service, and is not intended or supported for any other use. Privileged rights: Update application credentials, Manage hybrid authentication policy in Microsoft Entra ID, Update basic properties on policies, & Update credentials of service principals
Directory Writers	This is a privileged role. Users in this role can read and update basic information of users, groups, and service principals. Privileged rights: Create & update OAuth 2.0 permission grants, add/disable/enable users, Force sign-out by invalidating user refresh tokens, & Update User Principal Name of users.

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#### Trimarc Level 1 Entra ID Roles (2 of 2)

Highly Privileged Rights that have Privilege Escalation Potential Depending on Tenant Configuration or ability to reconfigure the security posture of the tenant

Role	Microsoft Description
Exchange Administrator	Users with this role have global permissions within Microsoft Exchange Online. Trimarc flags this role since it is a role that threat actors target.
External Identity Provider Administrator	This is a privileged role. This administrator manages federation between Microsoft Entra organizations and external identity providers. With this role, users can add new identity providers and configure all available settings (e.g. authentication path, service ID, assigned key containers). This user can enable the Microsoft Entra organization to trust authentications from external identity providers.
Helpdesk Administrator	This is a privileged role. Users with this role can change passwords, & invalidate refresh tokens, Invalidating a refresh token forces the user to sign in again.
Intune Administrator	This is a privileged role. Users with this role have global permissions within Microsoft Intune Online, when the service is present. Additionally, this role contains the ability to manage users and devices in order to associate policy, as well as create and manage groups. Privileged rights: Read Bitlocker metadata and key on devices
Password Administrator	This is a privileged role. Users with this role have limited ability to manage passwords.
Partner Tier1 Support	This is a privileged role. Do not use. The Partner Tier1 Support role can reset passwords and invalidate refresh tokens for only non-administrators. Privileged rights: Update application credentials, Create and delete OAuth 2.0 permission grants, & read and update all properties
Security Administrator	This is a privileged role. Users with this role have permissions to manage security-related features in the Microsoft 365 Defender portal, Microsoft Entra ID Protection, Microsoft Purview compliance portal.
User Administrator	This is a privileged role. Can reset passwords for users.

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#### Azure Privilege Escalation via Service Principal Abuse



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#### Can a User with Role in Column A reset a password for a user with a Role in Row 2?

	(No Role)	Global Administrator	Privileged Authentication Administrator	Helpdesk Administrator	Authentication Administrator	User Administrator	Password Administrator	Directory Readers	Guest Inviter	Message Center Reader	Privileged Role Administrator	Reports Reader	Groups Administrator	(Any Other Role)
Global Administrator	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Privileged Authentication Administrator	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Helpdesk Administrator	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Authentication Administrator	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
User Administrator	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
Password Administrator	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

#### https://posts.specterops.io/azure-privilege-escalation-via-service-principal-abuse-210ae2be2a5

# From TEC 2022

Background

Highly Sensitive Application Permissions:



- Directory.ReadWrite.All: Effective Global Admin rights to AAD
- RoleManagement.ReadWrite.Directory: Ability to add members to Global Administrator and other roles
- Application.ReadWrite.All: Provides full rights to applications which could result in compromise if there are apps with highly privileged permissions
- AppRoleAssignment.ReadWrite.All: Provides the application the right to grant additional permissions to itself!



#### Trimarc Level 0 Applications

Effective Full Admin Rights or Capability to Gain Full Admin to Entra ID

Directory.ReadWrite.All	<ul> <li>"Directory.ReadWrite.All grants access that is broadly equivalent to a global tenant admin." *</li> </ul>				
AppRoleAssignment.ReadWrite.All	• Allows the app to manage permission grants for application permissions to any API & application assignments for any app, on behalf of the signed-in user. This also allows an application to grant additional privileges to itself, other applications, or any user.				
RoleManagement.ReadWrite.Directory	• Allows the app to read & manage the role-based access control (RBAC) settings for the tenant, without a signed-in user. This includes instantiating directory roles & managing directory role membership, and reading directory role templates, directory roles and memberships.				
Application.ReadWrite.All	• Allows the calling app to create, & manage (read, update, update application secrets and delete) applications & service principals without a signed-in user. This also allows an application to act as other entities & use the privileges they were granted.				

# Conditional Access Policies

... and the Gaps therein









#### Conditional Access | Policies **≋** Microsoft Entra ID + New policy + New policy from template $\overline{\uparrow}$ Upload policy file $\bigcirc$ What if $\bigcirc$ Refresh $\Box$ Preview features Got feedback? $\diamond$ $\ll$ 1 Overview Microsoft Entra Conditional Access policies are used to apply access controls to keep your organization secure. Learn more 🖸 E Policies All policies **Microsoft-managed policies** Insights and reporting Ŧ **0** 8 X Diagnose and solve problems Total out of 8 $\checkmark$ Manage Ω Search Y Add filter Named locations 8 out of 8 policies found 67 Custom controls (Preview) Terms of use Modified date Policy name State Creation date VPN connectivity CA001: Require multi-factor authentication for admins 5/29/2022, 11:10:03 PM 5/29/2022, 11:19:17 PM Report-only 유 Authentication contexts CA003: Block legacy authentication Report-only 5/29/2022, 11:10:15 PM 0 Authentication strengths CA005: Require multi-factor authentication for guest access Report-only 5/29/2022, 11:10:28 PM **i** Classic policies CA007: Require multi-factor authentication for risky sign-ins Report-only 5/29/2022, 11:10:39 PM > Monitoring Require compliant or hybrid Azure AD joined device or multifactor authentic... Report-only 1/19/2024, 3:13:25 PM > Troubleshooting + Support Require multifactor authentication for Azure management Report-only 1/19/2024, 3:13:13 PM Require multifactor authentication for all users Report-only 1/19/2024, 3:12:52 PM Securing security info registration Report-only 1/19/2024, 3:12:31 PM

## **Common Conditional Access Policies**



Require users to use MFA when connecting outside of the corporate network



Require MFA for users with certain administrative roles



Block legacy authentication (username & password auth)



Block/Grant access from specific locations

# CA Policy Gap #1: Users Require MFA Outside of Corp Network

- CAP requires users to MFA when they are working remotely (not on the corporate network or connected via VPN)
- Assumes no attacker would be on the corporate network
- Attacker can use username/password without having to MFA
- Fun Fact: Attackers love SSO!



# CA Policy Gap #2: Admins don't require MFA

- MFA is required for certain users to access specific applications
- However, there is no CAP that requires MFA for Admins
- Or... CAP only requires members of a few roles use MFA
- Attacker can use username/password without having to MFA
- Fun Fact: Attackers love SSO!



### CA Policy Gap #3: Exclusions

- CAP includes several security controls
  - MFA required
  - AAD Joined & Compliant device
  - Location based access
- However, there are exclusions:
  - Admins
  - VIPs
  - Executives
  - HR
  - Etc
- This creates a significant gap in security posture
- Attackers love being excluded from security controls!



## Microsoft Provided Conditional Access Policies





**Conditional Access Templates** 



**Microsoft Managed Policies** 



# **Baseline Policies**

Policy Name	State
Baseline policy: Require MFA for admins (Preview)	On
Baseline policy: End user protection (Preview)	On
Baseline policy: Block legacy authentication (Preview)	On
Baseline policy: Require MFA for Service Management (	On



## **Security Defaults**

Security defaults

Security defaults are basic identity security mechanisms recommended by Microsoft. When enabled, these recommendations will be automatically enforced in your organization. Administrators and users will be better protected from common identity-related attacks.

Your organization is protected by security defaults. Manage security defaults

## Microsoft Provided Conditional Access Policies





**Conditional Access Templates** 



**Microsoft Managed Policies** 

## Microsoft Managed Policies (MMP)

- Deployed automatically in reporting mode
- Modification is limited:
  - Exclude users
  - Turn on or set to Report-only mode
  - Can't rename or delete any Microsoft-managed policies
  - Can duplicate the policy to make custom versions
- Microsoft might update these policies in the future
- MMPs turn on (set to enabled) 90 days after introduced to the tenant
- Currently focuses on 3 areas:
  - MFA for <u>admins</u> accessing Microsoft <u>Admin Portals</u>
  - MFA for <u>per-user MFA</u> configured on users
  - MFA and reauthentication for risky sign-ins

https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/entra/identity/conditional-access/managed-policies



# Attacking Azure AD/Entra ID







### Phishing for Admins



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## Stealing Tokens from the Web Browser

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#### Stealing Access Token from the Web Browser



### That's It! Now we have the Access Token



# Stealing Tokens from the Web Browser





v0.9.3 by @DrAzureAD (Nestori Syynimaa)

The ultimate Entra ID (Azure AD) / Microsoft 365 hacking and admin toolkit

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#### Exfiltrating NTHashes by abusing Microsoft Entra Domain Services

🕓 January 13, 2024 (Last Modified: January 14, 2024)

Last year I gave a presentation titled **Dumping NTHashes from Azure AD** at TROOPERS conference. The talk was about how the **Microsoft Entra Domain Services** (formerly Azure AD Domain Services) works and how it enabled dumping NTHashes from Entra ID (formerly Azure AD).

In this blog, I'll show how Microsoft Entra Domain Services (MEDS) can be (ab)used to exfiltrate NTHashes from onprem Active Directory.



#### **DoSing Azure AD**

and Set-AADIntUserMFA.

🕓 July 02, 2023

My recent talk at the great T2 conference on DoSing Azure AD gained a lot of attention. Unfortunately, the talk was not recorded, so I decided to write a blog for those who couldn't attend. So here we go!

#### Deploying users with pre-registered MFA

🕓 May 23, 2023 (Last Modified: May 24, 2023)

A couple of weeks ago a friend of mine asked would it be possible to pre-register MFA for users in Azure AD. For short, yes it is! In this blog, I'll show how to pre-register OTP and SMS WFAchethods using AADImetroals Segister CAPIng McGeeerity.com Special THANK YOU to DrAzureAD himself, Dr. Nestori Syynimaa for his help with this section!

#### Token Theft with Browser Extension



#### Token Theft with evilginx

#### https://aad.portalazure.com/





### **Application Escalation**

#### PS C:\Data\\_MCSA> get-azureadpspermissions -ApplicationPermissions|select ClientObjectID,ClientDisplayName,ResourceDisplayName,Permission

ClientObjectId	ClientDisplayName	ResourceDisplayName	Permission
9211cb77-c065-4fd9-a80b-bb3a3015caee 9211cb77-c065-4fd9-a80b-bb3a3015caee 01438f2c-8d6d-4f11-9f76-f179fd3246fa 01438f2c-8d6d-4f11-9f76-f179fd3246fa 01438f2c-8d6d-4f11-9f76-f179fd3246fa 01438f2c-8d6d-4f11-9f76-f179fd3246fa 01438f2c-8d6d-4f11-9f76-f179fd3246fa	Lots 'o Privs! Lots 'o Privs! Overpermissioned App Overpermissioned App Overpermissioned App Overpermissioned App	Microsoft Graph Microsoft Graph Microsoft Graph Microsoft Graph Microsoft Graph Microsoft Graph Microsoft Graph	DelegatedPermissionGrant.ReadWrite.All Directory.ReadWrite.All Application.ReadWrite.All AppRoleAssignment.ReadWrite.All DelegatedPermissionGrant.ReadWrite.All Directory.ReadWrite.All RoleManagement ReadWrite Directory

https://gist.github.com/psignoret/9d73b00b377002456b24fcb808265c23

## Application Escalation: Find the App Owner

PS C:\Data\_MCSA> Get-AzureADApplication -SearchString 'overpermissioned'								
ObjectId	DisplayName	isplayName						
 fbe4ea6c-0ae4-46b2-a6f0-5f96e3f4858f 5e356a56-f302-4987-923a-0e282ea31d39 Overpermissioned App								
PS C:\Data\_MCSA> get-azureadapplica	tionowner -Obje	ctId 'fbe4ea6c-0ae4-46k	02-a6f0-5f96e3f4858f'					
ObjectId	DisplayName	UserPrincipalName		UserType				
ab2365a7-24a1-4ac0-9cd0-2d529d759323 70d9a5f5-7190-4452-a743-4f2bede82c06 7d8afa78-d799-4bdc-8e33-3dff42fbbac3	Kenyatta Yoder Shayla Santana Cadence Mclean	Kenvatta.Yoder@BigMega Shayla.Santana@BigMega Cadence.Mclean@BigMega	Corp.onmicrosoft.com Corp.com Corp.com	Member Member Member				

#### Compromise Azure AD through Application Permissions



#### Compromise Azure AD through Application Permissions



#### Compromise Azure AD through Role Assignable Group Owner Rights





- Tenant Hopping (patent pending 😌) is when an attacker compromises one tenant to jump to another, often with privileged rights.
- Similar to trust hopping in Active Directory.
- Solarigate attackers leveraged partner connections.



What about Admins Synchronized from On-Prem AD?



From Domain User to Global Admin. A real example from a real environment.

We found this path with free and open source BloodHound Community Edition: medium.com/p/335652a164df



dog-learns-an-old-trick-335652a164df?gi=543e6e7a310d



# Yeah, don't do that
# Midnight Blizzard

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### Microsoft Actions Following Attack by Nation State Actor Midnight Blizzard

/ By MSRC / January 19, 2024 / 2 min read

The Microsoft security team detected a nation-state attack on our corporate systems on January 12, 2024, and immediately activated our response process to investigate, disrupt malicious activity, mitigate the attack, and deny the threat actor further access. Microsoft has identified the threat actor as <u>Midnight Blizzard</u>, the Russian state-sponsored actor also known as Nobelium. As part of our ongoing commitment to responsible transparency as recently affirmed in our <u>Secure Future Initiative</u> (SFI), we are sharing this update.

Beginning in late November 2023, the threat actor used a password spray attack to compromise a legacy non-production test tenant account and gain a foothold, and then used the account's permissions to access a very small percentage of Microsoft corporate email accounts, including members of our senior leadership team and employees in our cybersecurity, legal, and other functions, and exfiltrated some emails and attached documents. The investigation indicates they were initially targeting email accounts for information related to Midnight Blizzard itself. We are in the process of notifying employees whose email was accessed.

The attack was not the result of a vulnerability in Microsoft products or services. To date, there is no evidence that the threat actor had any access to customer environments, production systems, source code, or AI systems. We will notify customers if any action is required.



## What We Know

- Midnight Blizzard a Moscow-supported espionage team also known as APT29 or Cozy Bear "utilized password spray attacks that successfully compromised a legacy, non-production test tenant account that did not have multifactor authentication (MFA) enabled."
- After gaining initial access to a **non-production** Microsoft system, the intruders **compromised a legacy test OAuth application that had access to Microsoft's corporate IT environment**.
- The actor created additional malicious OAuth applications.
- They created a new user account to grant consent in the Microsoft corporate environment to the actor controlled malicious OAuth applications.
- The threat actor then used the legacy test OAuth application to grant them the Office 365 Exchange Online full\_access\_as\_app role, which allows access to mailboxes.
- They then used this access to steal emails and other files from corporate inboxes belonging to top Microsoft executives and other staff.
- They used residential broadband networks as proxies to make their traffic look like it was all legitimate traffic from work-from-home staff, since it was coming from seemingly real users' IP addresses.
- This all happened in late November, Microsoft didn't spot the intrusion until January 12, and the compromised email accounts included those of senior leadership and cybersecurity and legal employees.
- "If the same team were to deploy the legacy tenant today, mandatory Microsoft policy and workflows would ensure MFA and our active protections are enabled to comply with current policies and guidance, resulting in better protection against these sorts of attacks."

https://www.theregister.com/2024/01/27/microsoft\_cozy\_bear\_mfa/

Blog / 2024 / 03 / Update-On-Microsoft-Actions-Following-Attack-By-Nation-State-Actor-Midnight-Blizzard /

#### https://msrc.microsoft.com/blog/2024/03/update-on-microsoft-actions-following-attack-by-nation-state-actor-midnight-blizzard/ Update on Microsoft Actions Following Attack by Nation State Actor Midnight Blizzard

MSRC / By MSRC / March 08, 2024 / 2 min read

This blog provides an update on the nation-state attack that was detected by the Microsoft Security Team on January 12, 2024. As we <u>shared</u>, on January 19, the security team detected this attack on our corporate email systems and immediately activated our response process. The Microsoft Threat Intelligence investigation identified the threat actor as <u>Midnight Blizzard</u>, the Russian state-sponsored actor also known as NOBELIUM.

As we said at that time, our investigation was ongoing, and we would provide additional details as appropriate.

In recent weeks, we have seen evidence that Midnight Blizzard is using information initially exfiltrated from our corporate email systems to gain, or attempt to gain, unauthorized access. This has included access to some of the company's source code repositories and internal systems. To date we have found no evidence that Microsoft-hosted customer-facing systems have been compromised.



It is apparent that Midnight Blizzard is attempting to use secrets of different types it has found. Some of these secrets were shared between customers and Microsoft in email, and as we discover them in our exfiltrated email, we have been and are reaching out to these customers to assist them in taking mitigating measures. Midnight Blizzard has increased the volume of some aspects of the attack, such as password sprays, by as much as 10-fold in February, compared to the already large volume we saw in January 2024.

Midnight Blizzard's ongoing attack is characterized by a sustained, significant commitment of the threat actor's resources, coordination, and focus. It may be using the information it has obtained to accumulate a picture of areas to attack and enhance its ability to do so. This reflects what has become more broadly an unprecedented global threat landscape, especially in terms of sophisticated nation-state attacks.

Across Microsoft, we have increased our security investments, cross-enterprise coordination and mobilization, and have enhanced our ability to defend ourselves and secure and harden our environment against this advanced persistent threat. We have and will continue to put in place additional enhanced security controls, detections, and monitoring.

Our active investigations of Midnight Blizzard activities are ongoing, and findings of our investigations will continue to evolve. We remain committed to sharing what we learn. Sean Metcalf | @PyroTek3 | sean@trimarcsecurity.com

# **Securing Entra ID Administration**





### Securing Azure AD/Entra ID



https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/azure-active-directory-identity/protecting-microsoft-365-from-

on-premises-attacks/ba-p/1751754 Sean Metcalf | @PyroTek3 | sean@trimarcsecurity.com

# Securing Azure AD/Entra ID -Microsoft Summary



### **Fully Isolate Azure AD / Microsoft Office 365 admin accounts** They should be:

- 1. Created in Entra ID.
- 2. Required to use Multi-factor authentication (MFA).
- 3. Secured by conditional access.
- 4. Accessed only by using Azure Managed Workstations.

There should be no on-prem accounts with highly privileged Azure AD/Entra ID rights.

## Securing Azure AD/Entra ID - Microsoft Summary



#### Manage from Cloud controlled Devices

Use Azure AD Join and cloud-based mobile device management (MDM) to eliminate dependencies on your on-premises device management infrastructure, which can compromise device and security controls.



No on-prem account has Azure AD / Microsoft Office 365 privileges Privileged on-premises software must not be capable of impacting Azure AD privileged accounts or roles.



**Use Azure AD cloud authentication** to eliminate on-prem credential dependencies. Always use strong authentication, such as Windows Hello, FIDO, the Microsoft Authenticator, or Azure AD MFA.

<u>https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/azure-active-directory-identity/protecting-microsoft-365-from-</u> <u>on-premises-attacks/ba-p/1751754</u> Sean Metcalf | @PyroTek3 | sean@trimarcsecurity.com

## **On-Prem: Entra Password Protection**

- Prevent users from selecting known bad passwords
- Start in audit mode to get an idea how bad it is

Custom smart lockout		
Lockout threshold 👩	10	
Lockout duration in seconds 👩 🛛	70	
Custom banned passwords		
Enforce custom list 👩	Yes	No
Custom banned password list 🚯	seahawks mariners sounders redmond washington	

#### https://aka.ms/deploypasswordprotection

Password protection for Windows Server Active Directory

Enable password protection on Windows Server Active Directory ()



Mode 🛛

## Phishing Defensive Layers

### Require Users to MFA, preferably FIDO2

• Authenticator App recommended. Better performance and less prompts (behaves as authentication token broker)

### **Conditional Access Policy**

• MFA,Location, App, etc

### **Risk Based Policy**

Only prompt when Risk detected

People will fall to Phishing no matter what so we must monitor...

# Key Cloud Administration Security Controls

- Use admin systems for cloud administration
- Enforce FIDO2 for Trimarc Level 0 & 1 roles
- FIDO2 keys for Emergency "Break Glass" Accounts
- Leverage Conditional Access policies to enforce MFA for admins from all locations



## Common Persistence Method Checks

Review Illicit Consent Grants https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/security/office-365-security/detect-and-remediate-illicitconsent-grants?view=o365-worldwide

Review Exchange Forms/Rules for potentially malicious settings. https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-365/security/office-365-security/detect-and-remediate-outlookrules-forms-attack?view=o365-worldwide

Review Exchange Online mailbox permissions for unusual/unintended configuration (Get-ExoMailboxPermission) <u>https://docs.microsoft.com/en-</u> us/powershell/module/exchange/powershell-v2-module/get-

us/powershell/module/exchange/powershell-v2-module/getexomailboxpermission?view=exchange-ps

### Conclusion

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Attackers are targeting the cloud

Identifying common security issues and resolving them improves system security.

Fixing these issues provides improved breach resilience.

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### Questions?

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# **Questions?**

