

# Hunting for email forwarding rules compromise in Exchange

## Condition

- Email sender
  - From
  - FromAddressContainsWords
- Recipient
  - SentTo
  - SentOnlyToMe
  - RecipientAddressContainsWords
- Subject
  - SubjectContainsWords
  - SubjectOrBodyContainsWords
- Body
  - BodyContainsWords
  - SubjectOrBodyContainsWords
- Importance
  - WithImportance
- Size
  - WithinSizeRangeMinimum
  - WithinSizeRangeMaximum
- Attachment
  - HasAttachment

## Action

- Forward
  - ForwardTo
  - ForwardAsAttachmentTo
  - ForwardingSmtpAddress
  - ForwardingAddress
- Redirect
  - RedirectTo
- Copy
  - CopyToFolder
- Move
  - MoveToFolder
- Delete
  - SoftDeleteMessage
  - DeleteMessage
- Mark as read
  - MarkAsRead

Triggered only with command "Set-Mailbox"

## Destination

- Internal
  - Folder
    - Deleted items
    - RSS Feeds
    - Archived
    - Custom
  - Recipient
- External
  - External domain recipient

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## Source

- Exchange Web Services (EWS)
- Azure Graph
- Outlook client
- Exchange Management Shell (EMS)
- Exchange Online PowerShell
- Exchange Admin Center (EAC)
- Outlook Web Access (OWA)
- Outlook online

### API

### Desktop client

### PowerShell

### Web access

## Commands

- New-InboxRule
- UpdateInboxRules
- Set-InboxRule
- Set-Mailbox
- Remove-InboxRule
- Enable-InboxRule
- Disable-InboxRule

### Creation

### Creation & Update

### Update

### Delete

### Status

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Sources:  
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- Exchange PowerShell: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/powershell/module/exchange/?view=exchange-ps>  
- Exchange EWS rules: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/exchange/client-developer/exchange-web-services/how-to-manage-inbox-rules-by-using-ews-in-exchange>  
- Azure Graph API rules: <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/graph/api/mailfolder-post-messagerules?view=graph-rest-1.0&tabs=http>

## Rule manipulation sources

EWS