

# Introduction to Microsoft Sentinel

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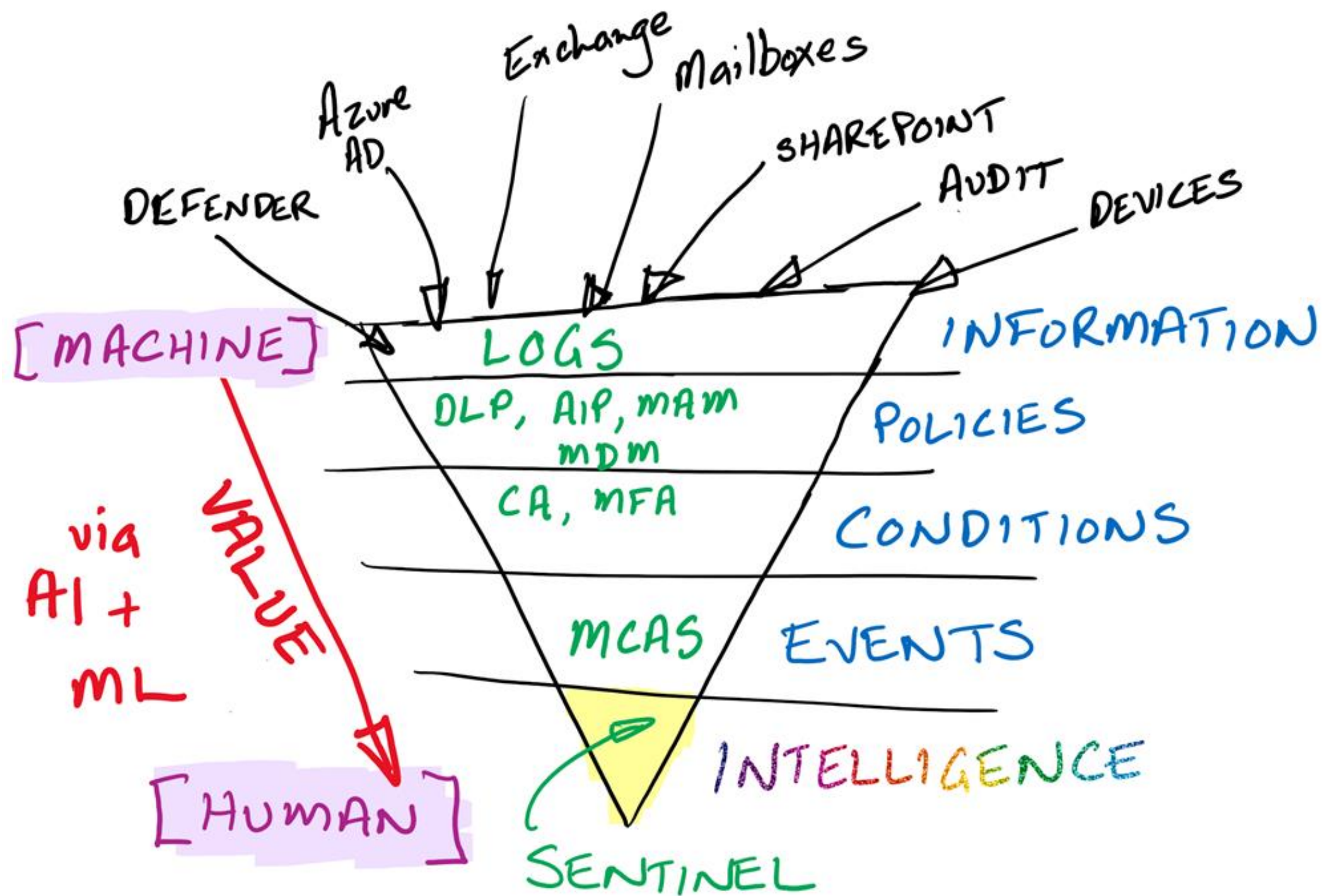
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<http://about.me/ciaops>

# Acronyms

- SIEM – Security Information and Event Management
- SOAR – Security, Orchestration, Automation and Response

# Intelligence vs Information



# Introducing Microsoft Sentinel

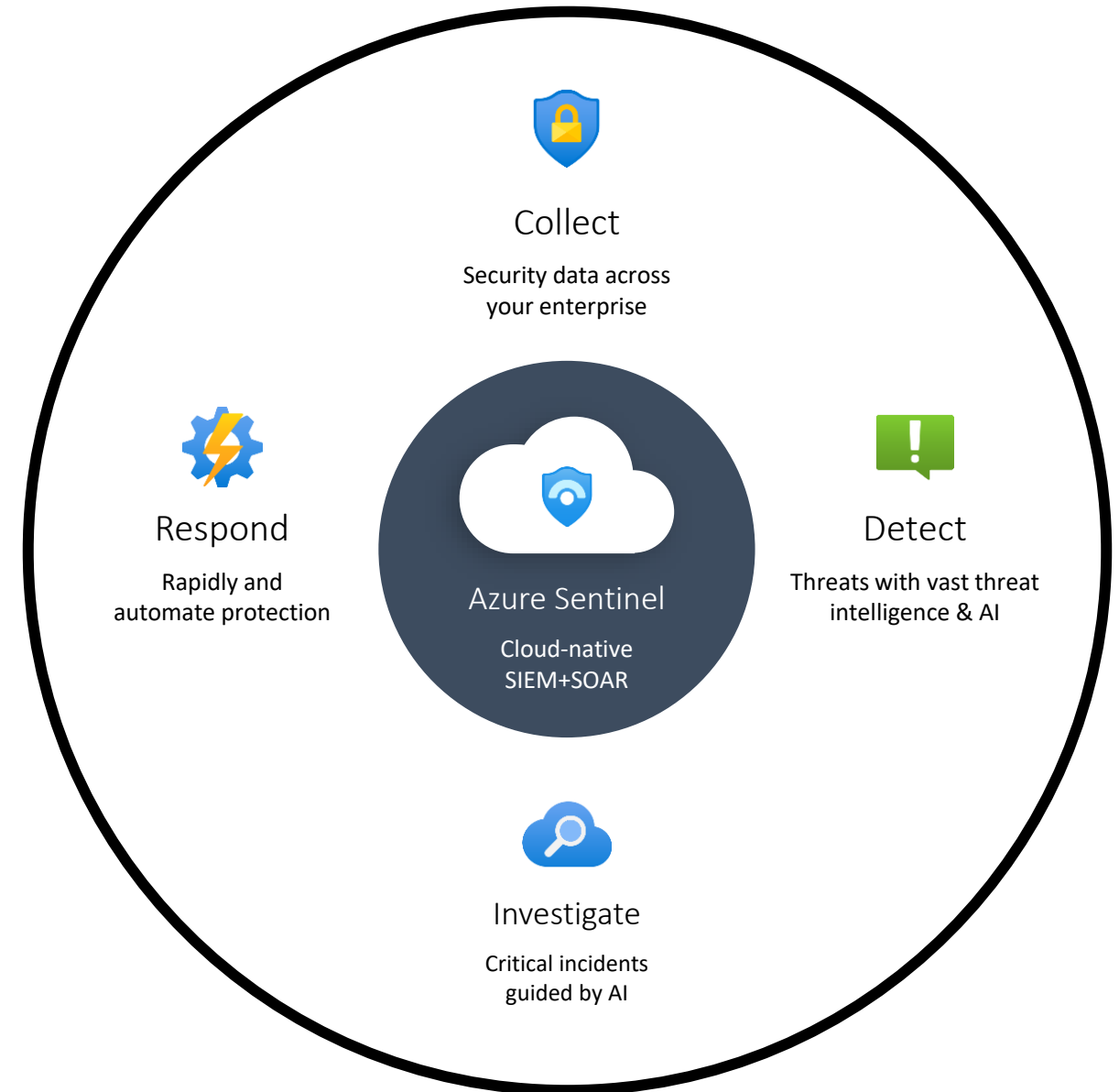
Cloud-native SIEM for intelligent security analytics for your entire enterprise

Limitless cloud speed and scale

Bring your Office 365 + M365 Alerts for Free

Easy integration with your existing tools

Faster threat protection with AI by your side







# Microsoft Sentinel | Overview (Preview)

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Entity behavior

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MITRE ATT&CK (Preview)

SOC optimization

Content management

Content hub

Repositories (Preview)

Community

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Workspace manager (Preview)

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New overview



## Incidents (337)

Last 24 hours ⓘ



31

New



0

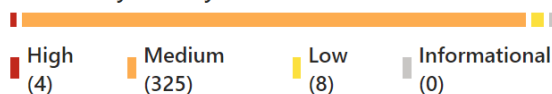
Active



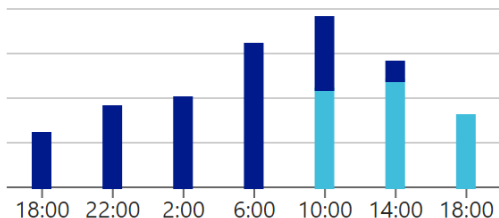
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Closed

### Incident by severity

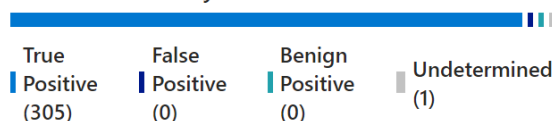


### Incidents status by creation time



[Manage incidents >](#)

### Closed incidents by classification



Mean time to acknowledge

2.1 days

Mean time to close

2.1 days

[Analyze SOC efficiency >](#)



## Automation

Last 24 hours ⓘ

Closed incidents



4

Time saved



203

Hours

Playbooks health



[View Workbook >](#)

### Actions performed (4)



### 1 active automation rules

To improve SOC performance and save time [configure automation rules >](#)



## Analytics

Current status ⓘ

# Microsoft SENTINEL

## Core capabilities

### Collect

Microsoft  
Services



Apps, users,  
infrastructure

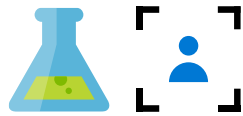


Public  
Clouds



Security  
solutions

### Analyze & detect threats



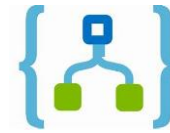
Machine learning,  
UEBA

### Investigate & hunt suspicious activities



Interactive Attack Visualization,  
Azure Notebooks

### Automate & orchestrate response



Playbooks

### Integrate

now™  
ServiceNow



Other tools



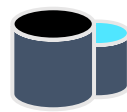
Community



Enrichment with Intelligence (Geo location, IP Reputation)



Data Ingestion



Data Repository



Data Search

Azure Monitor  
(log analytics)

# What is Microsoft Sentinel?

No infrastructure costs, Only *pay for what you use*

*Predictable Billing* with capacity reservations

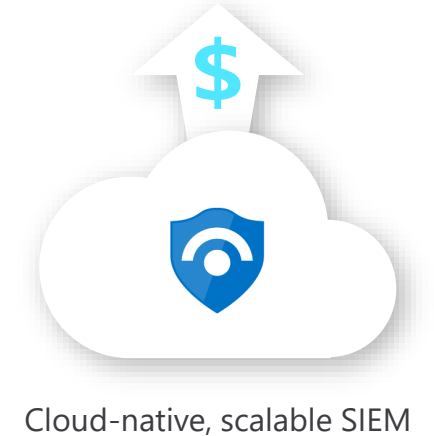
*Flexible model*, no annual commitments

Free ingestion for O365 Audit Logs, Azure Activity Logs and M365 Security Alerts

## Traditional



## Sentinel



# And how it plays into the larger story...

**Pre-wired integration** with Microsoft solutions

**Connectors** for many partner solutions

**Standard log format** support for all sources

Proven log platform with more than  
10 petabytes of daily ingestion



# Azure Sentinel | Data connectors

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74 Connectors 8 Connected 0 Coming soon

Search by name or provider Providers : All Data Types : All Status : All

Status	Connector name
	AI Vectra Detect (Preview) Vectra AI
	Alcide kAudit (Preview) Alcide
	Amazon Web Services Amazon
	Azure Active Directory Microsoft
	Azure Active Directory Identity Protection Microsoft
	Azure Activity Microsoft
	Azure DDoS Protection Microsoft
	Azure Defender Microsoft
	Azure Defender for IoT Microsoft
	Azure Firewall Microsoft

### Azure Active Directory

Connected Status Microsoft Provider 2 hours ago Last Log Received

Description

Gain insights into Azure Active Directory by connecting Audit and Sign-in logs to Azure Sentinel to gather insights around Azure Active Directory scenarios. You can learn about app usage, conditional access policies, legacy auth relate details using our Sign-in logs. You can get information on your Self Service Password Reset (SSPR) usage, Azure Active Directory Management activities like user, group, role, app management using our Audit logs table.

Last data received  
01/25/21, 02:00 PM

Related content

6 Workbooks 2 Queries 36 Analytic rules templates

Data received

Go to log analytics

SigninLogs AuditLogs

January 17 January 24

Total data received

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Severity : All

Rule Type : All

Status : All

Tactics : All

SEVERITY ↑↓ NAME ↑↓ RULE TYPE ↑↓ STATUS ↑↓ TACTICS

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<input type="checkbox"/>	High	Known IRIDIUM IP	Scheduled	Enabled	Command and Control
<input type="checkbox"/>	High	Known Phosphorus group domains/IP	Scheduled	Enabled	Command and Control
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<input type="checkbox"/>	High	Suspicious application consent similar to O365 Att...	Scheduled	Enabled	Command and Control
<input type="checkbox"/>	High	First access credential added to Application or Ser...	Scheduled	Enabled	Credential Dumping
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	Malware in the recycle bin	Scheduled	Enabled	Defense Evasion
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	SSH Potential Brute Force	Scheduled	Enabled	Credential Dumping
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	Rare high NXDomain count	Scheduled	Enabled	Command and Control
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	SharePointFileOperation via devices with previous...	Scheduled	Enabled	Exfiltration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	Process executed from binary hidden in Base64 en...	Scheduled	Enabled	Defense Evasion
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	Brute force attack against Azure Portal	Scheduled	Enabled	Credential Dumping
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	SSH newly internet-exposed endpoints	Scheduled	Enabled	Initial Access
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	Multiple users email forwarded to same destination	Scheduled	Enabled	Command and Control
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	User account created and deleted within 10 mins	Scheduled	Enabled	Command and Control
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medium	Similar forward IP that the destination is not a black...	Scheduled	Enabled	Command and Control

High  
Severity

Enabled  
Status

Id

d0fe6fe9-d84d-4186-aab1-f05ca5c32994

Description

Matches domain name IOCs related to Phosphorus group activity with CommonSecurityLog, DnsEvents, OfficeActivity and VMConnection dataTypes. References: <https://blogs.microsoft.com/on-the-issues/2019/03/27/new-steps-to-protect-customers-from-hacking/>.

Tactics

Command and Control

Rule query

```
let timeframe = 1d;  
let DomainNames = dynamic(["yahoo-verification.org",  
"accounts-web-mail.com", "customer-certificate.com", "  
"yahoo-verification.net", "yahoo-verify.net", "outlook  
"com-identifier-servicelog.name", "microsoft-update.b  
"confirm-session-identifier.info", "session-managemen
```

Rule frequency

Run query every **1 day**

Rule period

Last **1 day** data

Rule threshold

Trigger alert if query returns **more than 0** results

Event grouping

Group all events into a single alert

Suppression

Not configured

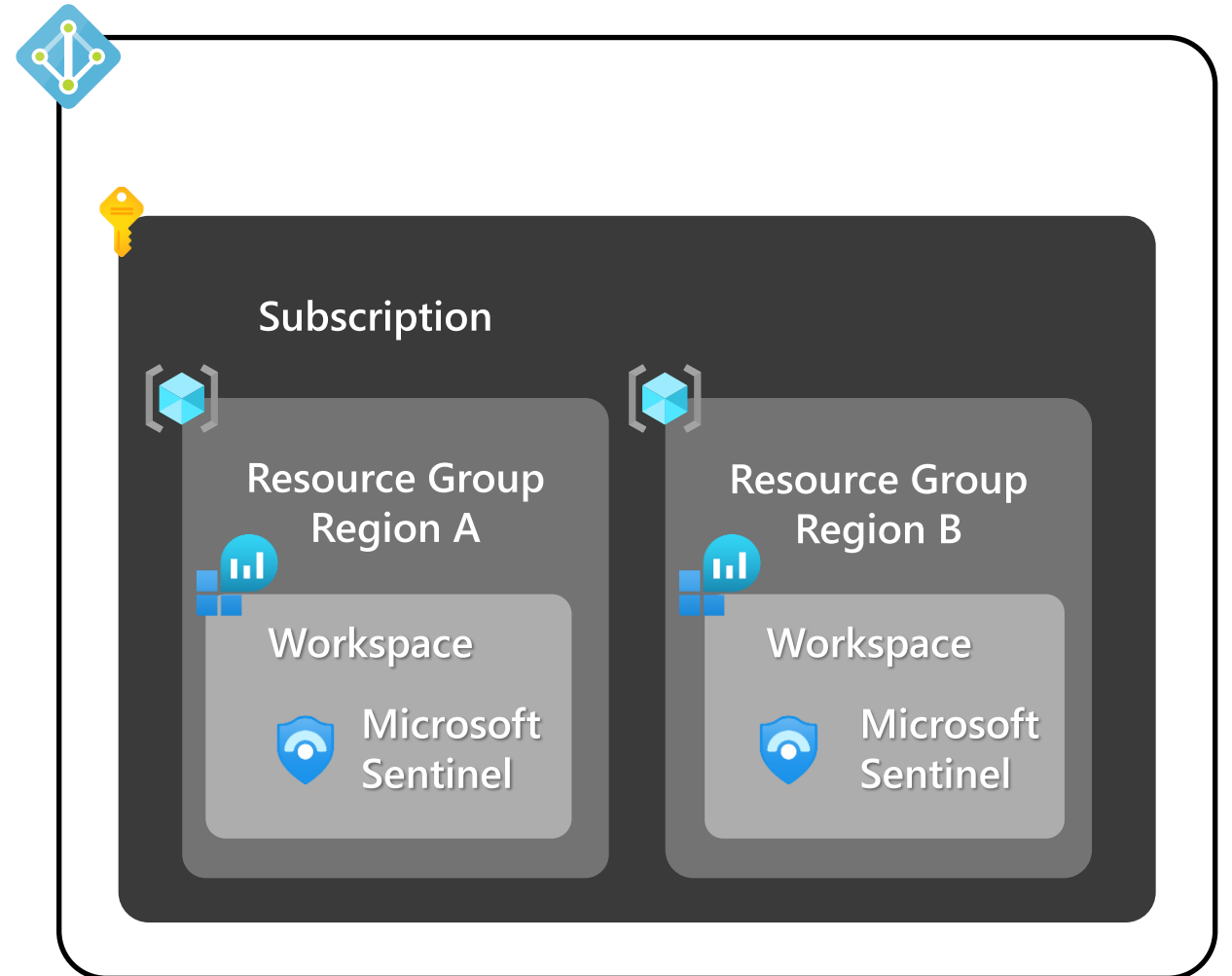
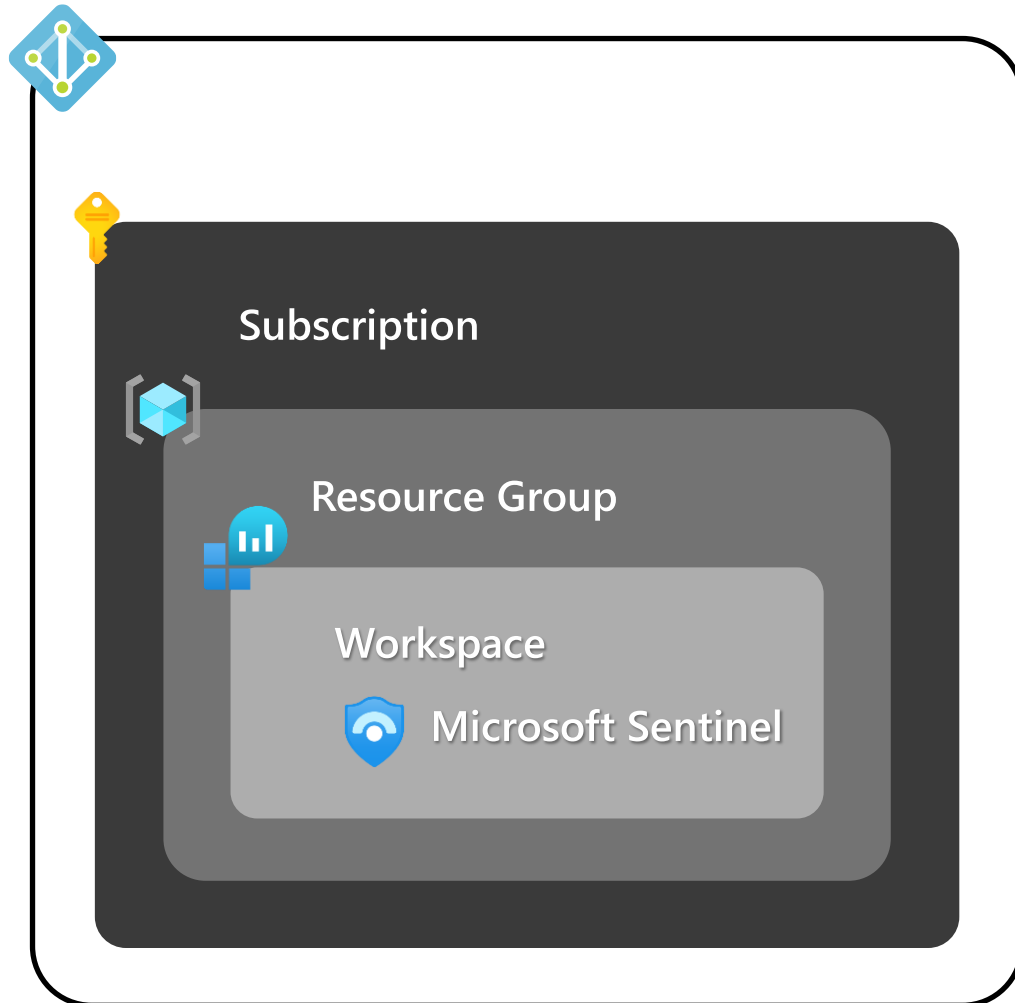
Create incidents from this rule

Enabled

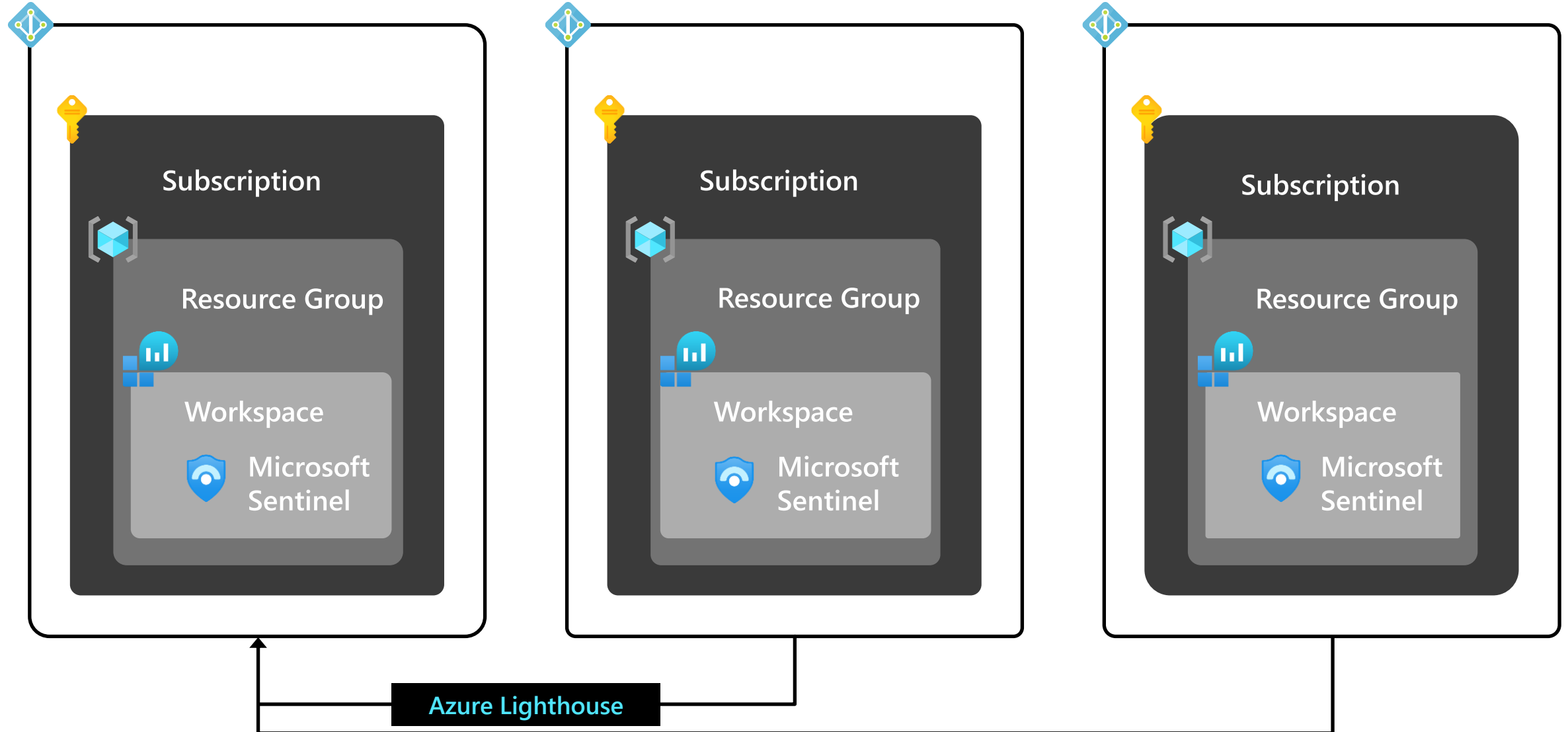
Alert grouping

Disabled

# Workspace Design (Single Tenant)

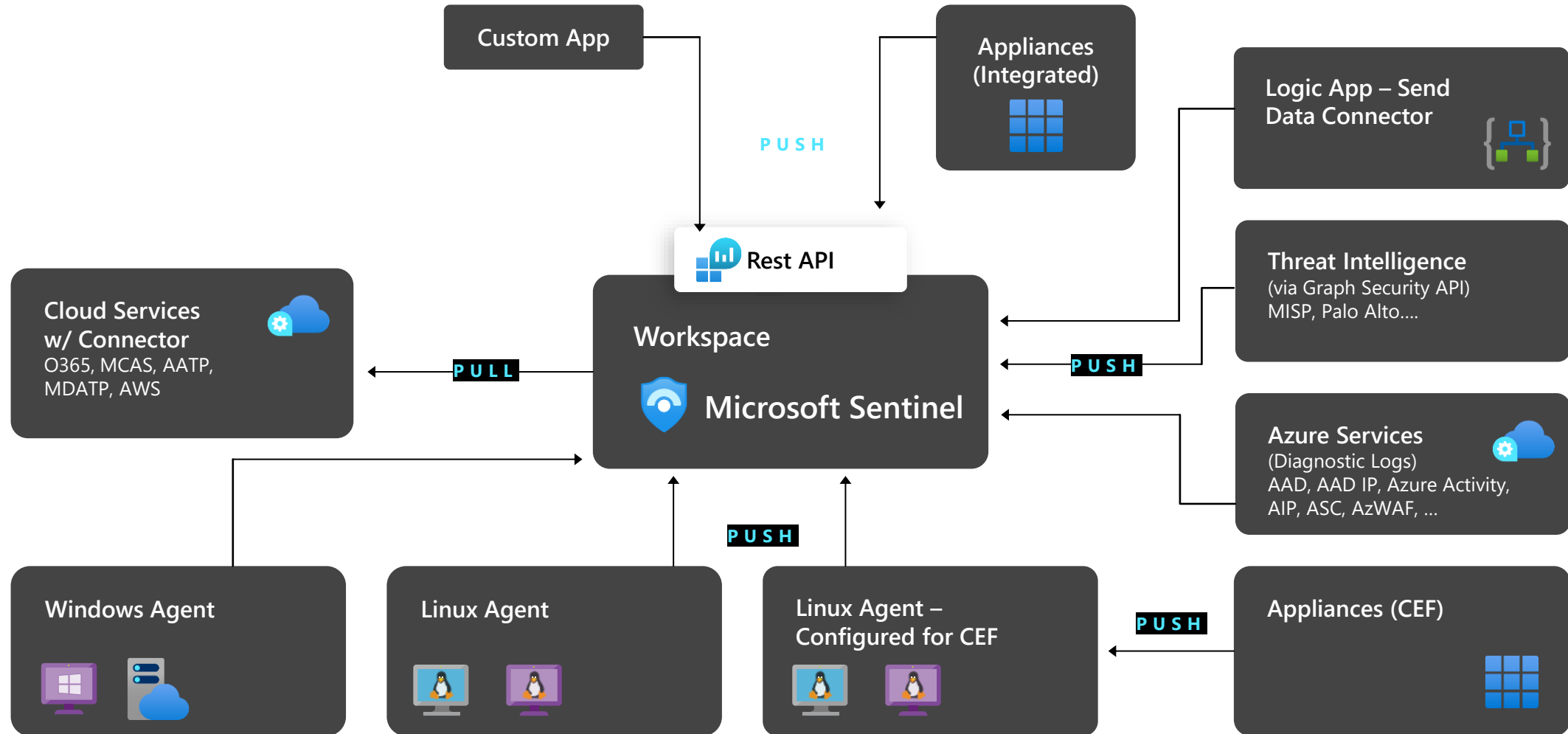


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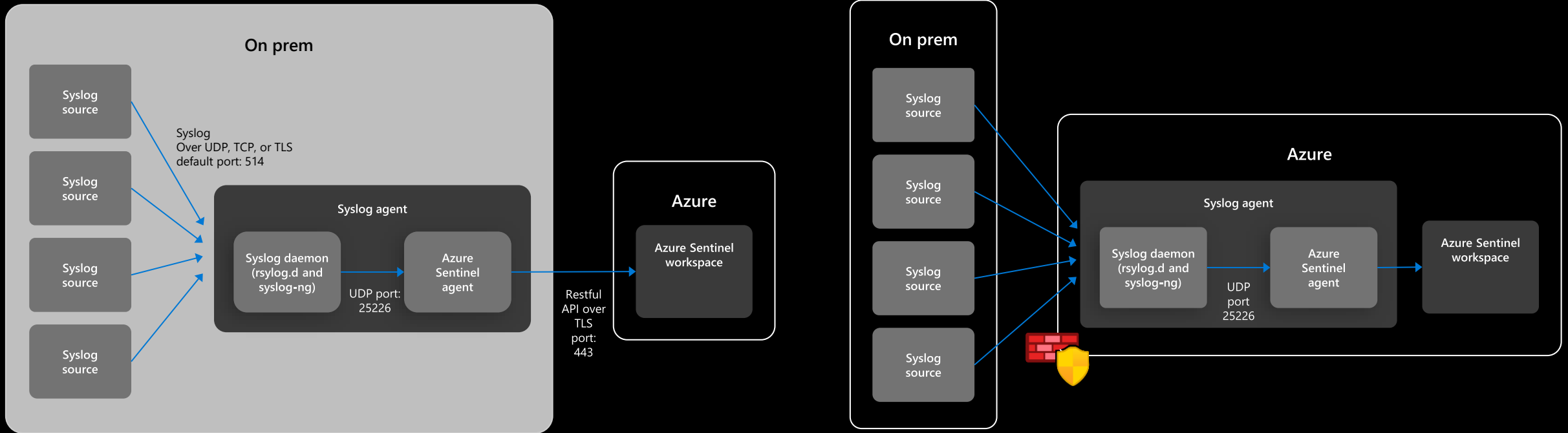




# All the ways data gets in



# CEF architecture



## Data Collectors (Quick Wins)

**Enable 1st Party Connectors that are running in the environment**

**Most are free**

- O365
- Azure Activity
- 1st Party Alerts – MCAS, AATP, MDATP, AAD IP


**Connect AWS**

**Connect / Configure Azure Diagnostic Logs (Policy)**

**Deploy Windows/Linux Agent in Azure (built-in Policy)**

BEST PRACTICE

## What data can be ingested at no cost with Microsoft Sentinel?



Azure Activity Logs, Office 365 Audit Logs (all SharePoint activity and Exchange admin activity) and alerts from Microsoft Defender products (Azure Defender, Microsoft 365 Defender, Microsoft Defender for Office 365, Microsoft Defender for Identity, Microsoft Defender for Endpoint), Azure Security Center and Microsoft Cloud App Security can be ingested at no additional cost into both Microsoft Sentinel and Azure Monitor Log Analytics.

**Please Note:** Azure Active Directory (AAD) audit data is not free and is billed for ingestion into both Microsoft Sentinel and Azure Monitor Log Analytics.

## Data Collectors (Next Steps)

BEST PRACTICE

**Deploy Windows/Linux Agent on-prem / other clouds**

### **Deploy CEF Collection**

- Configure CEF collector using configuration script
- Configure source devices – ensure they support RFC and CEF.
- See the “Grand List”  
<https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/Azure-Sentinel/Azure-Sentinel-The-Syslog-and-CEF-source-configuration-grand/ba-p/803891>

**Integrate Threat Intelligence**

DEMO

# Resources

- Sentinel Quickstart - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/sentinel/quickstart-onboard>
- Connect data sources - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/sentinel/connect-data-sources>
- Tutorial: Investigate incidents – <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/sentinel/tutorial-investigate-cases>
- Become an Azure Sentinel Ninja – <https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/azure-sentinel/become-an-azure-sentinel-ninja-the-complete-level-400-training/ba-p/1246310>
- Azure Sentinel on Microsoft Learn - <https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/itops-talk-blog/learn-azure-sentinel-on-microsoft-learn/ba-p/2006346>
- Visualise your data - <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/sentinel/tutorial-monitor-your-data>
- Azure Sentinel Workbooks 101 - <https://techcommunity.microsoft.com/t5/azure-sentinel/azure-sentinel-workbooks-101-with-sample-workbook/ba-p/1409216>

# CIAOPS Resources



- Blog – <http://blog.ciaops.com>
- Github – <http://github.com/directorcia>
- Free Office 365, Azure Administration newsletter – <http://bit.ly/cia-o365-tech>
- Free Office 365, Azure video tutorials – <http://www.youtube.com/directorciaops>
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