



# Azure AD Workbooks

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# The importance of using the Azure AD Workbook to help see common attack patterns

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Sign in to the  
**Azure portal.**

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Navigate to **Azure Active Directory > Monitoring > Workbooks**

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In the Troubleshoot section,  
open the **Sensitive Operations Report**

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Modified application and  
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## Modified Application and Service Principal Credentials/Authentication Methods

Applications and service principals can have multiple authentication methods that are simultaneously valid. It's important to monitor updates to your service principal authentication methods in case bad actors are adding new rogue credentials to allow themselves to authenticate as that service principal.

TimeRange: Last 60 days Operation name: All Credential: All Actor: All Exclude actor: None

### Number of application and service principals updated by authentication method (Last 60 days)

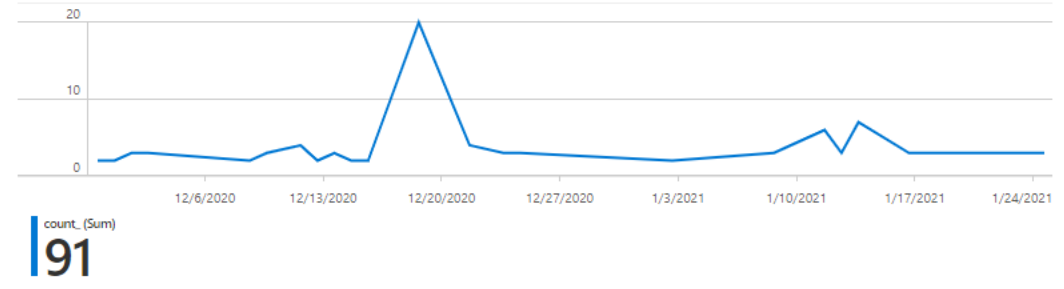


### Top actors updating authentication methods (Last 60 days)

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| Actor                      | Actor_Type | ServicePrincipalsChanged |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Managed Service Identity   | App        | 12                       |
| jeffs@woodgrove.ms         | User       | 3                        |
| joeyc@woodgrove.ms         | User       | 3                        |
| Azure AD Application Proxy | App        | 2                        |
| Domain Controller Services | App        | 1                        |
| Azure ESTS Service         | App        | 1                        |

### Updates to service principal authentication methods over time



### Recent updates to application/service principal authentication methods

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| TimeGenerated         | OperationName                     | Actor                    | Actor_Type | Service_Principal_Name | credential         | Service_Principal_ID         |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| 1/25/2021, 2:03:34 AM | Add service principal credentials | Managed Service Identity | App        | woodgrovechecklist     | Other/not logged   | 1af2f52c-f74f-4a86-8eec-d... |
| 1/25/2021, 2:03:34 AM | Add service principal credentials | Managed Service Identity | App        | woodgrovechecklist     | AsymmetricX509Cert | 1af2f52c-f74f-4a86-8eec-d... |
| 1/25/2021, 2:03:34 AM | Add service principal credentials | Managed Service Identity | App        | woodgrovechecklist     | Other/not logged   | 1af2f52c-f74f-4a86-8eec-d... |
| 1/24/2021, 1:03:46 PM | Add service principal credentials | Managed Service Identity | App        | woodgrove-app          | Other/not logged   | dcfce8f2-17b4-4139-8d97-     |

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# Modified application and service credentials and authentication methods

All new credentials added to apps and service principals, including the credential type

Top actors and the amount of credentials modifications they performed

A timeline for all credential changes

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## Modified federation settings

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- Modified application and service principal credentials/authentication methods
- New permissions granted to service principals
- Directory role and group membership updates to service principals

## Modified federation settings

This section monitors when a user or application modifies the federation settings on the domain. For example, this alert will trigger when a new Active Directory Federated Service (ADFS) TrustedRealm object, such as a signing certificate, is added to the domain. Modification to domain federation settings should be rare. Confirm the added or modified target domain/URL is legitimate administrator behavior.

- To understand why an authorized user may update settings for a federated domain in Office 365, Azure, or Intune, see: <https://docs.microsoft.com/office365/troubleshoot/active-directory/update-federated-domain-office-365>.
- For details on security realms that accept security tokens, see the ADFS Proxy Protocol (MS-ADFSPP) specification: [https://docs.microsoft.com/openspecs/windows\\_protocols/ms-adsfpp/e7b9ea73-1980-4318-96a6-da559486664b](https://docs.microsoft.com/openspecs/windows_protocols/ms-adsfpp/e7b9ea73-1980-4318-96a6-da559486664b).

TimeRange: Last 60 days Operation: All InitiatingUserOrApp: All

| TimeGenerated          | OperationName                     | InitiatingUserOrApp | AADOperationType | targetDisplayName | TargetResources   | Result  | UserAgent                     |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|---|---------|-------------------------------|
| 12/18/2020, 8:59:57 PM | Set federation settings on domain | jeffs@woodgrove.ms  | Update           | woodgrove.net     | [{"displayName":"woodgrove.net","administrativeUnits":[]},... | success |                               |
| 12/7/2020, 3:37:54 PM  | Add verified domain               | joeyc@woodgrove.ms  | Add              | Unknown           | [{"displayName":"Unknown","administrativeUnits":[],"mod...    | failure | Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10... |
| 12/7/2020, 3:12:05 PM  | Add verified domain               | joeyc@woodgrove.ms  | Add              | Unknown           | [{"displayName":"Unknown","administrativeUnits":[],"mod...    | failure | Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10... |
| 12/7/2020, 3:11:40 PM  | Add unverified domain             | joeyc@woodgrove.ms  | Add              | pre2.woodrove.ms  | [{"displayName":"pre2.woodrove.ms","administrativeUnits...    | success | Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10... |
| 12/7/2020, 3:10:58 PM  | Add verified domain               | joeyc@woodgrove.ms  | Add              | Unknown           | [{"displayName":"Unknown","administrativeUnits":[],"mod...    | failure | Mozilla/5.0 (Windows NT 10... |



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## Modified federation settings

Changes performed to existing domain federation trusts

Addition of new domains and trusts



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New permissions granted  
to service principals

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## New permissions granted to service principals

This section monitors for changes to OAuth 2.0 permissions granted to Service Principals. For example, this alert will trigger when a Service Principal is granted Application (AppOnly) permissions to read mail through the Microsoft Graph API. When this occurs, the Service Principal is added to an App Role with a value of Mail.Read.

An attacker could elevate their privileges by using a compromised account to grant new permissions to a Service Principal they control, or by tricking a user into granting permissions. Investigations should focus on high privilege permissions that either grant access to sensitive data, or represent opportunities for lateral movement by attackers.

The first view in this section focuses specifically on Application permissions, which generally (but not always) represent higher risk. The second view is broader- it includes Delegated (App+User) permissions grants and additional audit events.

TimeRange: Last 60 days ▼ ClientApp: All ▼ Resource: All ▼

### New Application (AppOnly) permissions added to service principals

| Resource                           | ↑↓ ClientApp     | ↑↓ Role_Added          | ↑↓ Explanation                         | ↑↓ InitiatingUserOrApp | ↑↓ TimeGenerated        | ↑↓ |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|--|------------------------|-------------------------|----|
| ▼ Office 365 Exchange Online (4)   |                  |                        |  |                        |                         |    |
| > "JeffTestCreds2" (4)             |                  |                        |  |                        |                         |    |
| ▼ Microsoft Graph (4)              |                  |                        |  |                        |                         |    |
| ▼ "JeffTestCreds2" (3)             |                  |                        |  |                        |                         |    |
|                                    | "JeffTestCreds2" | "Application.Read.All" | "Read all applications"                | jeffs@woodgrove.ms     | 12/20/2020, 1:54:46 PM  |    |
|                                    | "JeffTestCreds2" | "Mail.Send"            | "Send mail as any user"                | jeffs@woodgrove.ms     | 12/22/2020, 11:56:24 AM |    |
|                                    | "JeffTestCreds2" | "Mail.ReadWrite"       | "Read and write mail in all mailboxes" | jeffs@woodgrove.ms     | 12/22/2020, 11:56:24 AM |    |
| > "Mimorony AuthTS API" (1)        |                  |                        |  |                        |                         |    |
| ▼ Office 365 SharePoint Online (1) |                  |                        |  |                        |                         |    |
| > "JeffTestCreds2" (1)             |                  |                        |  |                        |                         |    |

TimeRange: Last 48 hours ▼ Operation: All ▼ InitiatingUserOrApp: All ▼

### Recent app permissions activity

| TimeGenerated         | ↑↓ InitiatingUserOrApp | ↑↓ OperationName       | ↑↓ ClientApp | ↑↓ Resource | ↑↓ Result | ↑↓ |
|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|----|
| 1/26/2021, 4:25:23 PM | jerryw@woodgrove.ms    | Consent to application | CCE Test     | Not logged  | success   |    |

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## Overview of changes made to service principle memberships

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## Sensitive Operations Report - Apps, Service Principals and Federation Settings

Workspace: All ▼

This workbook is intended to help identify suspicious application and service principal activity that may indicate compromises in your environment. [Learn more](#) about best practices to protect M365 from attacks.

Modified application and service principal credentials/authentication methods

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### Directory role and group membership updates to service principals

This section monitors for Service Principals being as members of Directory Roles (admin roles) or Groups. For example, this alert will trigger when a Service Principal is added to the Company Administrator or Application Administrator role.

An attacker could elevate their privileges by adding a Service Principal they control to a high privileged role or a group that is used to protect access to sensitive resources. Investigations should focus on administrator rules and Groups that either grant access to sensitive data or represent opportunities for lateral movement by attackers.

TimeRange: Last 60 days ▼ Operation: Add member to role ^ InitiatingUserOrApp: All ▼

| TimeGenerated           | InitiatingUser | Items                       | ServicePrincipalDisplayName | GroupOrRoleNameAddedTo      |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 12/22/2020, 11:49:13 AM | jeffs@woo      | All                         | JeffTestCreds2              | "Application Administrator" |
| 12/22/2020, 11:52:28 AM | jeffs@woo      | Add member to role          | Risky App                   | "Global Administrator"      |
| 12/20/2020, 7:46:25 PM  | jeffs@woo      | Add eligible member to role | JeffTestCreds2              | "Security Operator"         |

Select

- All
- Add member to role
- Add eligible member to role
- Add scoped member to role
- Add member to group

Modified federation settings

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