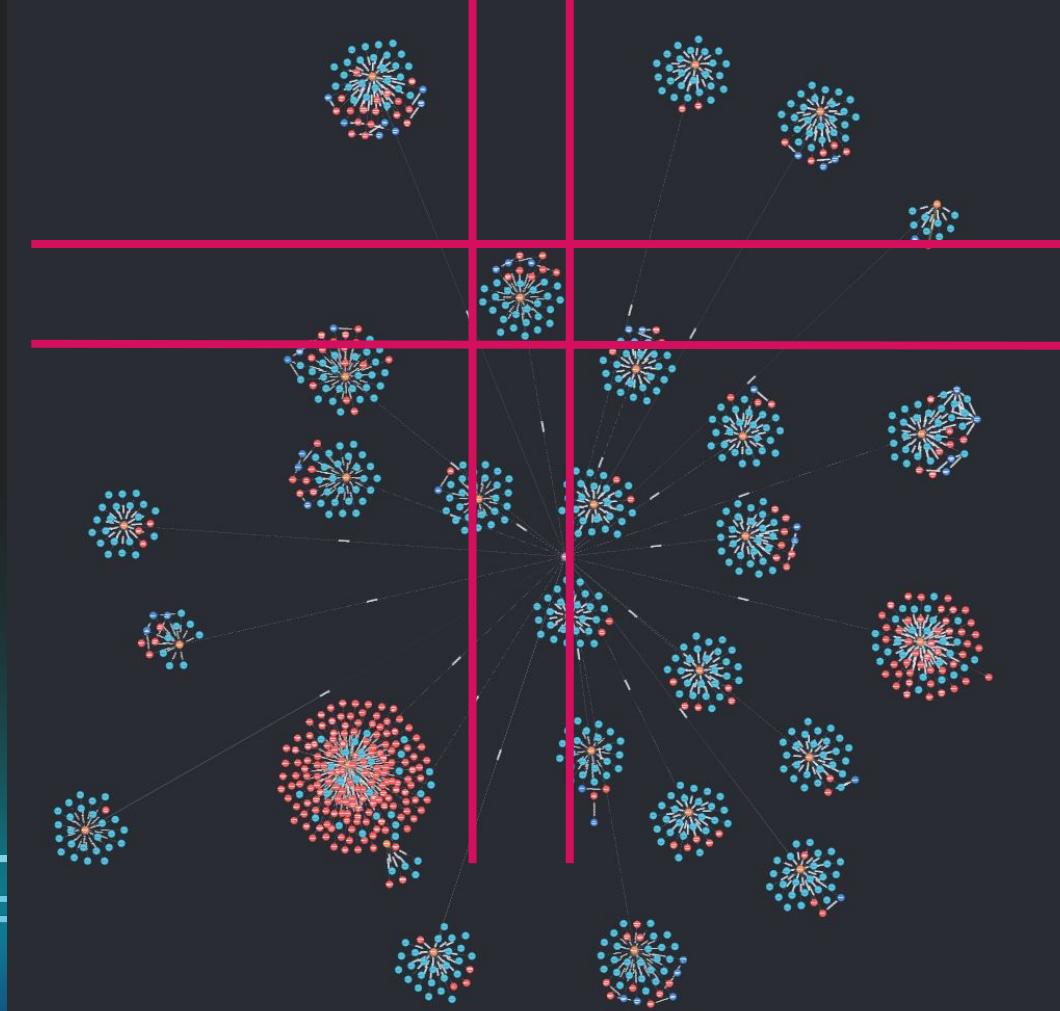
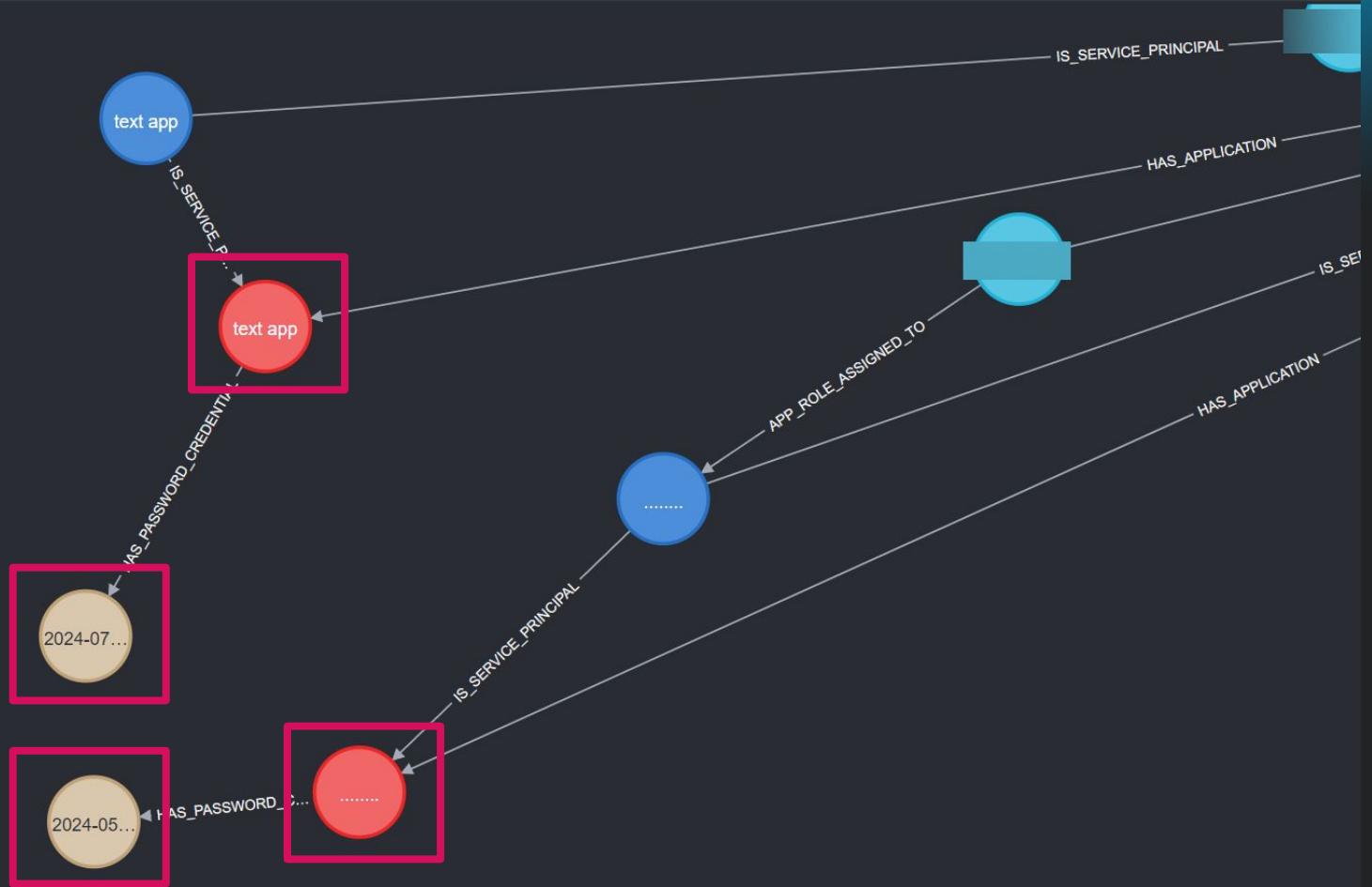


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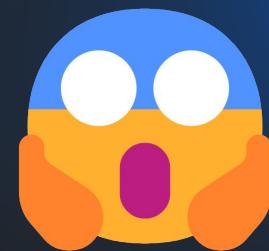
... at the Huntress Research Facility...







me



Christina

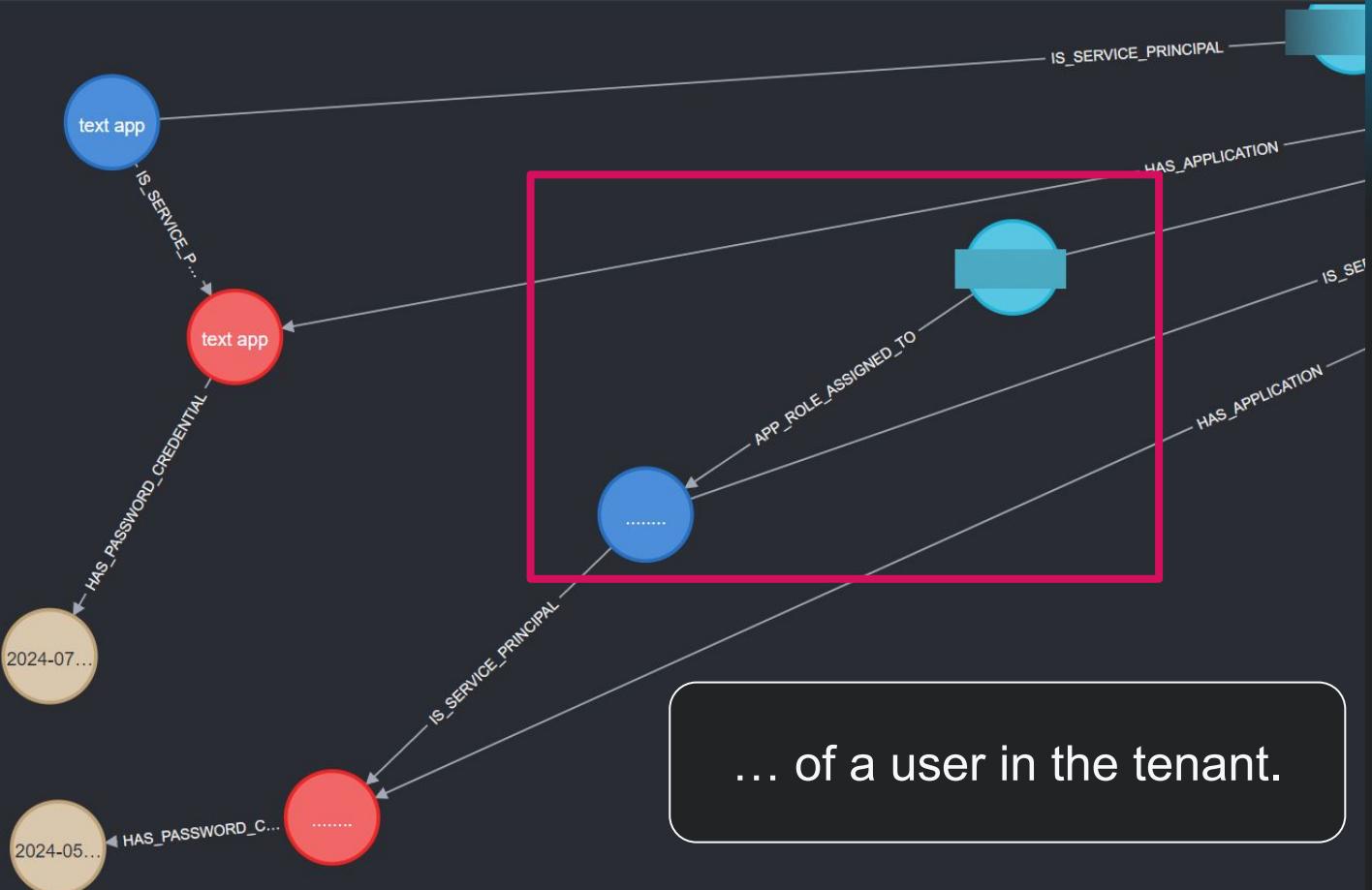


```
1 {  
2   "tenant_id": ".....",  
3   "applications": [  
4     { ...  
5     },  
6     {  
7       "id": "...",  
8       "app_id": "...",  
9       "tenant_id": "...",  
10      "display_name": ".....",  
11      "created_date": "2023-11-28T12:16:32",  
12      "publisher_domain": "...",  
13      "sign_in_audience": "AzureADandPersonalMicrosoftAccount",  
14      "password_credentials": [  
15        {  
16          "key_id": "...",  
17          "application_id": "...",  
18          "display_name": "...",  
19          "start_date": "2023-11-28T12:17:16.011000+00:00",  
20          "end_date": "2024-05-26T11:59:59.999000+00:00"  
21        }  
22      ],  
23      "resource_accesses": [  
24        {  
25          "resource_scope": "...",  
26          "access_type": "...",  
27          "resource_id": "...",  
28          "access_id": "...",  
29          "principal_id": "...",  
30          "principal_type": "...",  
31          "is_delegated": true,  
32          "is_scopes_delegated": true  
33        }  
34      ]  
35    }  
36  ]  
37 }  
38  
39 //
```

This M365 tenant has an application...
...named “.....” (eight dots)...
...which has an application credential object...
... named “....” (five dots)...

```
"oauth2_permission_grants": [  
    {  
        "grant_id": "redacted",  
        "service_principal_id": "redacted",  
        "resource_id": "redacted",  
        "scope": "Mail.Read Mail.ReadBasic Mail.Send offline_access openid profile",  
        "consent_type": "Principal"  
    }  
],
```

And this app has permission to access the
M365 mailbox contents...



Evidence of Azure application attacks in the Small to Medium Business ecosystem



“... how many more are out there...?”



When Apps Attack

Hunting Traitorware and Rogue Microsoft 365
Apps at the Small to Medium Business Scale

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Principal Security Researcher

Agenda

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- 2 Tradecraft #1: Traitorware**
- 3 Tradecraft #2: OAuth App Attacks**
- 4 Hunting at the SMB Scale**
- 5 Research Methods, Findings, Conclusion & Future Work**
- 6 Questions & Acknowledgements**



Azure App Crash Course

"Settle down, kids, it's time to talk about OAuth"





Approval required

Graph explorer

This app requires your admin's approval to:

- ✓ Read and write access to user profile
- ✓ Read all users' basic profiles
- ✓ Edit or delete items in all site collections
- ✓ Have full access to user contacts
- ✓ Read users' relevant people lists
- ✓ Read and write all OneNote notebooks that user can access
- ✓ Create, read, update and delete user tasks and projects
- ✓ Read and write access to user mail
- ✓ Have full access to all files user can access
- ✓ Have full access to user calendars
- ✓ Maintain access to data you have given it access to

Graph Explorer is needed for admins :)

[Sign in with another account](#)

Cancel

Request approval

The Azure Application Ecosystem

- Azure allows developers (**developers, developers, developers!!!**) to build apps in your tenant
 - First party apps for your own tenant
 - Globally accessible apps for everyone!
- Apps: web page, database, internal employee app, client, all kinds of things!
- Built on (opinionated and weird, tbh) OAuth2.0 implementation
 - “Kerberos, but for the cloud”



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SomeCorp Azure Tenant



Application

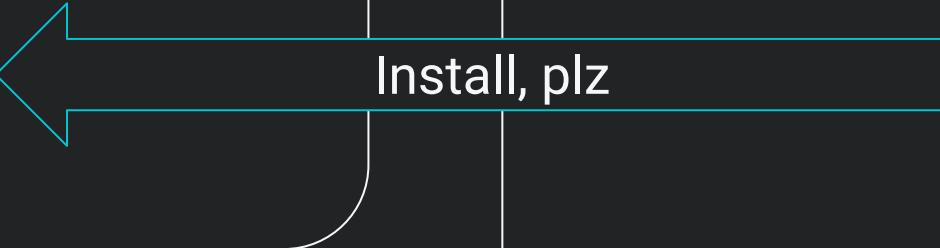


HuskyWorks Azure Tenant



End User
(Identity)

Install, plz





Hi, I'm **EmailBuddy**! I can help you organize and backup your emails. To do this, you need to:

- Install me in your tenant
- Consent to the permissions that I need to access your email*
- Authenticate as your identity and let me on your behalf

*I use the Graph API to retrieve and backup your emails, so you need to allow me to access your email data ^.^

SomeCorp Azure Tenant



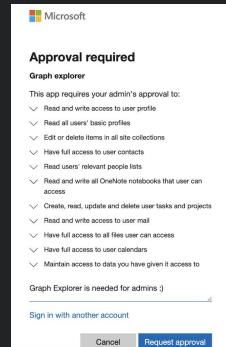
Application

HuskyWorks Azure Tenant



Do you consent to the following?

Mail.ReadWrite
Mail.Send
MailboxSettings.ReadWrite
Calendars.Read



SomeCorp Azure Tenant



Application

HuskyWorks Azure Tenant



End User
(Identity)

Yep!

**Azure specific notes:
by default, any user can install any
application.*

*Also by default, any user can consent to
application permissions that affect their
own assets*



SomeCorp Azure Tenant



Application



HuskyWorks Azure Tenant



End User
(Identity)

Great! Let's authenticate (AuthN) and authorize (AuthZ) me in this tenant!



Service Principal

SomeCorp Azure Tenant



Application

HuskyWorks Azure Tenant

Greetings 🤖

I am an instance of
EmailBuddy.

You, [USER],
authenticated me
into this tenant, so
now I can access
resources on your
behalf



Service Principal

SomeCorp Azure Tenant



Application

HuskyWorks Azure Tenant



End User
(Identity)

This app is now:

Authenticated 

Authorized 

Able to access resources on the end user's behalf 



Service Principal

SomeCorp Azure Tenant



HuskyWorks Azure Tenant



IdP (Entra)

Can I use?



EmailBuddy
Client app



SomeCorp Azure Tenant



You are an authorized user of EmailBuddy in this tenant, which has been granted the following permissions...



IdP (Entra)



EmailBuddy Client app



SomeCorp Azure Tenant



Mail.ReadWrite
Mail.Send
MailboxSettings.ReadWrite
Calendars.Read
...



IdP (Entra)



EmailBuddy
Client app



AFFIRMATIVE



SomeCorp Azure Tenant



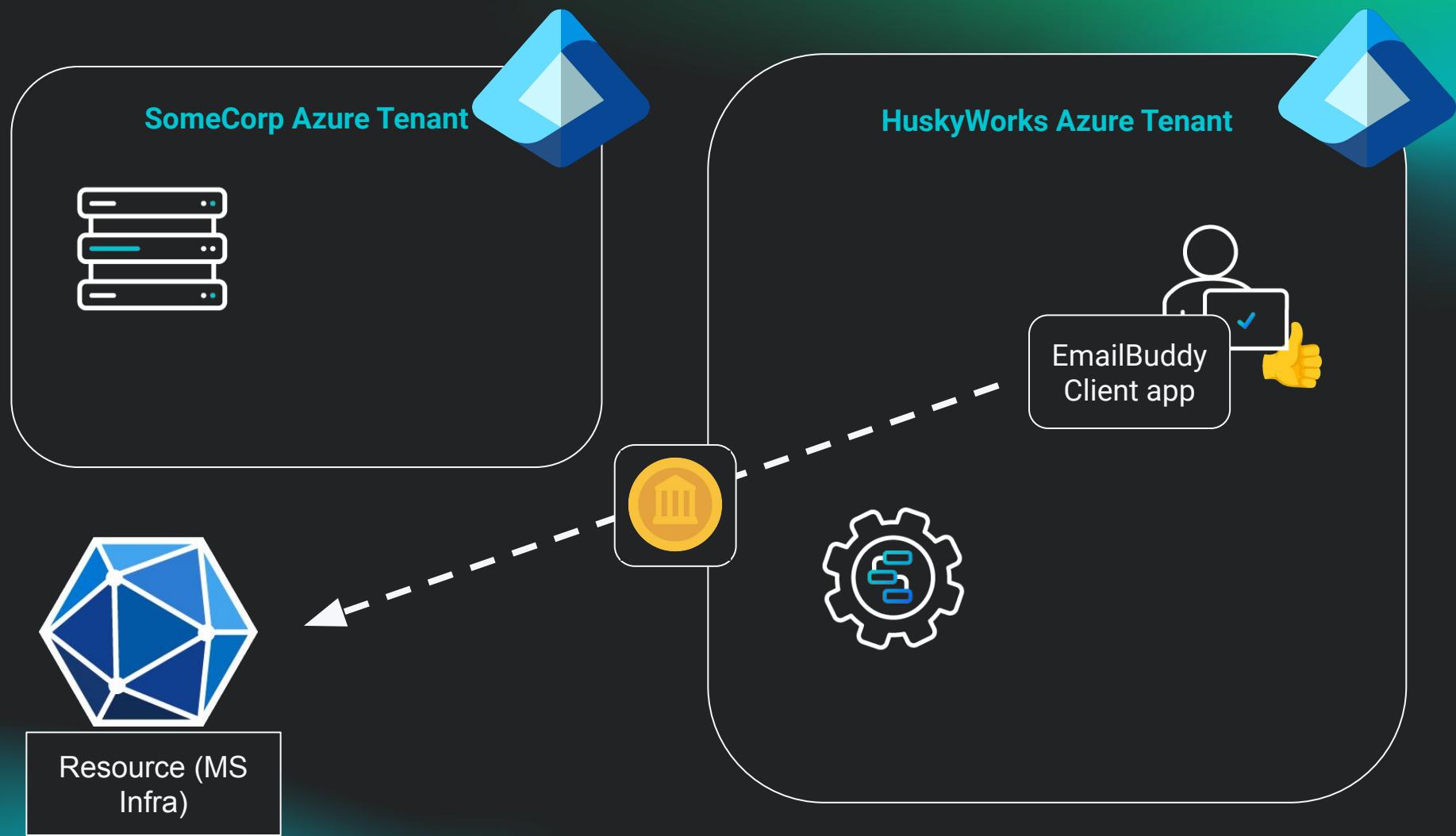
Looks good!
Here's a token for
this app to use
with the Graph
API.

IdP (Entra)



EmailBuddy
Client app







*What if the app is built
in-house?*

HuskyWorks Azure Tenant



Application



Service Principal

Install

Consent?

AuthN / AuthZ



End User
(Identity)

HuskyWorks Azure Tenant



EmailBuddy
Client app



Resource (MS
Infra)

Notice how the application...

... can be built in-house or installed from another tenant...

... uses OAuth for AuthN and AuthZ (which tenant can I work in and what do I have access to?)...

... and has delegated access on behalf of one (or more) users.

Attacker can socially engineer a user into installing an app OR install one after initial access

Uses the built in schema of authentication and authorization (best exploits are FNAB)

Can be scoped to single users, multiple users, narrow permissions, broad permissions, anything an attacker wants!

...which makes a fantastic system for exploitation.

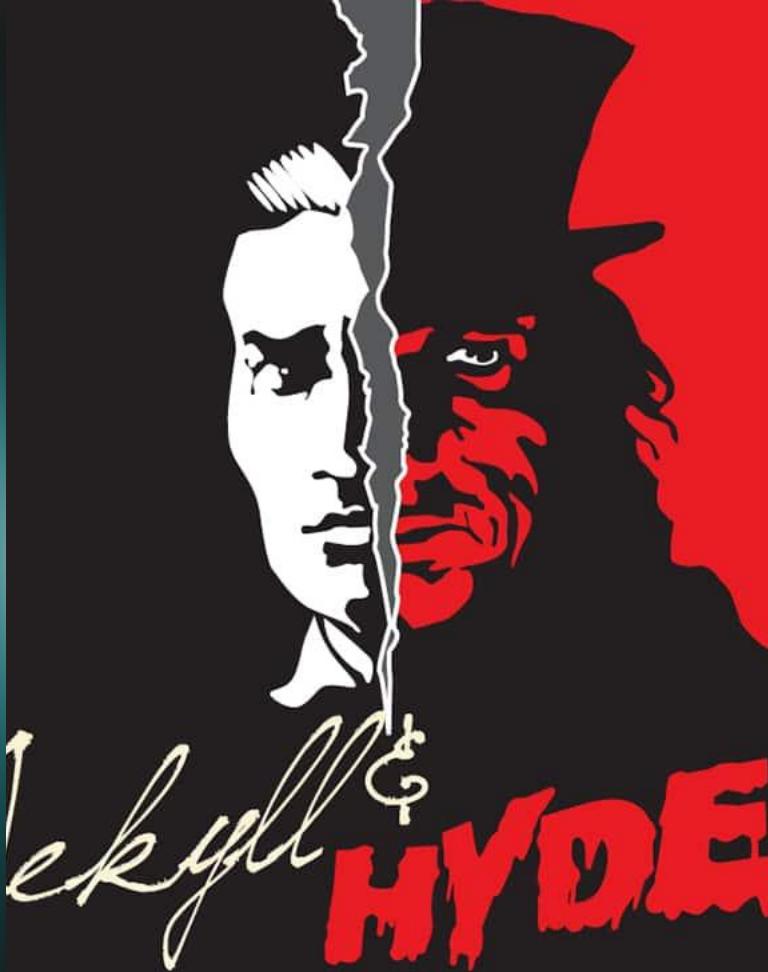


Tradecraft #1: Traitorware

“Every App has a Dark Side”

Traitorware

- Application abuse where the app was not specifically built to be evil
- Closest approximation: living off RMM, BYO RMM, LOLBINS (kinda...)
- Commonly seen in BEC and financial attacks





Features Mobile app For Companies Support Resources Pricing

English ▾

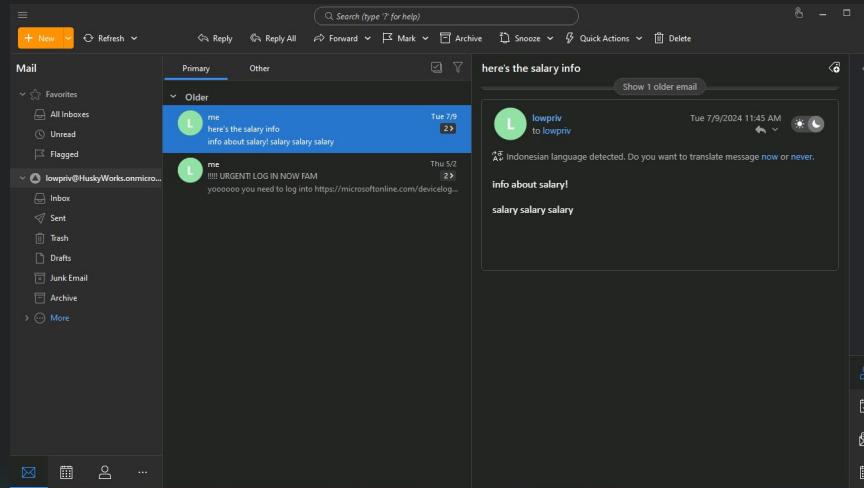
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New Account

X

- 1 Account details
 - 2 Encryption
 - 3 Finish

Almost there!

When you're all set, click the Finish button to create the account.

Account avatar



[Change...](#)

Sync Options

Password required for globaladmin@huskywork...

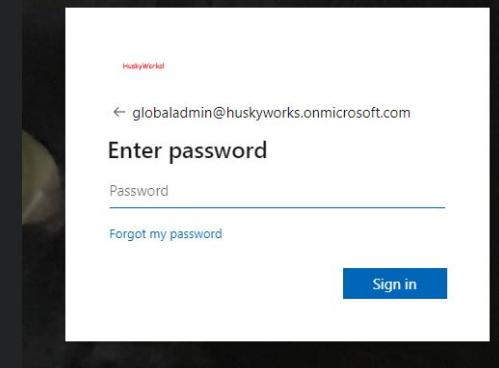


This operation may take a while to complete.
Please be patient.

Cancel

Back

[Cancel](#)





globaladmin@huskyworks.onmicrosoft.com

Permissions requested



eM Client

eM Client s.r.o.



This app would like to:

- ✓ Access your mailboxes
- ✓ Maintain access to data you have given it access to
- ✓ View your basic profile
- Consent on behalf of your organization

Accepting these permissions means that you allow this app to use your data as specified in their [terms of service](#) and [privacy statement](#). You can change these permissions at <https://myapps.microsoft.com>. [Show details](#)

Does this app look suspicious? [Report it here](#)

Cancel

Accept

HuskyWorks Azure Tenant



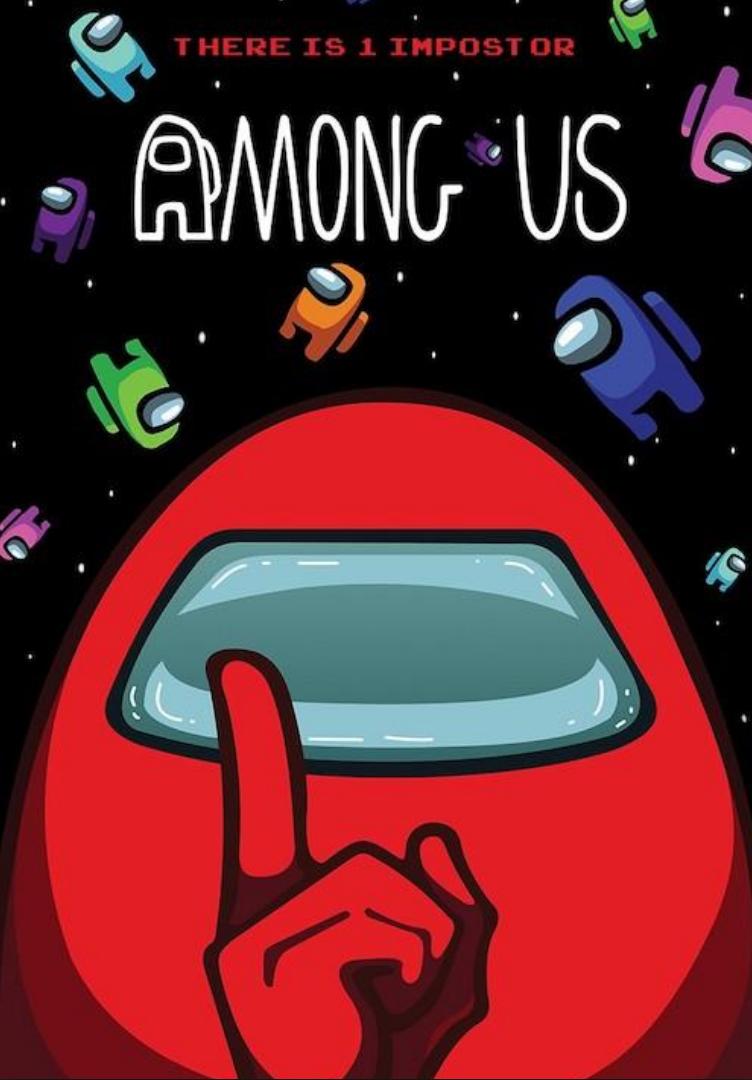
eM Client
app



Resource (MS
Infra)

Tradecraft #2: OAuth App Attacks

“Artisanal, Hand Crafted, Farm-to-table Evil Applications”



OAuth App Attacks / OAuth Consent Grant Attacks

- If Traitorware is the BYO/LOLBINs of app attacks, this is **custom written malware**
- Attacker creates an application specifically designed for initial access, persistence, collection, and/or attack development
- No “legitimate” use
- No two are alike:
 - Name
 - Permission scope
 - Publisher
 - etc

... wanna see how to build one?

Already have access and looking to persist?

Create it in the target tenant as a single tenant application

Home > App registrations >

Register an application

* Name

The user-facing display name for this application (this can be changed later).

nothingSusLol



Supported account types

Who can use this application or access this API?

- Accounts in this organizational directory only (HuskyWorks only - Single tenant)
- Accounts in any organizational directory (Any Microsoft Entra ID tenant - Multitenant)
- Accounts in any organizational directory (Any Microsoft Entra ID tenant - Multitenant) and personal Microsoft accounts (e.g. Skype, Xbox)
- Personal Microsoft accounts only

Using this app for initial access?

Make it in an attacker tenant and use Multitenant

🤔 What do I need as an attacker to persist/collect info/generally wreak havoc? 🤔

Request API permissions

Select an API

Microsoft APIs

APIs my organization uses

My APIs

Commonly used Microsoft APIs



Microsoft Graph

Take advantage of the tremendous amount of data in Office 365, Enterprise Mobility + Security, and Windows 10. Access Microsoft Entra ID, Excel, Intune, Outlook/Exchange, OneDrive, OneNote, SharePoint, Planner, and more through a single endpoint.

Request API permissions

Permission	Admin consent required
> MailboxFolder	
> MailboxItem	
MailboxSettings (1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> MailboxSettings.Read ⓘ Read all user mailbox settings	Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MailboxSettings.ReadWrite ⓘ Read and write all user mailbox settings	Yes
Mail (1)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mail.Read ⓘ Read mail in all mailboxes	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Mail.ReadBasic ⓘ Read basic mail in all mailboxes	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/> Mail.ReadBasic.All ⓘ Read basic mail in all mailboxes	Yes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mail.ReadWrite ⓘ Read and write mail in all mailboxes	Yes

Go HAM with
the permissions

Want access
to/emails and
inbox rules?

Done 

▽ User (1)

<input type="checkbox"/>	User.DeleteRestore.All ⓘ	Yes
	Delete and restore all users	
<input type="checkbox"/>	User.EnableDisableAccount.All ⓘ	Yes
	Enable and disable user accounts	
<input type="checkbox"/>	User.Export.All ⓘ	Yes
	Export user's data	
<input type="checkbox"/>	User.Invite.All ⓘ	Yes
	Invite guest users to the organization	
<input type="checkbox"/>	User.Managelentities.All ⓘ	Yes
	Manage all users' identities	
<input type="checkbox"/>	User.Read.All ⓘ	Yes
	Read all users' full profiles	
<input type="checkbox"/>	User.ReadBasic.All ⓘ	Yes
	Read all users' basic profiles	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	User.ReadWrite.All ⓘ	Yes
	Read and write all users' full profiles	
<input type="checkbox"/>	User.RevokeSessions.All ⓘ	Yes
	Revoke all sign in sessions for a user	

Want to be able to add, delete, and modify, user accounts in the tenant*?

Done 

*requires Admin consent

Beyond Initial Access

Installing the app is a great start, but how do we maintain persistence?



Set up an OAuth authentication endpoint

- When the application is installed, set up an endpoint where its access token goes
- Set up a listener
- Catch the access token!



Backdoor the service principal with a password

- Service principals are really just accounts
- Set up the service principal with a password
- Single factor, persistent access when authenticating as the service principal

Add a client secret

X

Description

nothingSusLol

Expires

730 days (24 months)

▼

Description

Expires

Value ⓘ

Copied

Secret ID

nothingSusLol

9/25/2026

TkT:

6fc455b7-1d20-42de-b1f8-a93abdc0fc52



This gets you single factor, persistent access
as the SP

Authenticate as the service principal...

```
PS C:\Users\Matt> az login --service-principal -u "ae316cfc-9e78-4159-a5a8-da132db81be0" -p "TkT8  
" --tenant "38a26ef0-285e-46b8-a957-d5ed1ad057d3" --allow-no-subscription  
[  
 {  
   "cloudName": "AzureCloud",  
   "id": "38a26ef0-285e-46b8-a957-d5ed1ad057d3",  
   "isDefault": true,  
   "name": "N/A(tenant level account)",  
   "state": "Enabled",  
   "tenantId": "38a26ef0-285e-46b8-a957-d5ed1ad057d3",  
   "user": {  
     "name": "ae316cfc-9e78-4159-a5a8-da132db81be0",  
     "type": "servicePrincipal"  
   }  
 }  
 ]
```

```
PS C:\Users\Matt> $headers = @{Authorization = "Bearer $token"}  
PS C:\Users\Matt> $response = Invoke-RestMethod -Uri "https://graph.microsoft.com/v1.0/users"  
-Method Get -Headers $headers -UseBasicParsing -ContentType "application/json"  
PS C:\Users\Matt> $response.value
```

```
businessPhones : {}  
displayName     : christina  
givenName      :  
jobTitle       :  
mail           :  
mobilePhone    :  
officeLocation :  
preferredLanguage :  
surname        :  
userPrincipalName : christina@HuskyWorks.onmicrosoft.com  
id             : 46e87b36-14fb-4258-9047-6bd111764d38
```

```
businessPhones : {}  
displayName     : GlobalAdmin  
givenName      :  
jobTitle       :  
mail           : GlobalAdmin@HuskyWorks.onmicrosoft.com  
mobilePhone    :  
officeLocation :  
preferredLanguage :  
surname        :  
userPrincipalName : GlobalAdmin@HuskyWorks.onmicrosoft.com  
id             : df5cf0ad-dd04-4907-b039-d7d262290395
```

Now use the application's token for post-exploitation

Enumerate users...

Enumerate a user's inbox rules...

```
PS C:\Users\Matt> $response = Invoke-RestMethod -Uri "https://graph.microsoft.com/beta/users/df5cf0ad-dd04-4907-b039-d7d262290395/mailFolders/inbox/messagerules" -Method Get -Headers $headers -UseBasicParsing -ContentType "application/json"
PS C:\Users\Matt> $response.value
```

```
id          : AQAAAL1XAbk=
displayName : asdasdasdasd
sequence   : 1
isEnabled  : True
hasError   : False
isReadOnly : False
conditions : @{fromAddresses=System.Object[]}
actions    : @{moveToFolder=AAMkAGY4NGI0NTg0LWM1ODAtNGUxNy05NzExLTMwNGEyOWJiMjIyOAAuAAAAAQB
               a0ZXVXm7T4BgPCdZiDGTAQAJBVdqLA3CS4gIP6enHr32AAAAAQ6MAAA=;
               stopProcessingRules=True}
```

etc etc, you get the idea

In summary...

The SMB is getting pwned and it's *Our Problem*™

Applications used for initial access, persistence, and further development of attacks

Apps are customizable, persistent, and usually flying under the radar



Some are Among Us (evil app blending in)
Some are like a crow bar (legit tool, but used for evil)





Hunting at the SMB Scale

"Let's level the playing field"



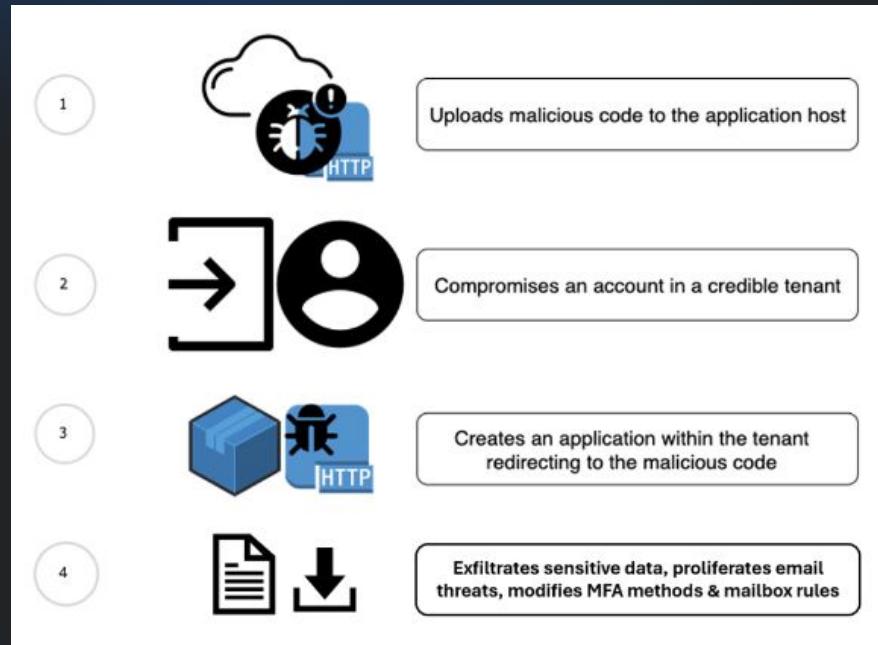
Objective

What are we looking for?

- We know what threats lurk out there in the Azure ecosystem
- ~20% of all categorized threats relate to OAuth Apps

We want to identify the following threats:

1. **Traitorware**: known app names, legitimately published, aid in attackers
2. **OAuth app attacks**: no two are alike, different scopes, different powers



*Malicious Applications Created in Compromised Credible Tenants (MACT)
Attacker Kill Chain can occur if attacker has the right permissions to create
applications and gain persistence*

Hypothesis

Answering the question: How do we find OAuth App Attacks & Traitorware?

We have a few ideas & potential red flags ⚡

- **Prevalence**
 - What are the most/least common apps we see?
 - Is there a common denominator in app perms and behaviors we see?
 - Unverified publisher domain – maybe? 🤔
- **Application permissions/scopes**
 - Which apps have more “powerful” perms?
 - Where do we see apps with these permissions?
- **User persistence**
 - What's the potential attack surface?
 - Which perms enable persistence to the user? How?

We will come back to this! 🕊

Background

Where to do we get this data from?

Graph API v1.0

1. What raw data from tenants do we need?
 - a. Users
 - b. Applications
 - c. Service Principals
2. Relationships
 - a. Tenant >> App
 - b. Tenant >> Service Principal
 - c. Tenant >> Users
 - d. App >> Permission Scopes / Grants
 - e. Users >> Permission Scopes / Grants

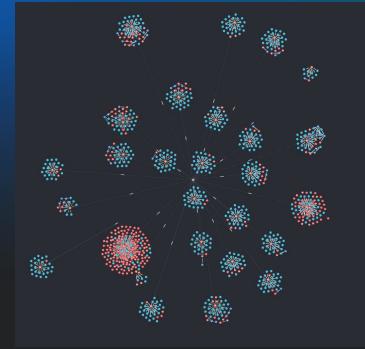


Background

How can we analyze & visualize this data?

ElasticSearch/Kibana

- Easily search & filter with DSL
- ES | QL & aggregations could be helpful
- e.g., prevalence; most/least common apps seen



Neo4j

- Visually represent relationships between apps, users, service principals, permissions, etc.
- Identify unusual or uncommon relationships across nodes



Implementation / Dev Plan

How did we build this?

1. Get tenant data
2. Cache tenant data in S3
3. Bulk ingest data into ES
 - a. ~1.8m documents, 2GB*
4. Multithreaded ingest to Neo4j
 - a. ~1.8m relationships, ~569k nodes*
5. Create zip file of results and store in S3 for ad-hoc analysis
6. Analyze tenant data and relationships for *rogue apps*



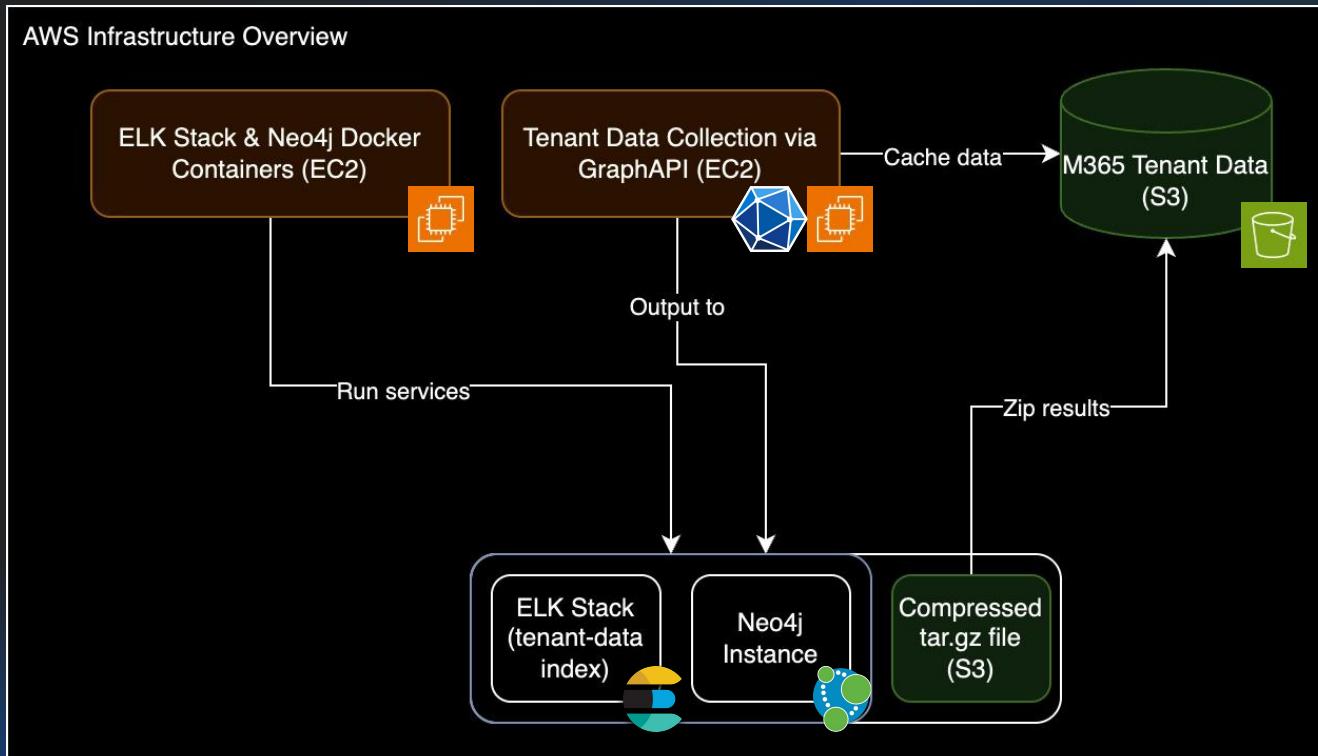
Python data collection script



*Note: We ran this on ~2.5k tenants, about 10% of available Azure tenants

Implementation

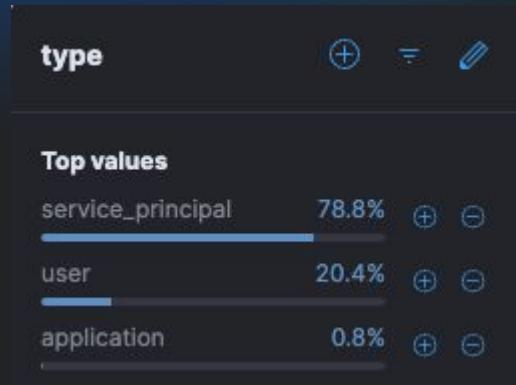
How did we build this?



Implementation

User Data Model for a Single Document

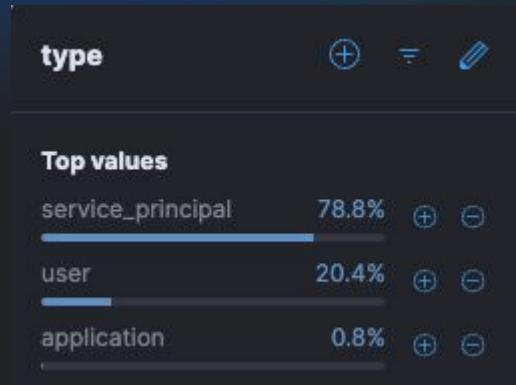
```
"_index": "tenant-data",
"_id": "alpha-num-user-id",
"_source": {
  "id": "alpha-num-user-id",
  "tenant_id": "husky-works-tenant-id",
  "type": "user",
  "attributes": {
    "user_id": "alpha-num-user-id",
    "tenant_id": "husky-works-tenant-id",
    "display_name": "Admin",
    "user_principal_name": "christina@huskyworks.onmicrosoft.com"
  },
  "ingested_at": "2024-10-14T13:17:59.775372+00:00"
},
```



Implementation

Application Data Model for a Single Document

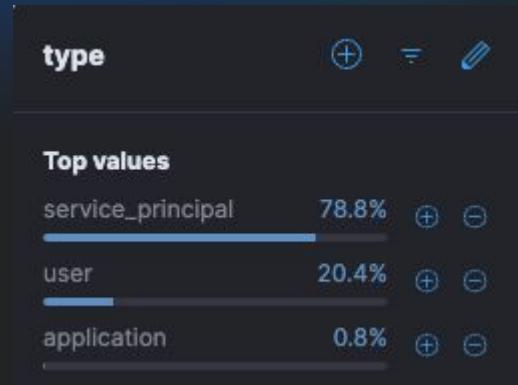
```
"_index": "tenant-data",
"_id": "alpha-num-app-id",
"_source": {
  "id": "alpha-num-object-id",
  "tenant_id": "another-tenant-id",
  "type": "application",
  "attributes": {
    "id": "alpha-num-object-id",
    "app_id": "alpha-num-app-id",
    "tenant_id": "another-tenant-id",
    "display_name": "Test App for Email",
    "created_date": "2021-09-04T00:34:00",
    "publisher_domain": "huskyworks.onmicrosoft.com",
    "sign_in_audience": "AzureADMyOrg",
    "password_credentials": [...],
    "resource_accesses": [...],
    "oauth2_permission_scopes": [...]
  },
  "ingested_at": "2024-10-14T13:17:59.775372+00:00"
},
```



Implementation

Service Principal Data Model for a Single Document

```
"_index": "tenant-data",
"_id": "alpha-num-sp-id",
"_source": {
  "id": "alpha-num-sp-id",
  "tenant_id": "another-tenant-id",
  "type": "service_principal",
  "attributes": {
    "sp_id": "alpha-num-sp-id",
    "sp_app_id": "alpha-num-app-id",
    "display_name": "Domain Controller Services",
    "created_date": "2024-01-06T13:10:52",
    "deleted_date": null,
    "sign_in_audience": "AzureADMultipleOrgs",
    "tenant_id": "another-tenant-id",
    "oauth2_permission_grants": [...],
    "app_role_assigned_to": [...],
    "oauth2_permission_scopes": [...]
  },
  "ingested_at": "2024-10-14T13:17:59.775372+00:00"
},
```





What **rogue apps** did we find?

Findings

Traitorware

- Across 2500 Huntress partner tenants, about 270 (~10%) of those tenants had at least 1 **rogue app**, which has been commonly observed during Azure identity attacks 😬
- In some cases, 1 identity from a tenant actually had many applications, and some have been lurking in Azure environments for some time.
 - We did notify partners where we noticed these rogue apps 😊
- Needle in the haystack for determining sus permissions/scopes & user persistence 🤔



Findings

Prevalence of Service Principals Overview

Prevalence Bracket	Number of Applications	Number of Service Principals
90-100%	0	159
80-90%	0	77
70-80%	0	73
60-70%	1	64
50-60%	0	32
40-50%	0	28
30-40%	0	32
20-30%	0	29
10-20%	1	136
5-10%	2	120
1-5%	38	459
>1%	6192	12904

These tables were generated from summarizer script we had, based on latest compressed file of all tenants

What does this tell us?

Findings

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30-40%	0	32
20-30%	0	29
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5-10%	2	120
1-5%	38	459
<1%	6192	12904

What does this tell us?

- A tenant with a lot of SPs is quite common
- However, there are *significantly* more SPs and applications unique to each tenant

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∴ Vast majority of SPs and apps fall into this <1% prevalence bracket

- 99% of apps
- >91% of service principals

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Most Common M365 Apps by Tenant

1. Microsoft To-Do
 2. SharePoint Notification Service
 3. Media Analysis and Transformation
 4. Microsoft Teams Web Client
 5. P2P Server
 6. Microsoft Graph
 7. O365 Secure Score
 8. Microsoft Approval Management
 9. Signup
 10. AADReporting
- ... and Huntress and more Azure-based apps 😊

This list is determined by aggregating App Display Name by unique tenant in ES



Findings

Prevalence

- Prevalence across the tenant data set can at least inform how we proceed in narrowing down the unknown-unknowns
- Rarity: identify most/least common apps
 - Most common: largely Microsoft related, not sus
 - Least common: YMMV, but helpful for querying sus sounding app names



Findings

OAuth App Attacks

Metric	Value
Total Tenants Analyzed	2525
Total Tenants with Rare Entries	1240
Total Rare Applications and SPs	10947
Total Applications Analyzed	13640
Total Service Principals Analyzed	1086095
Total Rare Applications Identified	0
Total Rare Service Principals Identified	10947
Total with Reason 'BroadImpact'	6697
Total with Reason 'Phishing'	2503
Total with Reason 'Collection'	1559
Total with Reason 'PrivEscalation'	188

This allows us to shrink the original haystack from over 1mil SPs to 1% of SPs.

We could further analyze & review this subset further 😎

Findings

OAuth App Attacks

- Find apps & SPs with the following characteristics:
 - Global prevalence of less than 1% in the surveyed tenants...
 - ... that contain at least one example of an OAuth scope that can be abused
 - Example 1:
 - "MailboxSettings": {"Privilege": "High", "Reason": "Phishing"},
 - "User.ReadWrite.All": {"Privilege": "High", "Reason": "BroadImpact"},
 - "Application.ReadWrite.All": {"High", "BroadImpact"}
 - ... where those scopes are granted for AllPrincipals in the tenant
 - Example 2:
 - SP permission grants/scopes containing Directory.ReadWrite.All
 - Global tenant admin perms



Findings

OAuth App Attacks

Let's dive further into some examples:

Name	Type	Prev %	Publisher	Permissions	Reason
IT Glue Full Integration	Service Principal	0.0	Unknown Publisher	Directory.ReadWrite.All	BroadImpact
couchdrop	Service Principal	0.5	Unknown Publisher	Files.Read.All	Collection
Backup Application [REDACTED]	Service Principal	0.0	Unknown Publisher	Directory.ReadWrite.All	BroadImpact
WindowsAdminCenter-https://localhost:6516	Service Principal	0.6	Unknown Publisher	Directory.ReadWrite.All	BroadImpact
rclone	Service Principal	0.5	Unknown Publisher	Files.Read.All	Collection

Collection + Files.Read.All perms = SUS

Directory.ReadWrite.All = SUS

Unknown Publisher = maybe SUS



What does this tell us?

These could *potentially* be malicious, but many are hiding out in the wild

Findings

Based on our original hypothesis, did we find instances of OAuth App Attacks & Traitorware?

- Prevalence ✓
 - Identified most common apps and SPs in M365
 - Assigned prevalence % for more common apps
 - Determined reputable publishers
- Application permissions/scopes ✓
 - Identified apps & SPs with powerful permissions
 - Identified patterns of permission scopes/grants for potentially malicious apps
- User persistence ✓
 - Users have potential to establish global admin perms, dangerous if in the wrong hands

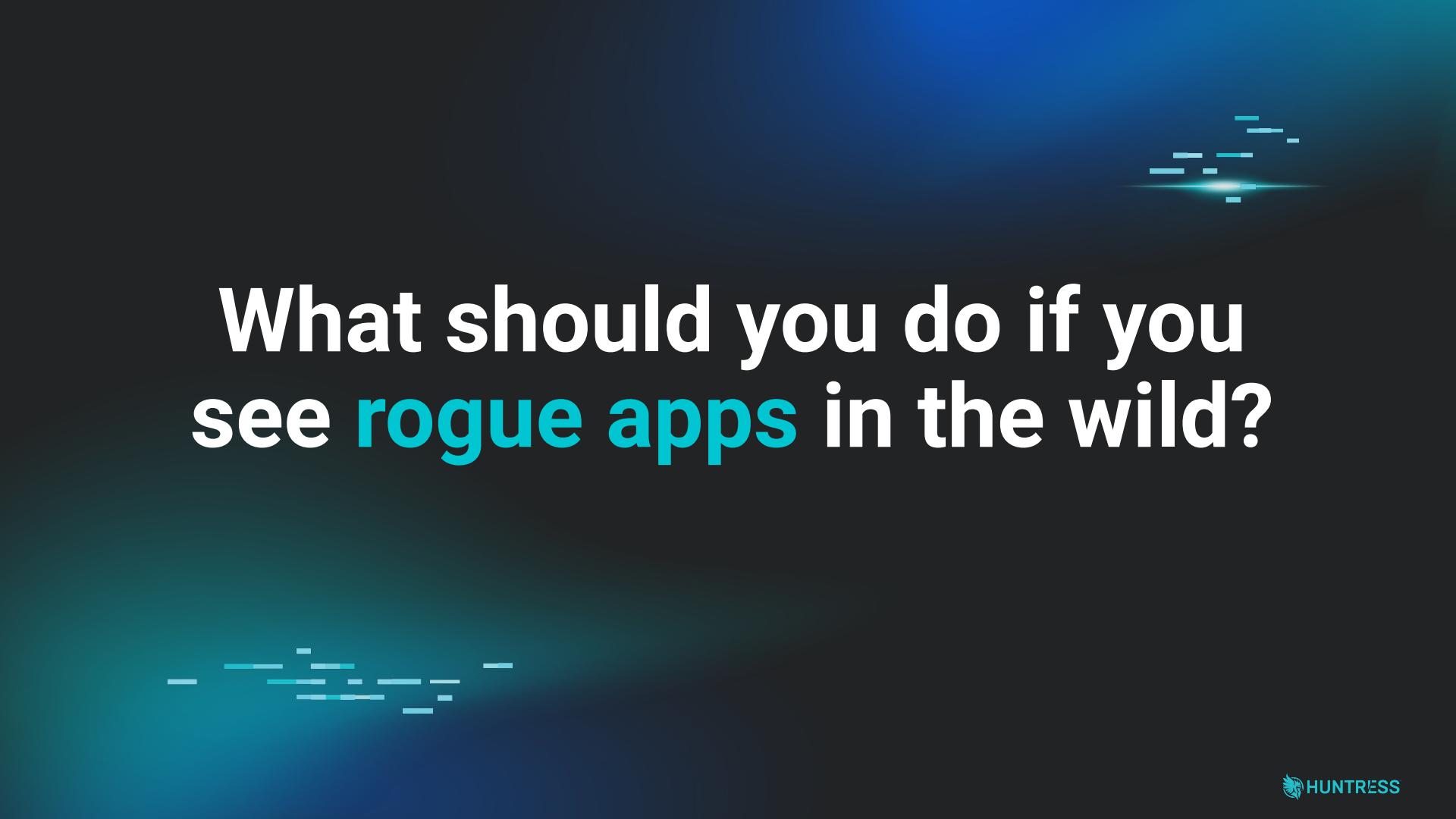


Recap

TL;DR

1. It is not a one-size fits all approach for finding **rogue apps** in SMB
 - a. Apps are widely customized and unique to each tenant
2. Needle in the haystack problem, and we can tease out apps that *appear to be malicious*
3. We can use app and SP **prevalence** as a high-level indicator
4. **Permissions/scopes:**
 - a. Could restrict app perms for users; principle of least privilege
5. **User persistence:**
 - a. Could use risk scoring, such as MITRE TTPs

⭐ But wait, there's more! ~



What should you do if you see **rogue apps** in the wild?



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<https://github.com/huntresslabs/rogueapps>



Limits/Constraints & Future Work

Limits/Constraints:

- **Time**
 - Good for first iteration, but scope of this project encompasses roughly 10% of Azure data we have visibility into
- **ETL Bottlenecks**
 - Took 1 week to load the data we have from Graph API
 - Didn't load all data into Neo4j 😞

Looking Ahead:

- **Data collection / ETL optimizations**
 - Graph API (asynchronous functions)
 - Neo4j (multithread vs bulk ingestion)
- **Does existing data model scale for analysis?** 🤔
- **Stay tuned for a v2.0!** 🎉

Final Takeaways

How can we safeguard against rogue apps?

- MFA / 2FA:
 - Make it more difficult for threat actors to get credentials
- No shadow IT
 - Normal users shouldn't be allowed to add new apps
 - Proactively, admins can [manage user content to apps in M365](#)
- Reduce attack surface:
 - Audit all apps on routine basis
 - Remove unused apps
 - Do not over-permission apps
 - Check app for verified publisher & from reputable source
- Look out for the 99%: Share what you know with the SMB community at-large
 - Increasing but limited research exists for M365
 - Also check out [Rogue Apps](#)



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