Access controls worksheet

Event Type: Information
Event Source: AdsmEmployeeService
Event Category: None
Event ID: 1227
Date: 10/03/2023
Time: 8:29:57 AM
User: Legal\Administrator
Computer: Up2-NoGud
IP: 152.207.255.255
Payroll event added. FAUX_BANK
Description:

You’re the first cybersecurity professional hired by a growing business.

Recently, a deposit was made from the business to an unknown bank account. The finance manager says they didn’t make a mistake. Fortunately, they were able to stop the payment. The owner has asked you to investigate what happened to prevent any future incidents.

To do this, you’ll need to do some accounting on the incident to better understand what happened. First, you will review the access log of the incident. Next, you will take notes that can help you identify a possible threat actor. Then, you will spot issues with the access controls that were exploited by the user. Finally, you will recommend mitigations that can improve the business' access controls and reduce the likelihood that this incident reoccurs.

Name	Role	Email	IP address	Status	Authorization	Last access	Start date	End date
Lisa Lawrence	Office manager	l.lawrence@erems.net	118.119.20.150	Full-time	Admin	12:27:19 pm (0 minutes ago)	10/1/2019	N/A
Jesse Pena	Graphic designer	j.pena@erems.net	186.125.232.66	Part-time	Admin	4:55:05 pm (1 day ago)	11/16/2020	N/A
Catherine Martin	Sales associate	catherine_M@erems.net	247.168.184.57	Full-time	Admin	12:17:34 am (10 minutes ago)	10/1/2019	N/A
Jyoti Patil	Account manager	j.patil@erems.net	159.250.146.63	Full-time	Admin	10:03:08 am (2 hours ago)	10/1/2019	N/A
Joanne Phelps	Sales associate	j_phelps123@erems.net	249.57.94.27	Seasonal	Admin	1:24:57 pm (2 years ago)	11/16/2020	1/31/2020
Ariel Olson	Owner	a.olson@erems.net	19.7.235.151	Full-time	Admin	12:24:41 pm (4 minutes ago)	8/1/2019	N/A
Robert Taylor Jr.	Legal attorney	rt.jr@erems.net	152.207.255.255	Contractor	Admin	8:29:57 am (5 days ago)	9/4/2019	12/27/2019
Amanda Pearson	Manufacturer	amandap987@erems.net	101.225.113.171	Contractor	Admin	6:24:19 pm (3 months ago)	8/5/2019	N/A
George Harris	Security analyst	georgeharris@erems.net	70.188.129.105	Full-time	Admin	05:05:22 pm (1 day ago)	1/24/2022	N/A
Lei Chu	Marketing	lei.chu@erems.net	53.49.27.117	Part-time	Admin	3:05:00 pm (2 days ago)	11/16/2020	1/31/2020

	Note(s)	Issue(s)	Recommendation(s)
Authorization /authentication	**The event happened on 10/03/2023 at 8:29:57 AM local time. The name of the device was "Up2-NoGud" and the threat actor used the user Legal/Administrator, so Robert Taylor Jr.'s account was exploited in the incident.**	**The user has Admin authorization as a contractor and was set to be end-dated at 12/27/2019 but it was accessed 5 days ago at 8:29:57 which aligns with the incident. The account should not be active and should not have access.**	**There should be regular audits to ensure that all users that leave the company have their accounts deactivated and all access restricted. This can also be done with automatic scripts to alert IT personnel that action is needed or will remove access automatically once the end-dated date has passed. There should be documentation of all steps taken when offboarding a user and what was done to their account such as HR Tickets. Overall, operational, managerial, and technical controls should all be placed to ensure that events like this do not happen again and ensure that authorization policies such as least privilege are upheld or even stricter authentication such as MFA.**