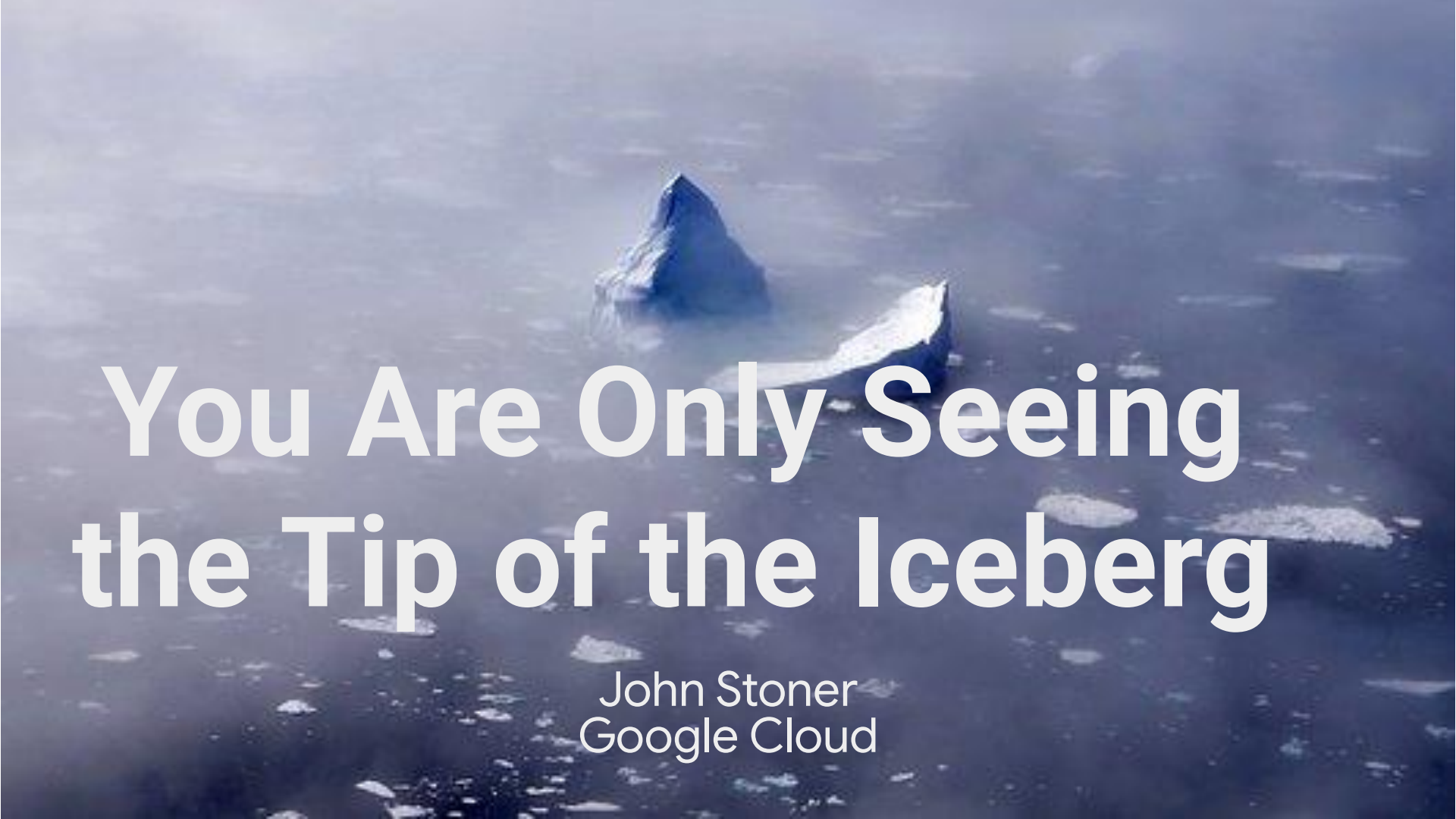

You Are Only Seeing the Tip of the Iceberg

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Worked in SIEM/SecOps space since 2004

Focus on SecOps, Threat Hunting, Threat Intelligence

Built adversary emulations around APT actors

Blog - New to Chronicle series

Presented at BSides (?:SF|LV), FIRST (?:Tech.Symposium|CTI|), SANS Summit (?:THIR|SIEM|Cloud), WWHF, AtlSecCon, DefCon PHV, Splunk .conf(?:2016|2017|2018|2019|2020|2021)

Enjoy Alt80s “sad-timey” music

Let me tell you a tale of a fateful trip…

October 2020

Mandiant & Microsoft identify a supply chain attack targeting the tool SolarWinds

Azure Active Directory was attacked using Active Directory Federation Services (ADFS) as an attack vector

The term GoldenSAML started gaining traction

February 2021

Commence building an APT scenario for a blue team CTF

Wouldn't it be "fun" to emulate something like this?

Imagine what kind of telemetry their must be available to defenders…won't this be great!

Spring-Summer 2021

Design, unit test, end to end data capture of emulation

Supply Chain Compromise

On-Premise Attack

Pivot via ADFS to Azure AD - Cloud Attack

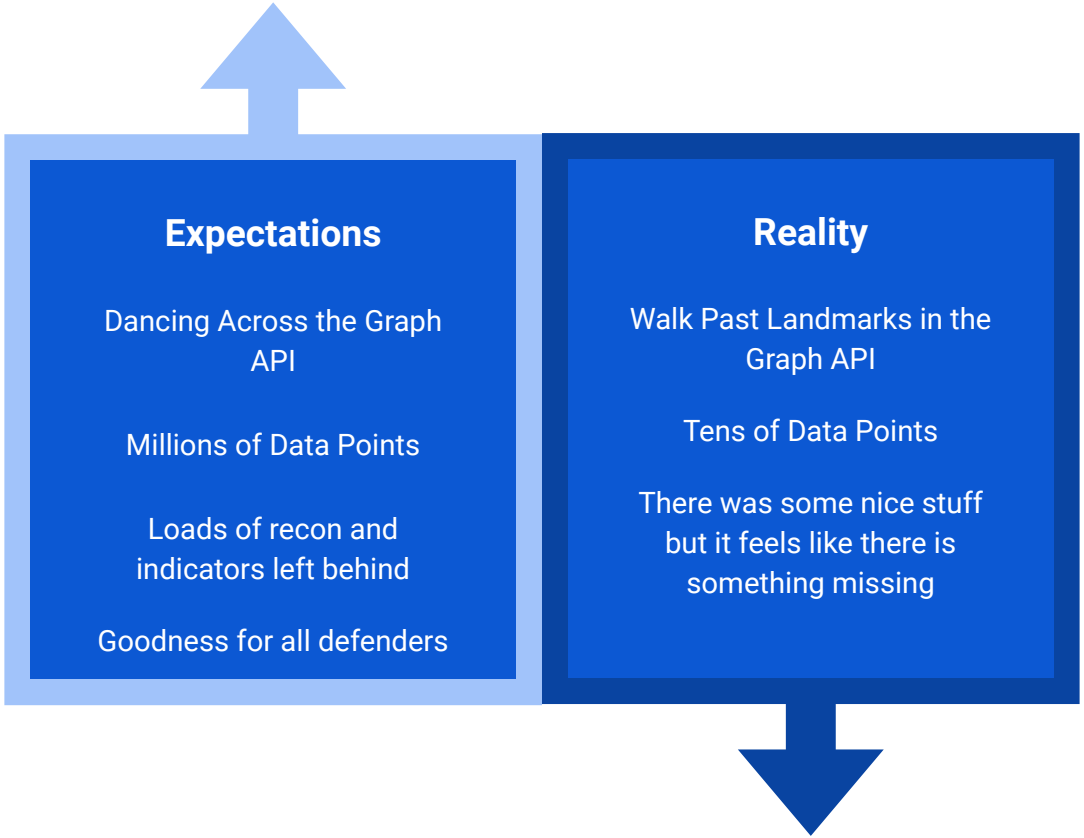
Late Summer 2021

Data validation begins

Loads of data about the on-premise attack!

What about cloud?

Experiencing Highs and Lows



Skepticism (and a Little Paranoia) Sets In

Did Splunk not have the right mechanisms to access the data?

Ran my emulation in Sentinel - Late 2021 - Early 2022

- Very similar logging fidelity

Socialized - December 2021

- SANS FOR509 - Cloud Forensics - Dave Cowen, Co-course author

Fast Forward to September 2022

Revisited this attack

- Chronicle
- Splunk with New/Updated Connectors

Not High Fidelity, Same Fidelity

- GraphAPI alerting was added
- GraphAPI endpoints changed or were added
- Core visibility was very similar

Where Does That Leave Us?

Numerous ADFS implementations interacting with Azure AD

- Legacy applications can’t be migrated overnight
- Microsoft is driving migration away from ADFS to strictly AAD: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0M-N-RQw0I

The fidelity is good for key changes, but not what a defender is used coming from an on-premise environment

We need to understand these realities as we hunt and build detections in these new terrains

What is ADFS?

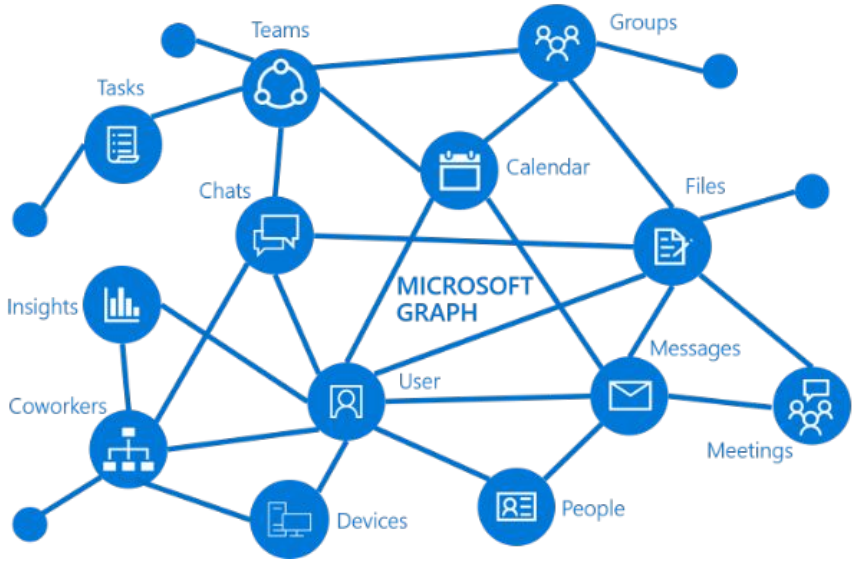
“Active Directory Federation Service (AD FS) enables Federated Identity and Access Management by securely sharing digital identity and entitlements rights across security and enterprise boundaries. AD FS extends the ability to use single sign-on functionality that is available within a single security or enterprise boundary to Internet-facing applications to enable customers, partners, and suppliers a streamlined user experience while accessing the web-based applications of an organization.”

https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-server/identity/ad-fs/ad-fs-overview

What is the Microsoft Graph?

Microsoft Graph exposes REST APIs and client libraries to access data on the following Microsoft cloud services:

- Microsoft 365 core services: Bookings, Calendar, Delve, Excel, Microsoft 365 compliance eDiscovery, Microsoft Search, OneDrive, OneNote, **Outlook/Exchange**, People (Outlook contacts), Planner, SharePoint, Teams, To Do, Viva Insights
- Enterprise Mobility + Security services: Advanced Threat Analytics, Advanced Threat Protection, **Azure Active Directory**, Identity Manager, and Intune
- Windows services: activities, devices, notifications, Universal Print
- Dynamics 365 Business Central services



https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/graph/overview

This Is A Case Study

Using ADFS to compromise a signing key that can then be applied to Azure AD is a novel attack but the lessons learned from this attack need to be applied to monitoring and hunting in cloud environments

This example is Azure, but could apply to other environments as well

Our Environment

Windows Server 2022 Active Directory running ADFS

- At scale, these would likely be different systems and potentially many systems
- Multiple systems and users tied into Active Directory
- Azure AD Connect used to handle federation between AD and AAD
- Users would log into the ADFS portal to gain access to Azure cloud resources
- Followed Microsoft and other sites to properly configure ADFS (not easy!)

Special thanks to Roberto Rodriguez for his Simuland project to help understand the initial stages of this attack and how to emulate it with PowerShell!

API Feeds

Azure AD - Sign-in Audit Logs

Azure AD Audit - Directory Audits

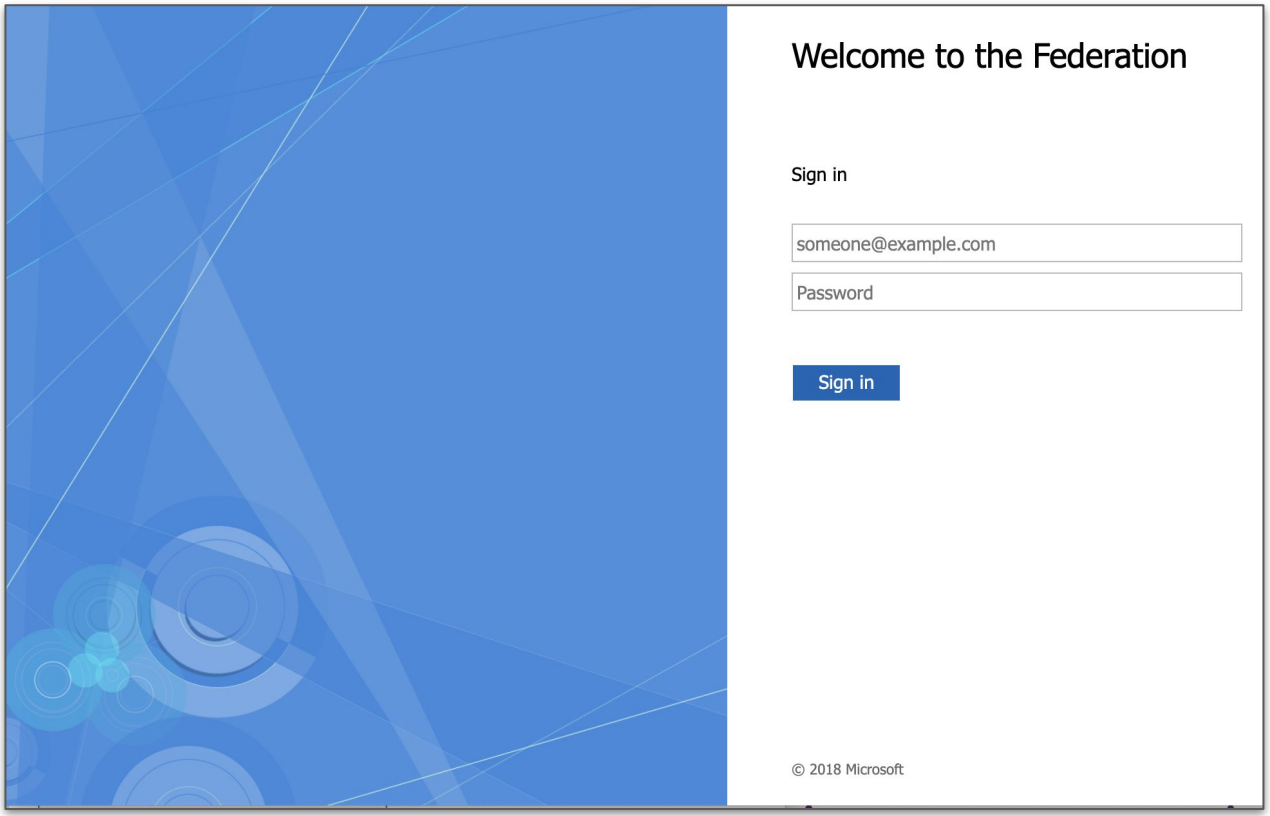
O365 - Azure AD Audit, SharePoint Audit, Exchange Audit, General Audit, DLP

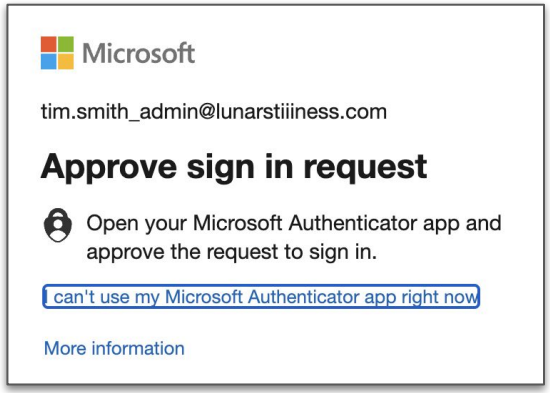
GraphAPI - Security Alerts

Potential Sources of Noise

- Azure AD Connect - Synchronization actions
- Security Compliance Center - Data Insights events were noisy - One useful alert

Typical Login to Azure via ADFS





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2023-03-18 14:01:59	USER_LOGIN tim.smith_admin@lunarstiiiness.com - mscloud > 108.44.242.211	AzureActiveDirectory	[Unknown] [Unknown] User login successful	[Unknown] [Unknown] [Unknown]	[Unknown] [Unknown] ALLOW	[Unknown]	Office 365	User Login - AzureActiveDirectory
2023-03-18 14:01:50	USER_LOGIN AUTH_VIOLATIC tim.smith_admin - 108.44.242.211	Azure Portal	Failed login occurred	This is an expected part of the login flow, where a user is asked if they want to remain signed into this browser to make further logins easier. For more details, see https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/Azure-Active-Directory/The-new-Azure-AD-sign-in-and-Keep-me-signed-in-experiences/td-p/128267	BLOCK	SSO	Azure AD	[Unknown]
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				Whatever you want!

Key Theft

Much of this attack could be local admin with ADFS service account

- “Classic” detections and monitoring all apply

Lots of good content is out there around defending the domain environment already and monitoring for attacks targeting ADFS

- BlackHat EU 2022: Writing Your Own Ticket to the Cloud Like APT: A Deep-dive to AD FS Attacks, Detections, and Mitigations - Nestori Syynimaa and Roberto Rodriguez
- New(er) Graph API Setting
    - “Enforcing Azure AD Multi-Factor Authentication every time assures that a compromised on-premises account cannot bypass Azure AD Multi-Factor Authentication by imitating that a multi factor authentication has already been performed by the identity provider, and is **highly recommended unless you perform MFA for your federated users using a third party MFA provider**.”

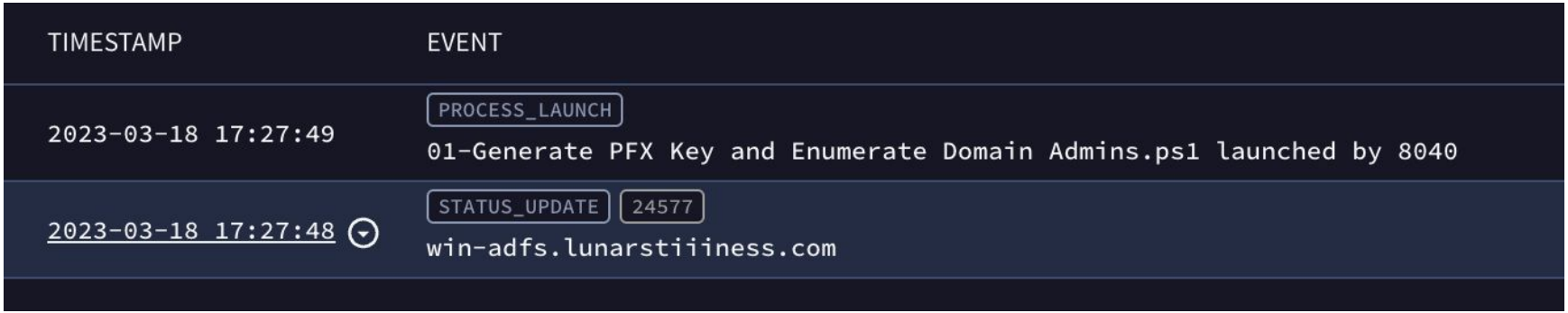
https://github.com/OTRF/BHEU22-ADFS

Visibility Into This Stage of the Attack

Used a PowerShell script to extract the ADFS Token Signing Certificate (pfx), enumerate the domain admins and object GUIDs for a later phase of attack

Possible opportunities for detection

- PowerShell Script block logs - Covenant C2 could prevented visibility
- File Creation or Exfiltration
- Local Pipe Creation to ADFS WID/SQL
- WMI and LDAP utilized; Audit Rules (SQL, **ADFS Key Read**)



However...

Once access is gained to the pfx key and it is exfiltrated to the adversary…

The Remainder of this Attack Uses An External System

Visibility will be limited to what is available in the cloud

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Creating Your Own SAML Key

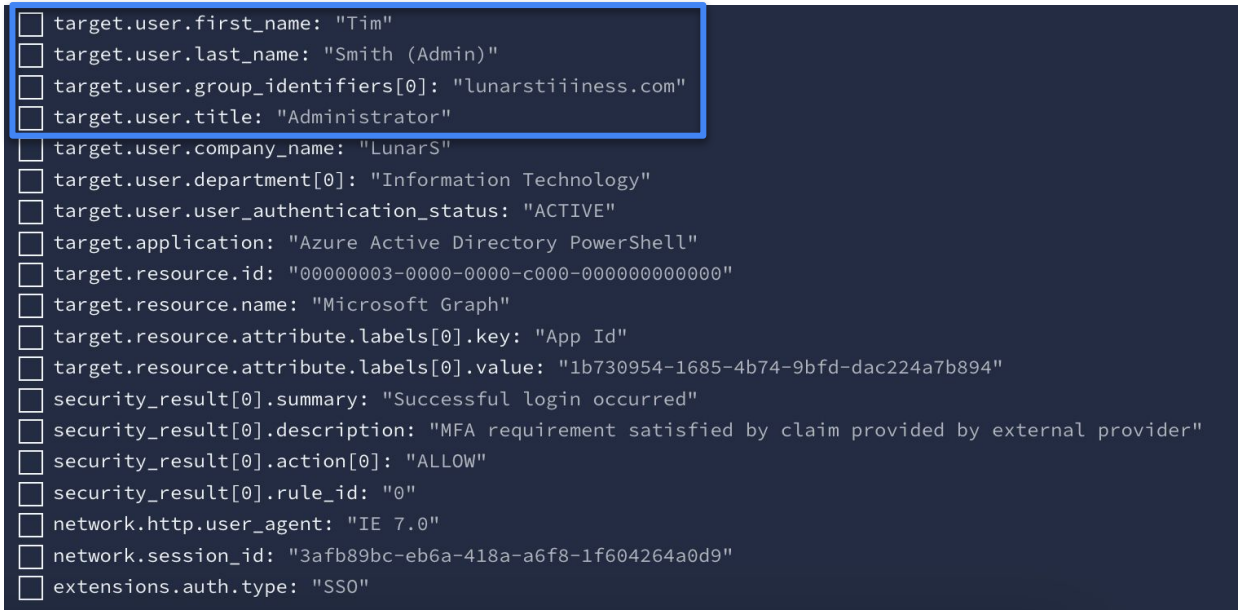
With exfiltrated signing cert from DC/ADFS, we can create our own SAML token

- TenantID
  - Use AAD Internals to get this ID
  - Example syntax: `Get-AADIntTenantID -Domain lunarstiiiness.com`
  - Not logged via Graph
- ObjectGUID
  - Collected when we wrote the pfx file
  - Listing of domain admins - **Can impersonate any of them**
- Certificate (pfx)
- Issuer
  - http://lunarstiiiness.com/adfs/services/trust/ - (`Get-ADFSProperties` at server)

Getting An Access Token

Encode our SAML token, build our http request and get an access token

Access token has 60-90 minute expiration (random)



If I Used A Different ObjectGUID...

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target.user.first_name: "Heather"
target.user.last_name: "Glenn (Admin)"
target.user.group_identifiers[0]: "lunarstiiiness.com"
target.user.title: "Administrator"
target.user.company_name: "LunarS"
target.user.department[0]: "Information Technology"
target.user.user_authentication_status: "ACTIVE"
target.application: "Azure Active Directory PowerShell"
target.resource.id: "00000003-0000-0000-c000-000000000000"
target.resource.name: "Microsoft Graph"
target.resource.attribute.labels[0].key: "App Id"
target.resource.attribute.labels[0].value: "1b730954-1685-4b74-9bfd-dac224a7b894"
security_result[0].summary: "Successful login occurred"
security_result[0].description: "MFA requirement satisfied by claim provided by external provider"
security_result[0].action[0]: "ALLOW"
security_result[0].rule_id: "0"
network.http.user_agent: "IE 7.0"
network.session_id: "5a87f4d8-9023-4a3b-9861-6608e8b9304c"
extensions.auth.type: "SSO"
```

SAML Token Creation

Activity Details: Sign-ins

Date	3/18/2023, 5:40:50 PM
Request ID	7f511d17-3353-4bdc-8c2d-f300619dbd00
Correlation ID	3afb89bc-eb6a-418a-a6f8-1f604264a0d9
Authentication requirement	Multifactor authentication
Status	Success
Continuous access evaluation	No
Additional Details	MFA requirement satisfied by claim provided by external provider
Troubleshoot Event	Follow these steps: Launch the Sign-in Diagnostic. 1. Review the diagnosis and act on suggested fixes.
User	Tim Smith (Admin)
Username	tim.smith_admin@lunarstiiiness.com
User ID	0784ad41-78df-41c9-b488-38b2ee872d45
Sign-in identifier	
User type	Member
Cross tenant access type	None
Application	Azure Active Directory PowerShell
Application ID	1b730954-1685-4b74-9bfd-dac224a7b894
Resource	Microsoft Graph
Resource ID	00000003-0000-0000-c000-000000000000
Resource tenant ID	
Home tenant ID	
Home tenant name	
Client app	Mobile Apps and Desktop clients
Client credential type	None
Service principal ID	
Service principal name	
Resource service principal ID	89f845ca-836f-49e0-af27-d97bd85aa9f8
Unique token identifier	Fx1Rf1Mz3EuMLfMAYZ29AA
Token issuer type	Azure AD
Token issuer name	
Incoming token type	SAML 1.1
Authentication Protocol	None
Latency	181ms
Flagged for review	No
User agent	Mozilla/4.0 (compatible; MSIE 7.0; Windows NT 10.0; WOW64; Trident/7.0; .NET4.0C; .NET4.0E; Tablet PC 2.0; BadGuyHere)

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  ActorIpAddress: 35.203.65.217
  ApplicationId: 1b730954-1685-4b74-9bfd-dac224a7b894
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  ErrorNumber: 0
  ExtendedProperties: [ [-]
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    }
    { [+]
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  ObjectId: 00000003-0000-0000-c000-000000000000
  Operation: UserLoggedIn
  OrganizationId:
  RecordType: 15
  ResultStatus: Success
  SupportTicketId:
  Target: [ [+]
  ]
  UserId: tim.smith_admin@lunarstiiiness.com
  UserType: 0
  Workload: AzureActiveDirectory
}
```

Things to Look For...

Azure Active Directory PowerShell application is a Azure app, should users be logging into this?

How frequently do we see these logins occurring? And from where?

Which users are using this application for login and what subsequent activities are we observing?

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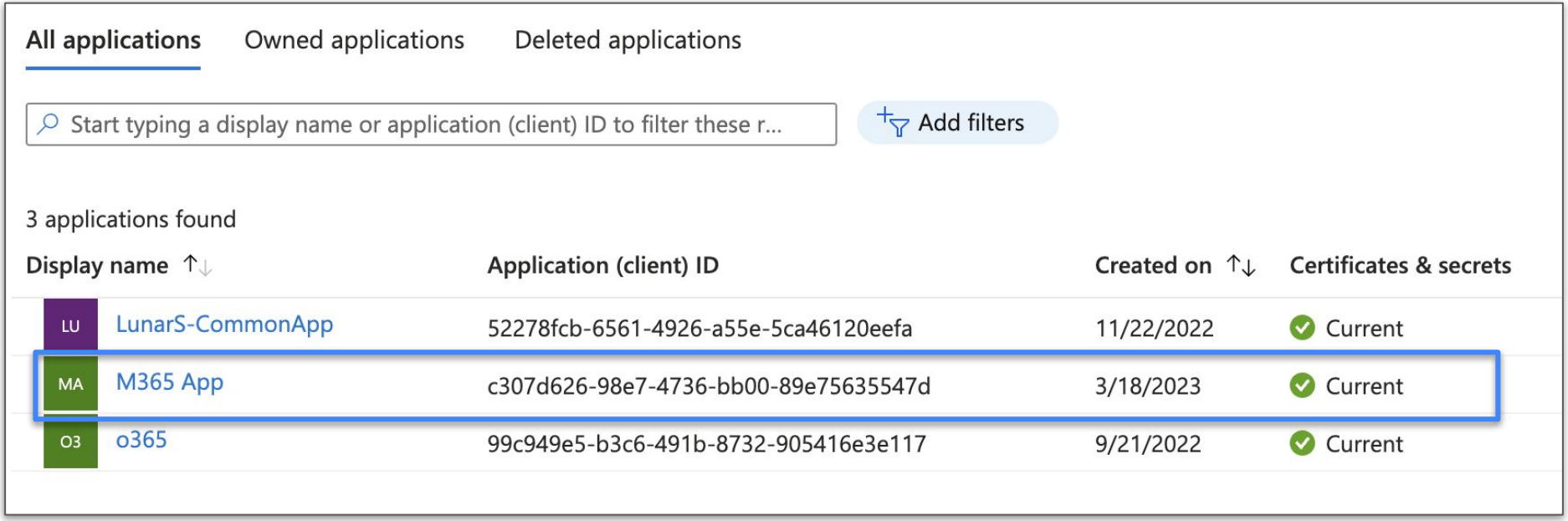
Setting Up Access

New Application Created



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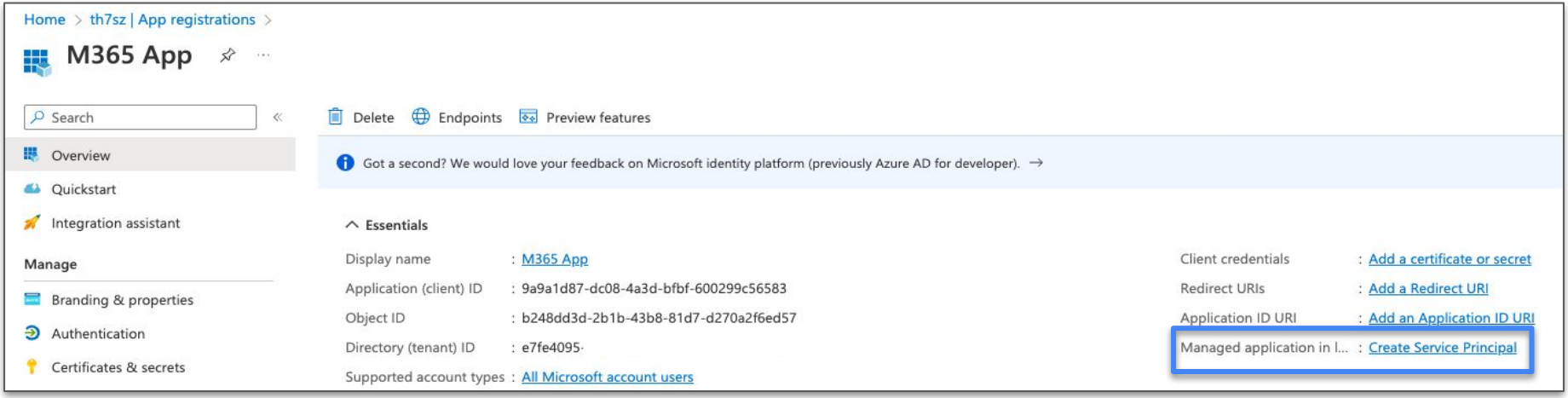
Create a Service Principal for the Application

Defines access policy and permissions in the tenant

- Provides authorization and authentication

Created automatically when the application is created in UI but not when programmatically created via GraphAPI

Could programmatically create at the same time as the application; would just need to grab the app id as it is created and flow it to your script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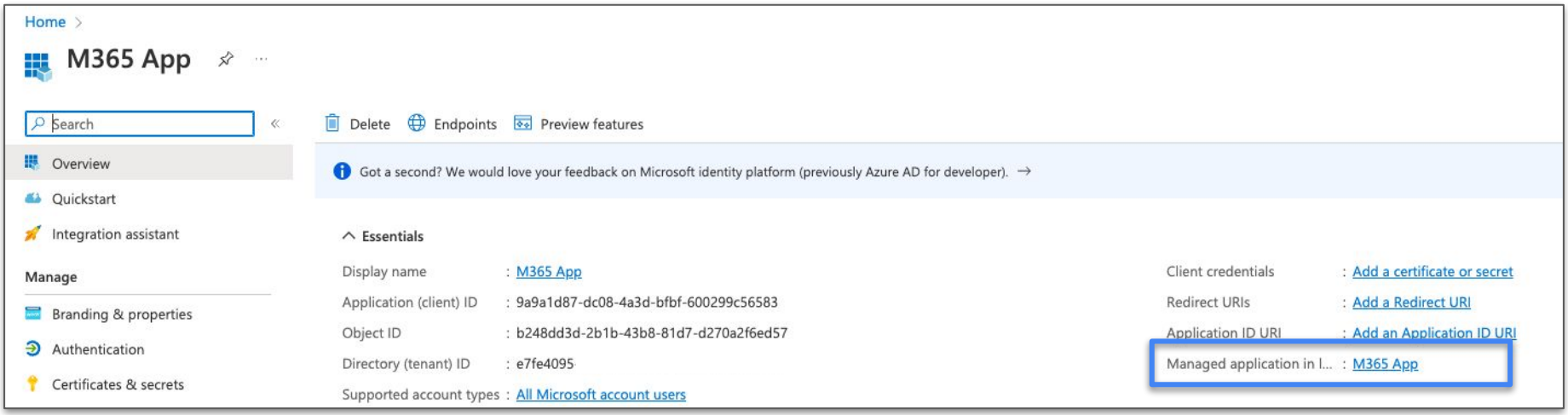
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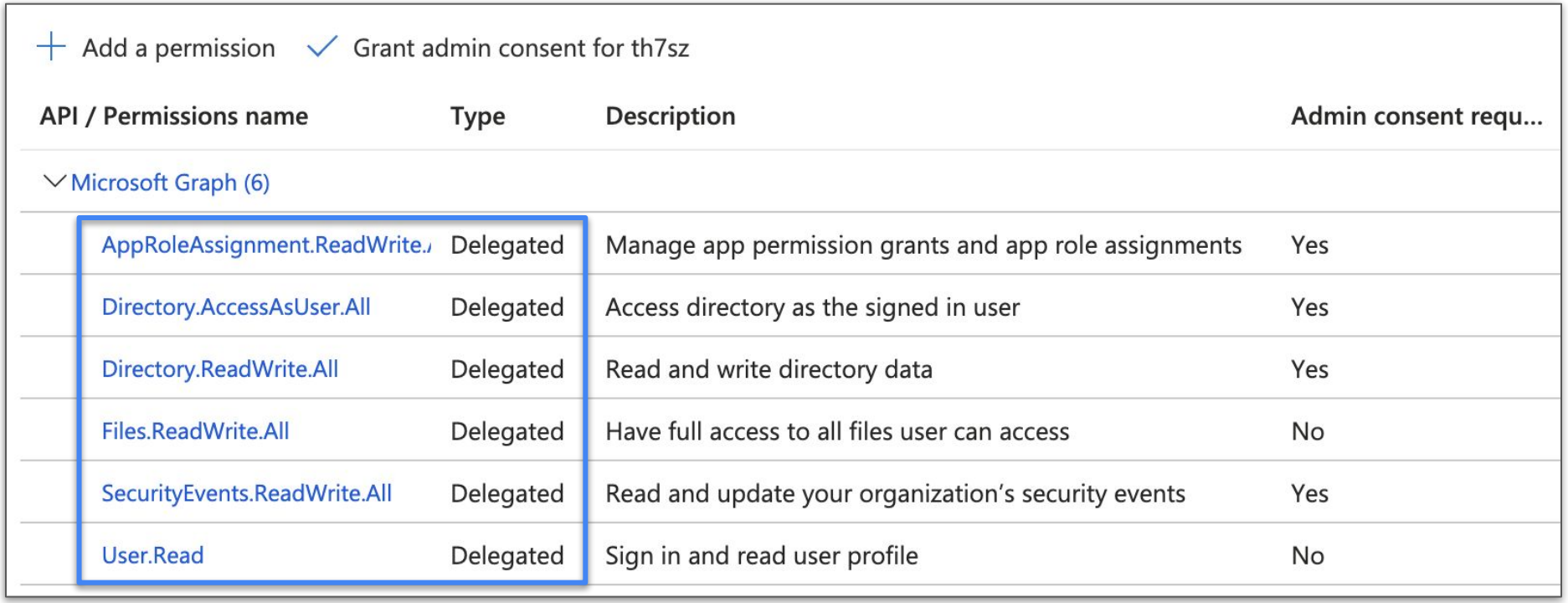
Apply Graph Permissions to Application



Applying Permissions to Graph - O365

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Permissions in the form of a GUID are available in this log stream

Applying Permissions to Graph - Azure AD Audit

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Permissions are stored as GUID

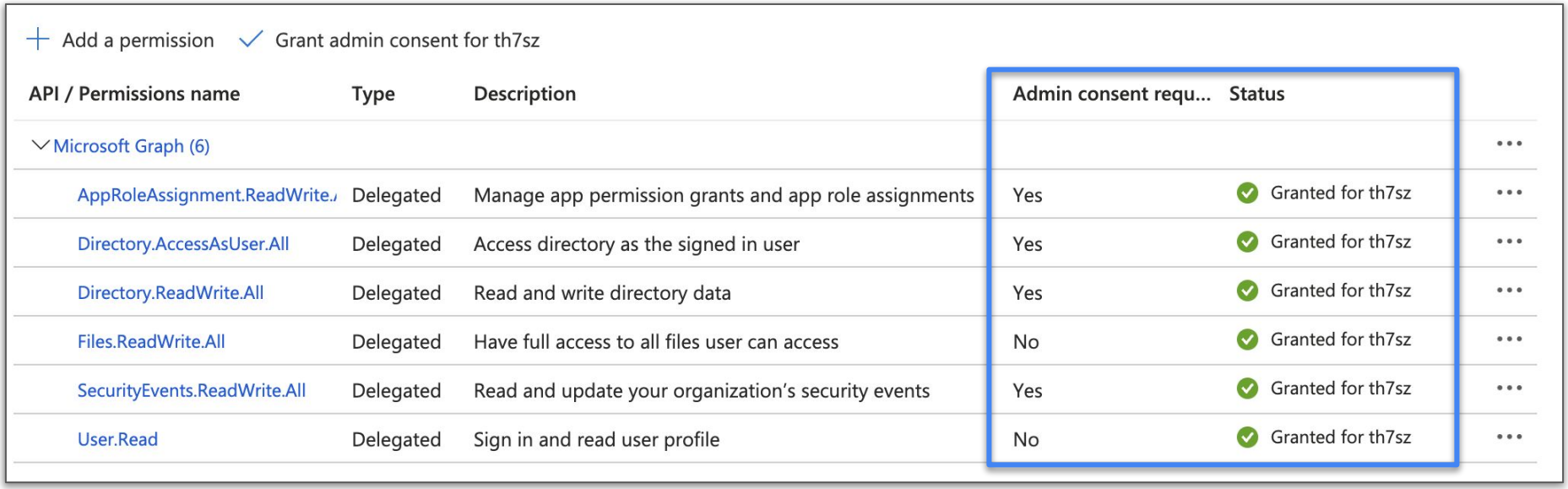
Can leverage reference like this one to perform a reference lookup for these GUIDs

https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/graph/permissions-reference

Add Admin Consent to Permissions

Grant application access to an API

Not all permissions required admin consent



Add Admin Consent to Permissions

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2023-03-18 21:49:58	USER_RESOURCE_UPDATE_PERMISSIONS tim.smith_admin@lunarstiiiness.com - unknown resource	AzureActiveDirectory	Office 365	Add delegated permission grant.	Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT; Windows NT 6.3; en-US) WindowsPowerShell/5.1.14409.1027","AppId":"00000003-0000-0000-c000-000000000000	delegated_permission_grant_scope_new extendedAuditEventCategory AzureActiveDirectoryEventType InterSystemsId IntraSystemId	User.Read Files.ReadWrite.All Directory.AccessAsUser.All Directory.ReadWrite.All SecurityEvents.ReadWrite.All AppRoleAssignment.ReadWrite.All ServicePrincipal 1 - Azure application security event. f0297177-0256-4eba-a9ef-00dd22e10877 f37fd6e7-fca0-48d1-8cd7-a26811995e4a

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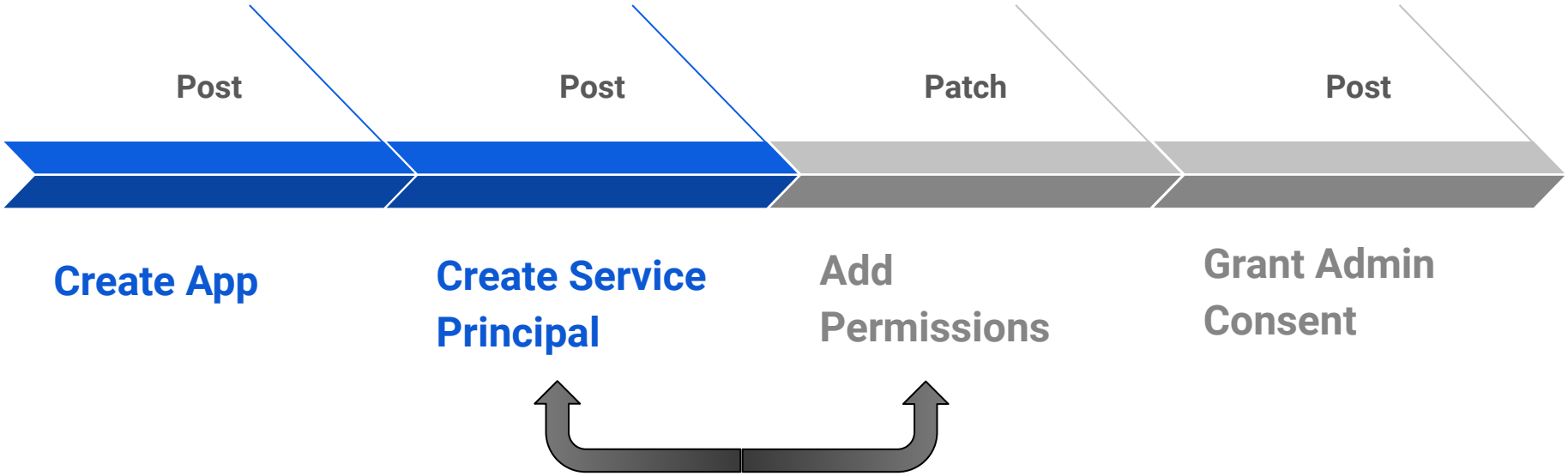
2023-03-18 21:49:58	STATUS_UPDATE 20.190.139.170	Core Directory	Azure AD Directory Audit	Add delegated permission grant	Microsoft Graph	DelegatedPermissionGrant.Scope DelegatedPermissionGrant.ConsentType ServicePrincipal.ObjectID TargetId.ServicePrincipalNames	User.Read Files.ReadWrite.All Directory.AccessAsUser.All Direc SecurityEvents.ReadWrite.All AppRoleAssignment.ReadWrite.All AllPrincipals 9bb7f3ee-3120-4194-8608-ecf601ac95c9 00000003-0000-0000-c000-000000000000/ags.windows.net;00000003-000000000000;https://canary.graph.microsoft.com;https://graph.s://ags.windows.net;https://graph.microsoft.us;https://graph.ms://dod-graph.microsoft.us;https://canary.graph.microsoft.com/;https://s/;https://dod-graph.microsoft.us/

Setting Up Access



No visibility into enumeration or other actions requiring a Get from the GraphAPI

Things to Look For...

Application creation

- How often are apps created in Azure?
- Can't count on the app being created because an existing one could be leveraged
- Enumeration of those apps isn't logged

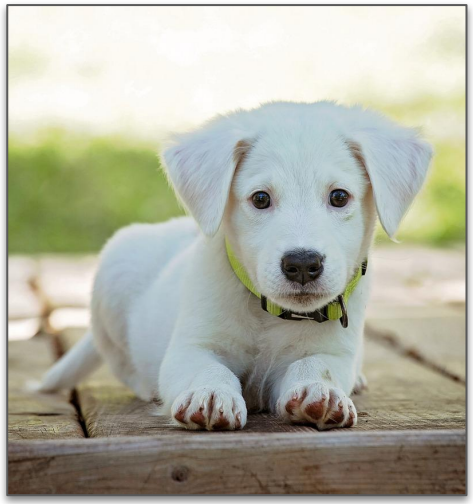
Service Principal creation is to be expected, perhaps a delay might suggest command line v UI

Permission assignment

- Possibly one of the better places to monitor
- List of GUIDs exist
- Maybe look at the frequency they get assigned, by whom, from where
- Greedy permission grab or coming back for more and more

Delegated Permission Grant (Admin Consent)

- Focus on the permissions being asked to get admin consent and by which apps, by whom and when and where
- Watchlist is a good way to work with these
- Azure AD Audit & O365 have these permissions in words v GUID



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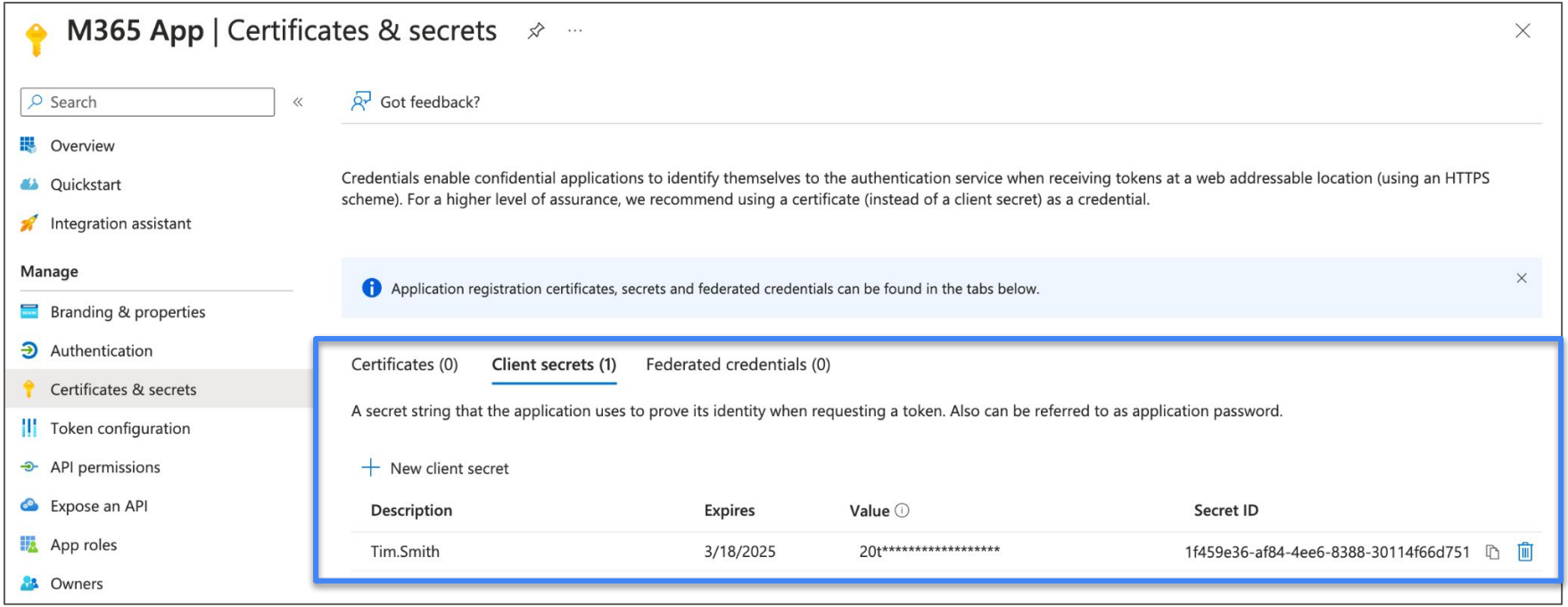
				Whatever you want!

Create a Client Secret That Could Be Used Later



Create a Client Secret - O365

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2023-03-18 21:53:16	USER_RESOURCE_UPDATE_CONTENT tim.smith_admin@lunarstiiiness.com - unknown resource	AzureActiveDirectory	Office 365	Update application - Certificates and secrets management	M365 App c307d626-98e7-4736-bb00-89e75635547d tim.smith_admin@lunarstiiiness.com 10032002333B5A86 User_0784ad41-78df-41c9-b488-38b2ee872d45 0784ad41-78df-41c9-b488-38b2ee872d45 User 8	Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT; Windows NT 6.3; en-US) WindowsPowerShell/5.1.14409.1027"; "AppId":"c307d626-98e7-4736-bb00-89e75635547d
2023-03-18 21:53:16	USER_RESOURCE_UPDATE_CONTENT tim.smith_admin@lunarstiiiness.com - unknown resource	AzureActiveDirectory	Office 365	Update application.	Application_2bac3a3e-7bb3-42ae-9597-14640e0a197d 2bac3a3e-7bb3-42ae-9597-14640e0a197d Application M365 App c307d626-98e7-4736-bb00-89e75635547d tim.smith_admin@lunarstiiiness.com 10032002333B5A86 User_0784ad41-78df-41c9-b488-38b2ee872d45 0784ad41-78df-41c9-b488-38b2ee872d45 User 8	Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT; Windows NT 6.3; en-US) WindowsPowerShell/5.1.14409.1027"; "AppId":"c307d626-98e7-4736-bb00-89e75635547d
2023-03-18 21:53:16	GENERIC_EVENT UPDATE SERVICE PRINCIPAL. Update service principal.	AzureActiveDirectory	Office 365	Update service principal.	ServicePrincipal_9bb7f3ee-3120-4194-8608-ecf601ac95c9 9bb7f3ee-3120-4194-8608-ecf601ac95c9 ServicePrincipal M365 App c307d626-98e7-4736-bb00-89e75635547d c307d626-98e7-4736-bb00-89e75635547d tim.smith_admin@lunarstiiiness.com	Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT; Windows NT 6.3; en-US) WindowsPowerShell/5.1.14409.1027"; "AppId":"c307d626-98e7-4736-bb00-

Create a Client Secret - Azure AD

TIMESTAMP	EVENT	TARGET.APPLICATION	METADATA.PRODUCT_NAME	METADATA.DESCRIPTION	TARGET.RESOUR...	TARGET.RESOURCE.ATTRIBUTE.LA...	TARGET.RESOURCE.ATTRIBUTE.LABELS.VALUE
2023-03-18 21:53:16	STATUS_UPDATE 20.190.139.169	Core Directory	Azure AD Directory Audit	Update application	M365 App	[Unknown]	[Unknown]
2023-03-18 21:53:16	STATUS_UPDATE 20.190.139.169	Core Directory	Azure AD Directory Audit	Update application – Certificates and secrets management	M365 App	KeyDescription Included Updated Properties	KeyIdentifier=1f459e36-af84-4ee6-8388-30114f66d751,KeyType=Password,KeyUsage=Verify,Dis KeyDescription
2023-03-18 21:53:16	STATUS_UPDATE 20.190.139.169	Core Directory	Azure AD Directory Audit	Update service principal	M365 App	TargetId.ServicePrincipalName s	c307d626-98e7-4736-bb00-89e75635547d

Create A New Access Token for App

Why? Access tokens are good for between 60-90 minutes

Once access token expires, a new one must be created

TIMESTAMP	EVENT	METADATA.PR...	TARGET.APPLICATION	TARGET.RESOURCE.NAME	TARGET.RES...	TARGET.RESOURCE.ATT...	PRINCIPAL.APPLICATION	SECURITY_RESULT.SUMMARY
2023-03-18 21:40:50	USER_LOGIN tim.smith_admin - 35.203.	Azure AD	Azure Active Directory PowerShell	Microsoft Graph	App Id	1b730954-1685-4b74-9bfd-dac224a7b894	Mobile Apps and Desktop clients	Successful login occurred

Azure Active Directory PowerShell is a system exposed application

- Suspicious to see continual login events on this application
- AppId: 1b730954-1685-4b74-9bfd-dac224a7b894

https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/active-directory/develop/active-directory-configurable-token-lifetimes

Recharging My Token

(re)Create SAML Token

Encode SAML Token

Make sure your app GUID is correct

Create request using client secret

Get new access token

Easily scripted - Could create perpetual access with a task scheduler or similar

Access Token Logged Event

TIMESTAMP	EVENT	METADATA.PRODUCT_...
2023-03-18 21:54:31	USER_LOGIN tim.smith_admin - 35.203.[redacted].7	Azure AD

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target.application: "M365 App"
target.resource.id: "00000003-0000-0000-c000-000000000000"
target.resource.name: "Microsoft Graph"
target.resource.attribute.labels[0].key: "App Id"
target.resource.attribute.labels[0].value: "c307d626-98e7-4736-bb00-89e75635547d"
security_result[0].summary: "Successful login occurred"
security_result[0].description: "MFA requirement satisfied by claim provided by external provider"
security_result[0].action[0]: "ALLOW"
security_result[0].rule_id: "0"
network.http.user_agent: "IE 7.0"
network.session_id: "e2c01cb1-b47e-4c61-8c47-e0ee7af9fb58"
extensions.auth.type: "SSO"
```

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target.application: "Azure Active Directory PowerShell"
target.resource.id: "00000003-0000-0000-c000-000000000000"
target.resource.name: "Microsoft Graph"
target.resource.attribute.labels[0].key: "App Id"
target.resource.attribute.labels[0].value: "1b730954-1685-4b74-9bfd-dac224a7b894"
security_result[0].summary: "Successful login occurred"
security_result[0].description: "MFA requirement satisfied by claim provided by external provider"
security_result[0].action[0]: "ALLOW"
security_result[0].rule_id: "0"
network.http.user_agent: "IE 7.0"
network.session_id: "3afb89bc-eb6a-418a-a6f8-1f604264a0d9"
extensions.auth.type: "SSO"
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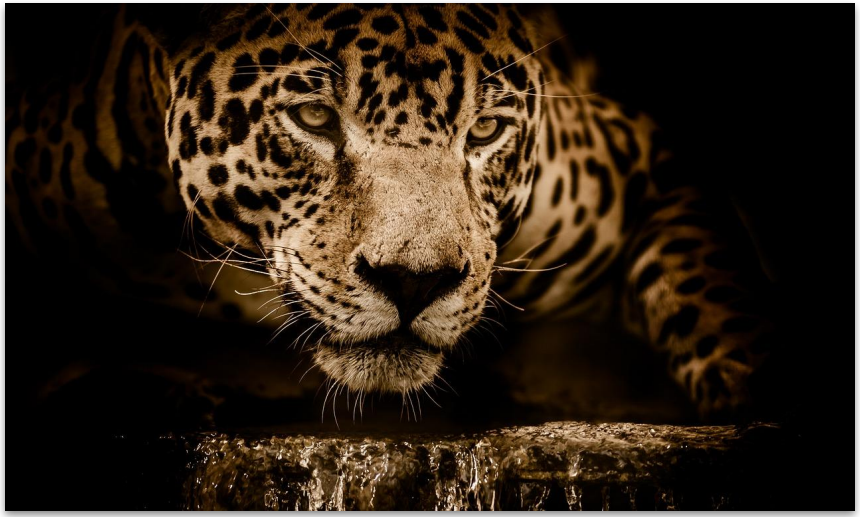
Things to Look For...

Do we need client secrets in our apps?

- Some may but others may provide alternatives
- What are the expirations on those secrets?

If you continually see Azure AD PowerShell app logins, look into it!

Baseline and understand login activities to other apps as well



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Enumerate Users

No visibility into this…

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PS C:\Windows\system32> C:\Users\admin\Desktop\Scripts\D-DoThings\20-EnumerateUsersInDomain.ps1

displayName                                                userPrincipalName                                  id
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John S                                                     admin-101@[redacted].onmicrosoft.com               9d8a0bf2-8a21-
admin                                                      admin@lunarstiiiness.com                           db46c9aa-293c-
Alex Wilber                                                AlexW@[redacted].onmicrosoft.com                   1872a880-82f9-
Alice Shepherd                                             Alice.Shepherd@lunarstiiiness.com                  8ae3dc46-d059-
Andrew Quick                                               aquick@lunarstiiiness.com                          25a4840e-eda8-
Chris Lovell                                               Chris.Lovell@lunarstiiiness.com                    1514cecf-e6ca-
Dan Cooper                                                 Dan.Cooper@lunarstiiiness.com                      d3eb2cfd-1c4f-
Grady Archie                                               GradyA@[redacted]onmicrosoft.com                   9cde527d-66f8-
Heather Glenn (User)                                       Heather.Glenn@lunarstiiiness.com                   fe3e08bf-c95c-
Heather Glenn (Admin)                                      heather.glenn_admin@lunarstiiiness.com             5536b279-3d74-
Henrietta Mueller                                          HenriettaM@[redacted].onmicrosoft.com              f92bac10-7a93-
Isaiah Langer                                              IsaiahL@[redacted]onmicrosoft.com                  b71c497f-5d3c-
Jim Armstrong                                              Jim.Armstrong@lunarstiiiness.com                   476378aa-359d-
Michelle Wright                                            Michelle.Wright@lunarstiiiness.com                 316363aa-3edf-
Phil Aldrin                                                Phil.Aldrin@lunarstiiiness.com                     1e258620-9cd4-
Robert Yeager                                              Robert.Yeager@lunarstiiiness.com                   9dbede05-d7f9-
Stephanie Young                                            Stephanie.Young@lunarstiiiness.com                 50b89660-88c2-
On-Premises Directory Synchronization Service Account      Sync_WIN-ADFS_faeb54d7a0af@[redacted].onmicrosoft.com fa7908a9-529b-
Tim Smith (User)                                           tim.smith@lunarstiiiness.com                       b6113cd0-35d2-
Tim Smith (Admin)                                          tim.smith_admin@lunarstiiiness.com                 0784ad41-78df-
William Ride                                               William.Ride@lunarstiiiness.com                    f65d4292-4442-
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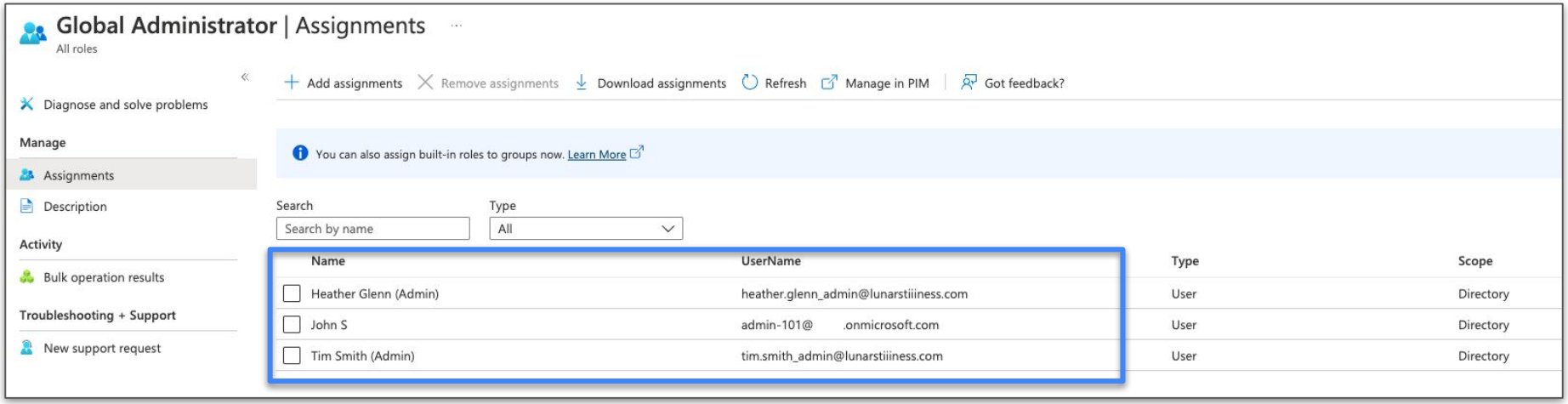
Enumerate Global Tenant Admins

The role id is a known value - 62e90394-69f5-4237-9190-012177145e10

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PS C:\Windows\system32> C:\Users\admin\Desktop\Scripts\D-DoThings\21-EnumerateGlobalAdmins.ps1

displayName           userPrincipalName
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John S                admin-101@        onmicrosoft.com
Tim Smith (Admin)     tim.smith_admin@lunarstiiiness.com
Heather Glenn (Admin) heather.glenn_admin@lunarstiiiness.com
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Add Global Admin Role to Existing User

TIMESTAMP	EVENT	TARGET.APPL...	METADATA.P...	NETWORK.HTTP.USER_A...	PRINCIPAL.USER.US...	TARGET.USER.USERID	TARGET.RESOU...	TARGET.RESOURCE.ATTRIBUTE.LA...	TARGET.RESOURCE.ATTRIBUTE
2023-03-24 00:47:18	USER_UNCATEGORIZED ADD MEMBER TO ROLE. tim.smith_admin@lunarstiiiness.com	AzureActiveDirectory	Add member to role.	Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT; Windows NT 6.3; en-US) WindowsPowerShell/5.1.14409.1027	tim.smith_admin@lunarstiiiness.com	Michelle.Wright@lunarstiiiness.com	Global Administrator	Role_TemplateId_New extendedAuditEventCategory AzureActiveDirectoryEventType InterSystemsId IntraSystemId	62e90394-69f5-4237-9190- Role 1 - Azure application se 8b9f14fc-3fda-4438-bbc7- e4105150-3d4b-4792-953f-
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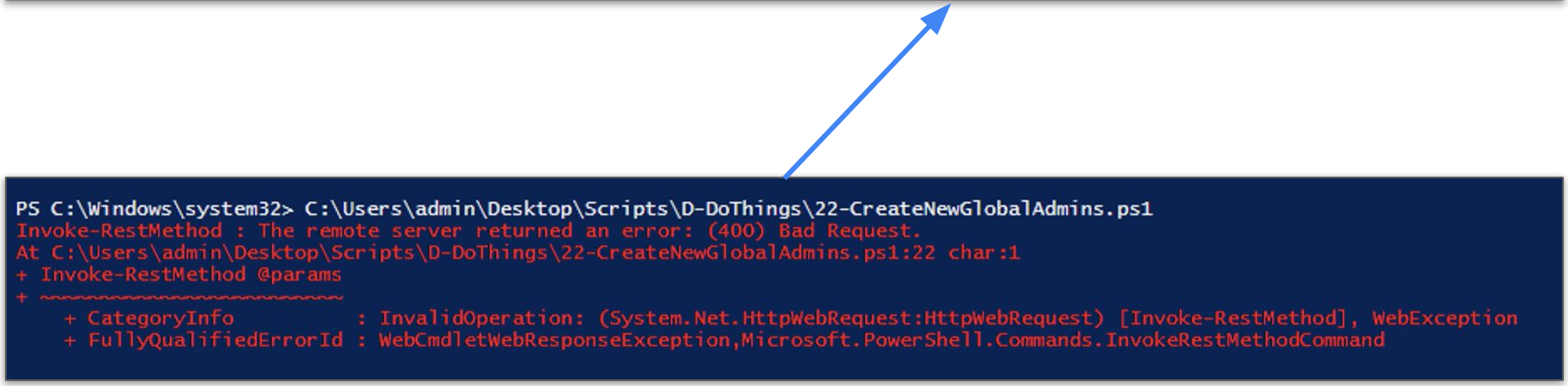

Global Admin List

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Robert Yeager         Robert.Yeager@lunarstiiiness.com     9dbede05-d7f9-4c02-
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Michelle Wright       Michelle.Wright@lunarstiiiness.com   316363aa-3edf-4319-
Phil Aldrin           Phil.Aldrin@lunarstiiiness.com       1e258620-9cd4-4aeb-
William Ride          William.Ride@lunarstiiiness.com      f65d4292-4442-460a-
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Global Administrator | Assignments

All roles

Diagnose and solve problems

Manage

Assignments

Description

Activity

Bulk operation results

Troubleshooting + Support

New support request

Add assignments | Remove assignments | Download

You currently exceed the recommended number of Global admin

You can also assign built-in roles to groups now. Learn More

Search: Search by name

Type: All

Name	UserName	Type	Scope
Heather Glenn (Admin)	heather.glenn_admin@lunarstiiiness.com	User	Directory
John S	admin-101@ .onmicrosoft.com	User	Directory
Michelle Wright	Michelle.Wright@lunarstiiiness.com	User	Directory
Phil Aldrin	Phil.Aldrin@lunarstiiiness.com	User	Directory
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Tim Smith (Admin)	tim.smith_admin@lunarstiiiness.com	User	Directory
William Ride	William.Ride@lunarstiiiness.com	User	Directory

Things to Look For...

Enumeration activities are NOT logged

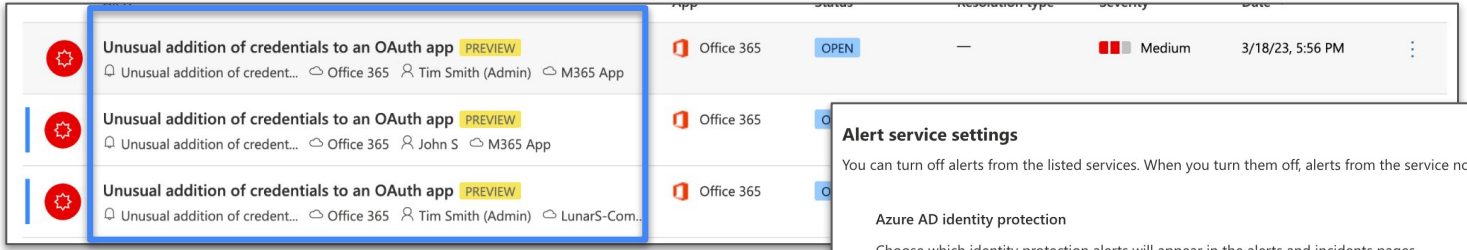
Roles have known GUIDs

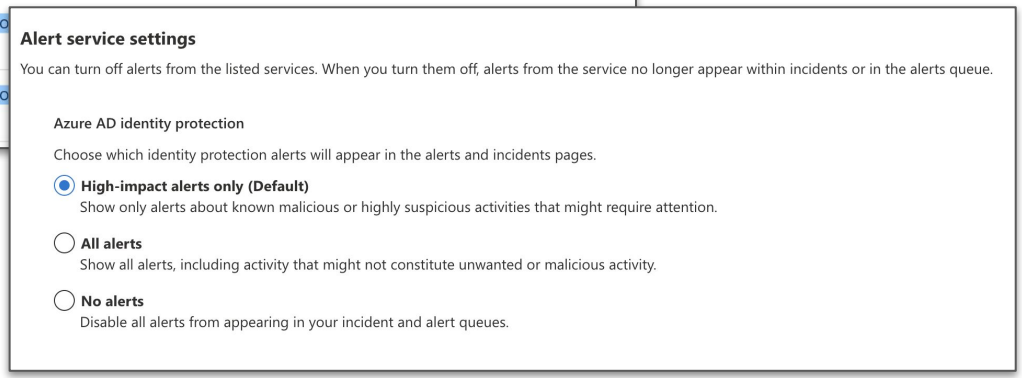
- Identify the roles of greatest interest and monitor them!

So many endpoints within the graph to monitor for, we only got to the admin role but lots more there

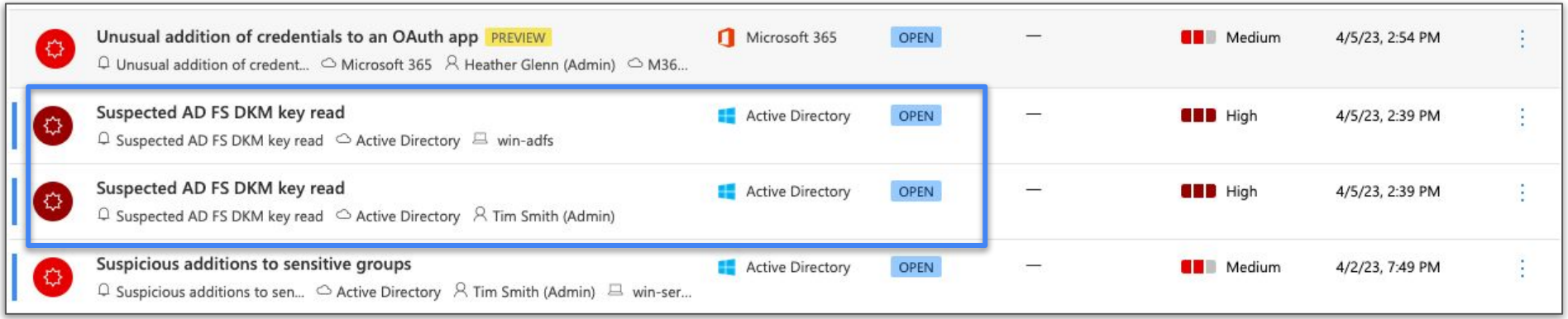
Graph API Alerts - Microsoft 365 Cloud Access Security

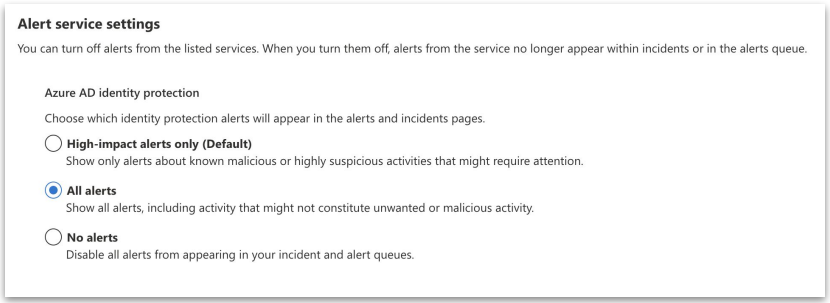
TIMESTAMP	EVENT	TARGET.APPLICATION	METADATA.PRODUCT_NAME	METADATA.DESCRIPTION	TARGET.USER.USER_DISPLA...	ABOUT.URL
2023-03-18 22:20:18	USER_RESOURCE_ACCESS tim.smith_admin - unknown resource	Office 365	MCAS	The user Tim Smith (Admin) (tim.smith_admin@lunarstiiiness.com) performed an unusual addition of credentials to the application M365 App. This usage pattern may indicate that an attacker has compromised the app, and is using it to spread phishing, exfiltrate data, or to gain access to other accounts and devices. The user added a credential of type Password. A credential of type Password is added when an application is using a password to authenticate.	tim.smith_admin	https://[redacted].portal.c licy/?id=eq(637be5b128 https://th7sz.portal.c erts/64163920639cf2305





Same Attack / Different Filters





What Else Could I Do?

Enumerate Users/Global Admins and Add/Modify/Delete users in those groups

Create/Update a cloud user

- Users generally are created in AD and synced to Azure AD

List/Create/Update/Delete contacts/calendar of signed in user

Read/Create mail messages

Modify Mail Rules

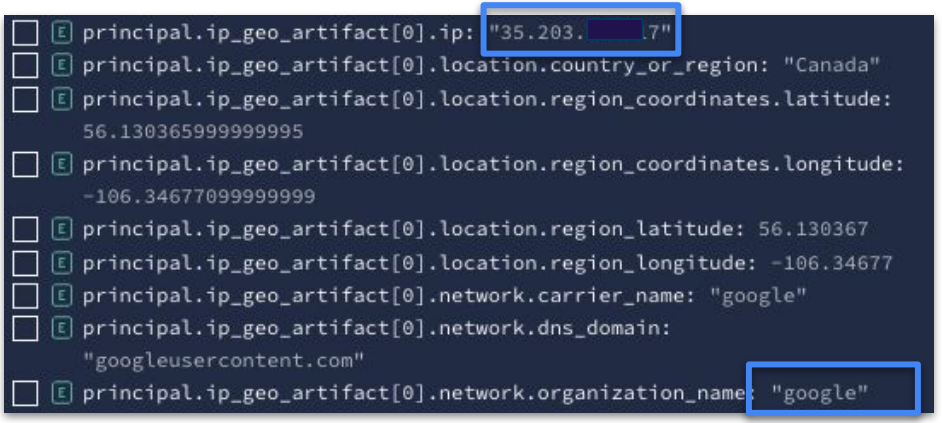
Security Alerts

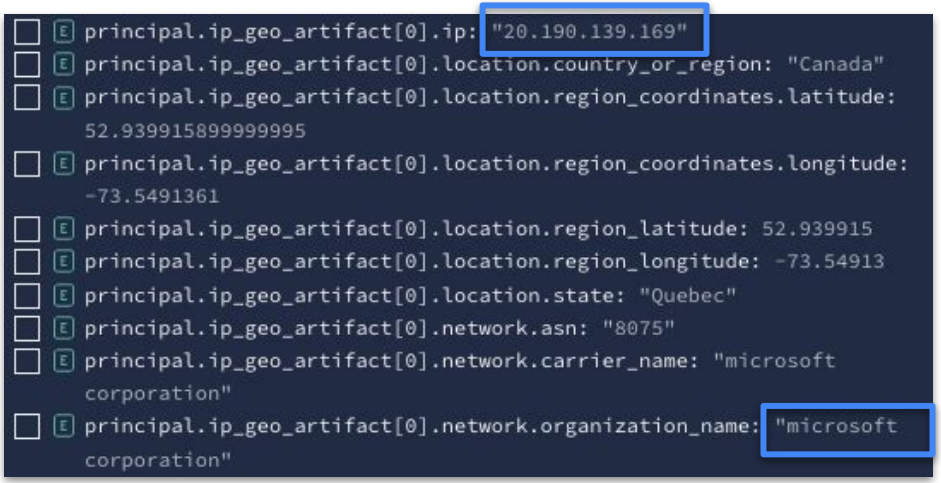
IP Addressing - Azure AD

Azure AD (Sign-ins) will display user IP address

Azure AD Directory Audit is displaying Microsoft Azure IP address

- Appears to be near my adversary location (which is in GCP)
- Changed address from .169 to .170 and back during config

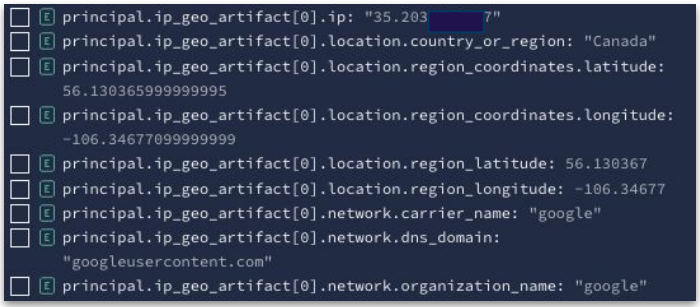




IP Addressing - O365

Office 365 events generally don't have IP addresses

- UserLoggedIn is an exception



Even a threat alert doesn't include where the behavior is originating from

Would need to pivot into the MS Defender for Cloud Apps to get Activity Log to find that IP mentioned

RAW LOG (SOURCE: OFFICE 365) GO TO PARSER EXTENSION

View as: JSON Wrap Text


```
{
  "AlertId": "b28b1ce9-3ae8-5d25-6800-08db27fee9c1",
  "AlertLinks": [
    {
      "AlertLinkHref": ""
    }
  ],
  "AlertType": "System",
  "Category": "ThreatManagement",
  "Comments": "New alert",
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user Tim Smith (Admin) (tim.smith_admin@lunarstiiiness.com) performed an u
nusual addition of credentials to the application M365 App. This usage pat
tern may indicate that an attacker has compromised the app, and is using i
t to spread phishing, exfiltrate data, or to gain access to other accounts
and devices. The user added a credential of type Password. A credential of
type Password is added when an application is using a password to authenti
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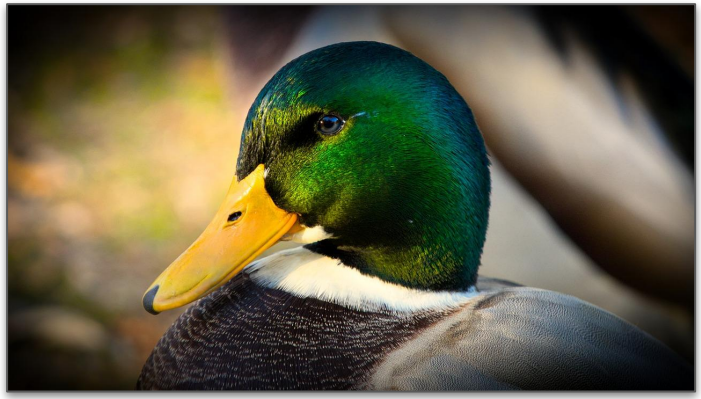
Observations



As security practitioners, we are accustomed to having CRUD

- In this case we have DUC, no reads

The big stuff is logged

- Surprised to see contacts and calendar events and emails being created all in the GraphAPI

An adversary could use their own environment to test and script the GraphAPI calls using their choice of languages

The stumbles and hiccups and recon that we see in on-premise environments aren't there for analysts to leverage

Monitoring and hunting for this kind of attack requires particular attention because when they occur, they could be lightning quick

- Once initial access is gained, the mining of data won't be logged for an analyst to use

This also makes damage assessments difficult, the assumption must be that everything is compromised at that point

Additional Reading

Solorigate
https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/security/blog/2020/12/18/analyzing-solorigate-the-compromised-dll-file-that-started-a-sophisticated-cyberattack-and-how-microsoft-defender-helps-protect/

Remediation and Hardening Strategies for Microsoft 365 to Defend Against UNC2452
https://www.mandiant.com/resources/blog/remediation-and-hardening-strategies-for-microsoft-365-to-defend-against-unc2452

Best practice for securing and monitoring the AD FS trust with Azure AD
https://learn.microsoft.com/en-us/windows-server/identity/ad-fs/deployment/best-practices-securing-ad-fs#best-practice-for-securing-and-monitoring-the-ad-fs-trust-with-azure-ad

AAD Internals
https://aadinternals.com/aadinternals/#introduction

Remediation and Hardening Strategies for Microsoft 365 to Defend Against APT29 (v1.3)
https://www.mandiant.com/media/17656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