

CYBERSECURITY: SIEM

Sentinel Configuration,



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Introduction

In this Security Operations Centre (SOC) simulation, a Honeynet environment is deployed in an Azure subscription and using a Windows 10 virtual machine exposed to the internet. The security event logs from the system are ingested into Microsoft Sentinel for monitoring and analysis. During the simulation, a brute force attack is detected, and an incident is manually generated, assigned to a SOC analyst, and investigated.

Topology

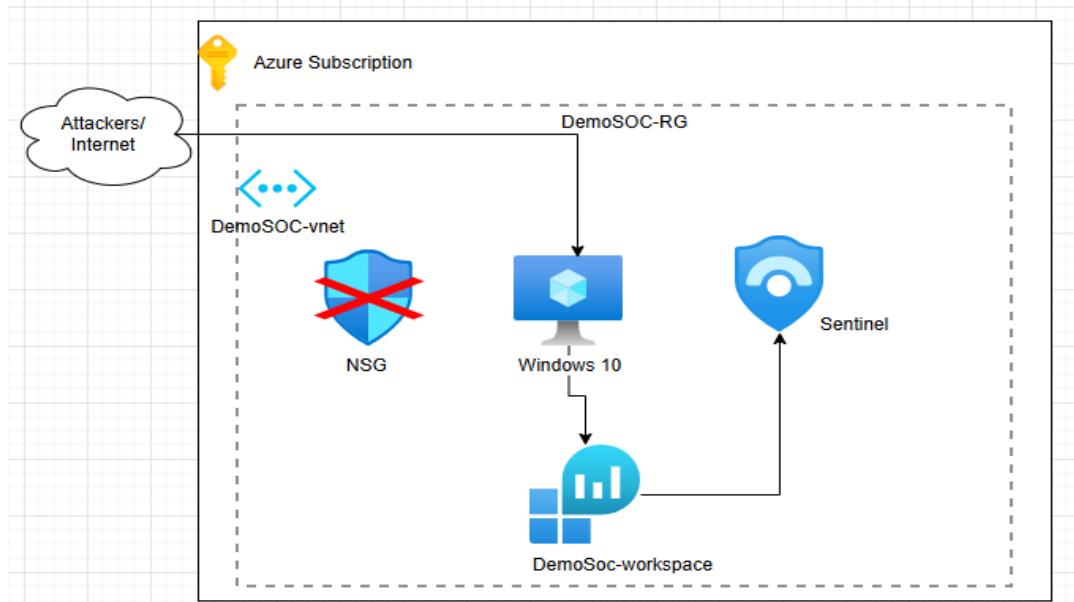


Fig 1

Configuration

What is Sentinel?

Microsoft Sentinel is a cloud-native Security Information Event Management (SIEM) system. It collects, normalises, and analyses security logs/events from across your environment (On-prem, Cloud, third party)

Sentinel is also a Security Orchestration Automation and Response (SOAR). It automates responses with playbooks, so incidents can be contained or remediated quickly without manual effort.

Create a Resource group (RG)

In an Azure account under and subscription, create a resource group. A resource group is a logical container that holds related Azure resources.

Create a resource group

Basics Tags Review + create

Resource group - A container that holds related resources for an Azure solution. The resource group can include all the resources for the solution, or only those resources that you want to manage as a group. You decide how you want to allocate resources to resource groups based on what makes the most sense for your organization. [Learn more](#)

Subscription *	Azure subscription 1
Resource group name *	DemoSOC-RG
Region *	(Europe) UK South

Fig 2

Create a Virtual Network (Vnet)

A Vnet is a logically isolated network inside Azure where you can securely run and connect Azure resources. Works the same way as an on-premises network but hosted in Azure.

Ensure the VNet is created under the resource group and region created in step 1

Create virtual network

Basics Security IP addresses Tags Review + create

Azure Virtual Network (VNet) is the fundamental building block for your private network in Azure. VNet enables many types of Azure resources, such as Azure Virtual Machines (VM), to securely communicate with each other, the internet, and on-premises networks. VNet is similar to a traditional network that you'd operate in your own data center, but brings with it additional benefits of Azure's infrastructure such as scale, availability, and isolation.

[Learn more.](#)

Project details

Select the subscription to manage deployed resources and costs. Use resource groups like folders to organize and manage all your resources.

Subscription *	Azure subscription 1
Resource group *	DemoSOC-RG
	Create new

Instance details

Virtual network name *	DemSoc-vnet
Region *	(Europe) UK South
Deploy to an Azure Extended Zone	

Fig 3

Create a Virtual Machine (VM)

Project details

Select the subscription to manage deployed resources and costs. Use resource groups like folders to organize and manage all your resources.

Subscription * ⓘ	Azure subscription 1
Resource group * ⓘ	DemoSOC-RG
	Create new

Instance details

Virtual machine name * ⓘ	HyperV-vm
Region * ⓘ	(Europe) UK South
	Deploy to an Azure Extended Zone
Availability options ⓘ	Availability zone

Fig 4

Create the VM in the resource group and region in Step 1

Image * ⓘ

Windows 10 Pro, version 22H2 - x64 Gen2 (free services eligible) ▼

[See all images](#) | [Configure VM generation](#)

VM architecture ⓘ

Arm64
 x64

i Arm64 is not supported with the selected image.

Run with Azure Spot discount ⓘ

i You are in the free trial period. Costs associated with this VM can be covered by any remaining credits on your subscription. [Learn more](#)

Size * ⓘ

Standard_E2s_v3 - 2 vcpus, 16 GiB memory (\$113.88/month) ▼

[See all sizes](#)

Enable Hibernation ⓘ

i Hibernate is not supported by the size that you have selected. Choose a size that is compatible with Hibernate to enable this feature. [Learn more](#)

Administrator account

Username * ⓘ demoUser1 ✓

Password * ✓

Confirm password * ✓

Fig 5

In the Size use at least 2vcpus. Anything less will be painfully slow.

Ensure to confirm you have a license; otherwise, the process will not continue.

Licensing

I confirm I have an eligible Windows 10/11 license with multi-tenant hosting rights.

[Review multi-tenant hosting rights for Windows 10/11 compliance](#)

Fig 6

In the Networking tab, select the Vnet created in the previous step.

Create a virtual machine

Basics Disks **Networking** Management Monitoring Advanced Tags Review + create

Define network connectivity for your virtual machine by configuring network interface card (NIC) settings. You can control ports, inbound and outbound connectivity with security group rules, or place behind an existing load balancing solution.

[Learn more ↗](#)

Network interface

When creating a virtual machine, a network interface will be created for you.

Virtual network ⓘ ▼

Subnet * ⓘ ▼
Edit subnet 10.0.1.0 - 10.0.1.255 (256 addresses)

Public IP ⓘ ▼
Create new

NIC network security group ⓘ None
 Basic
 Advanced

Public inbound ports * ⓘ None
 Allow selected ports

Select inbound ports * ▼

⚠ This will allow all IP addresses to access your virtual machine. This is only recommended for testing. Use the Advanced controls in the Networking tab to create rules to limit inbound traffic to known IP addresses.

Fig 6

Click on Review and Create. Once the validation is passed, click create and wait for the VM to be provisioned.

Virtual machines								Get started					
+ Create		Switch to classic	Reservations	Manage view	Refresh	Export to CSV	Open query	Assign tags	Start	Restart	Stop	Delete	More
<p> ⓘ You are viewing a new version of Browse experience. Click here to access the old experience.</p>													
<p><input type="text"/> Filter for any field... <input type="button" value="Subscription equals all"/> <input type="button" value="Type equals all"/> <input type="button" value="Resource Group equals all"/> <input type="button" value="Location equals all"/> <input type="button" value="Add filter"/></p>													
<input type="checkbox"/>	Name ↑	Subscription	Resource Group	Location	Status	Operating system	Size	Public IP address					
<input type="checkbox"/>	HyperV-vm	...	Azure subscription 1	DemoSOC-RG	UK South	Running	Windows	Standard_E2s_v3					

Fig 7

With the VM created. Navigate to Home and click on Resource group. The following resources should be listed.

Resources		
Filter for any field... Type equals all Location equals all Add filter		
Showing 1 to 6 of 6 records. Show hidden types No grouping		
Name	Type	Location
DemSoc-vnet	Virtual network	UK South
HyperV-vm	Virtual machine	UK South
HyperV-vm-ip	Public IP address	UK South
HyperV-vm-nsg	Network security group	UK South
hyperv-vm89_z1	Network Interface	UK South
HyperV-vm_OsDisk_1_2141655cc70f4c7a93401e68178af7ea	Disk	UK South

Fig 8

Two resources were automatically created with the VM – HyperV-vm-nsg and HyperV-vm89_z1. Interest is in the NSG (Network Security Group), which acts like the firewall. We need to allow inbound traffic.

Delete the inbound rule with Priority Value 300 and create a new rule allowing any traffic from any destination.

Inbound Security Rules						
300	RDP	3389	TCP	Any	Any	Allow
65000	AllowVnetInbound	Any	Any	VirtualNetwork	VirtualNetwork	Allow

Fig 9



Add inbound security rule

X

HyperV-vm-nsg

Source ⓘ

Any

Source port ranges * ⓘ

*

Destination ⓘ

Any

Service ⓘ

Custom

Destination port ranges * ⓘ

*



Protocol

- Any
- TCP
- UDP
- ICMPv4
- ICMPv6

Action

- Allow
- Deny

Priority * ⓘ

100

Name *

demoSoc



Description

Allow all traffic



Add

Cancel

Give feedback

Fig 10

Log into VM

With the inbound rule in place, log in to the computer via RDP. A successful login will present a certificate as shown below.

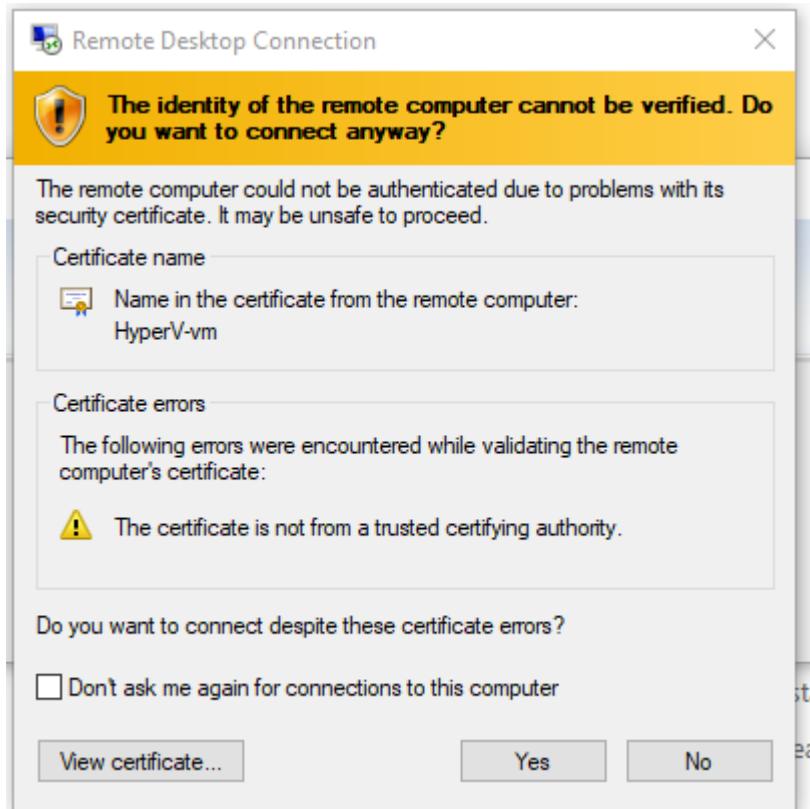


Fig 11

Click Yes on the Certificate, navigate to the Firewall settings, and deactivate the firewall. Right click on Windows Defender Firewall

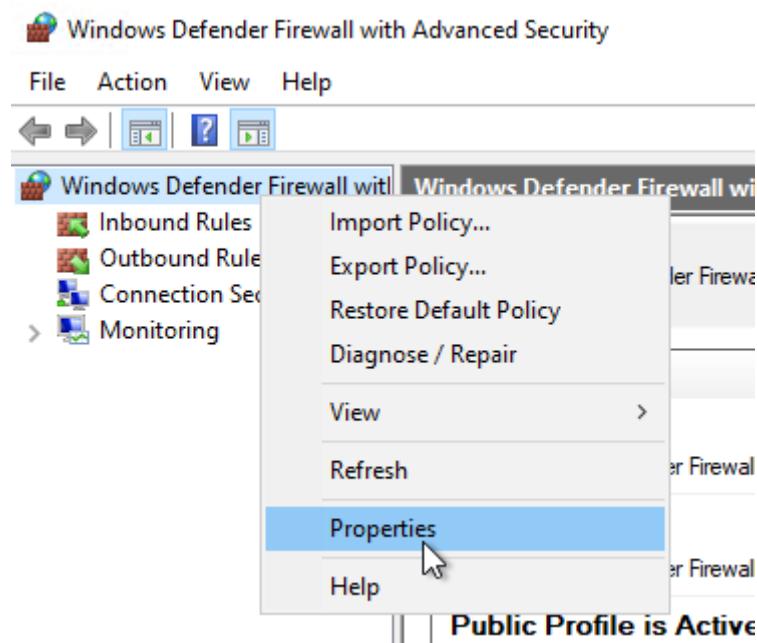


Fig 12

Disable the firewall state in all the tabs.

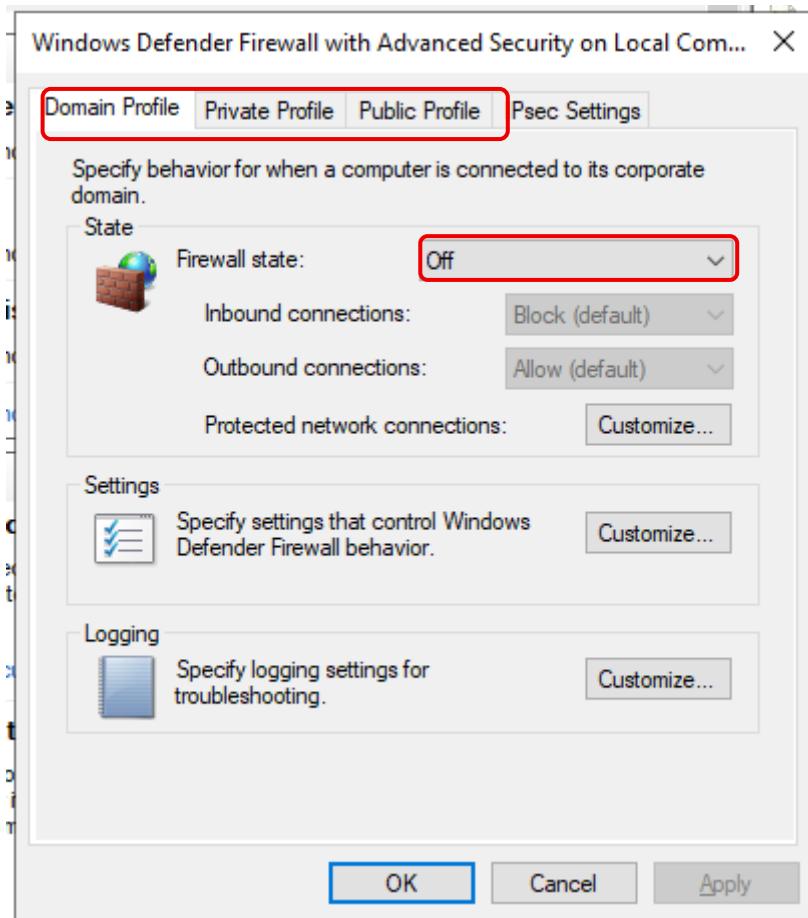


Fig 13

Test that you can reach the computer using a ping. This will show that if you can get a response, the public should be able to attack it.

```
C:\> Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.19045.6216]
(c) Microsoft Corporation. All rights reserved.

C:\Users\User>ping 20.0.114.122

Pinging 20.0.114.122 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 20.0.114.122: bytes=32 time=57ms TTL=112
Reply from 20.0.114.122: bytes=32 time=45ms TTL=112
Reply from 20.0.114.122: bytes=32 time=40ms TTL=112
Reply from 20.0.114.122: bytes=32 time=42ms TTL=112

Ping statistics for 20.0.114.122:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 40ms, Maximum = 57ms, Average = 46ms

C:\Users\User>
```

Fig 14

Navigate to the Event viewer. This is where the activities on the computer are logged

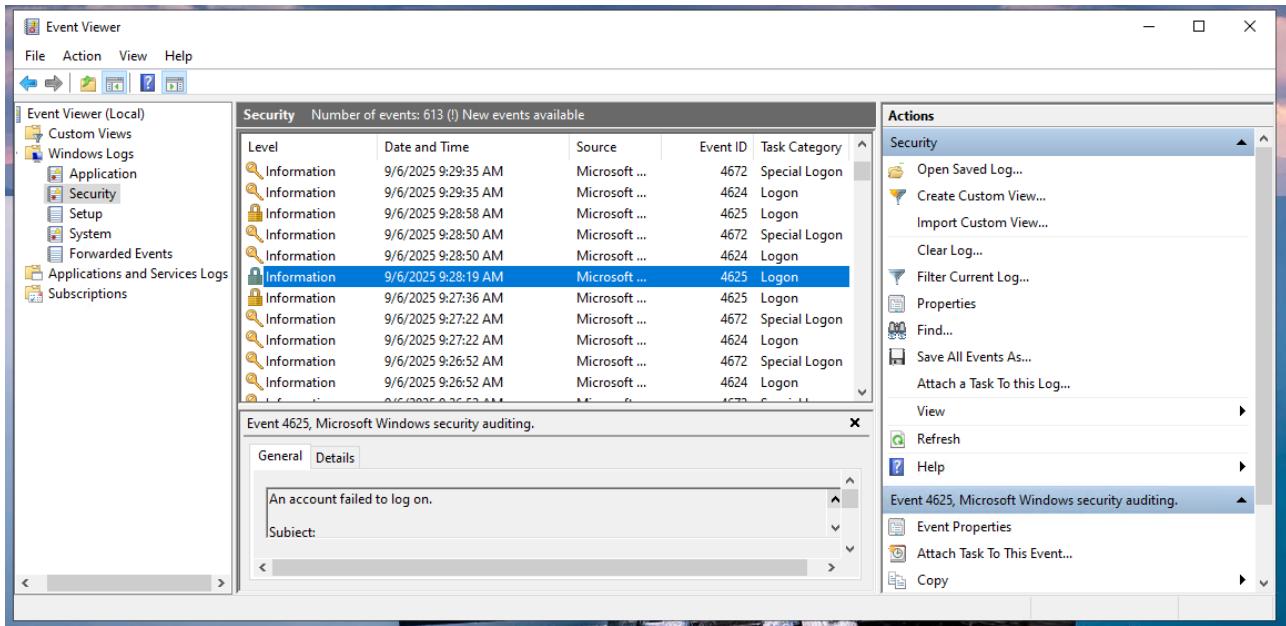


Fig 15

Under Event ID, notice different events. These are the events that will be ingested into Sentinel.

Configure Sentinel

In Azure, in the search type Log Analytics to create a workspace. Which is a requirement for Sentinel

Create Log Analytics workspace

Basics Tags Review + Create

1 A Log Analytics workspace is the basic management unit of Azure Monitor Logs. There are specific considerations you should take when creating a new Log Analytics workspace. [Learn more](#) X

With Azure Monitor Logs you can easily store, retain, and query data collected from your monitored resources in Azure and other environments for valuable insights. A Log Analytics workspace is the logical storage unit where your log data is collected and stored.

Project details

Select the subscription to manage deployed resources and costs. Use resource groups like folders to organize and manage all your resources.

Subscription * ⓘ	Azure subscription 1
Resource group * ⓘ	DemoSOC-RG
	Create new

Instance details

Name * ⓘ	DemoSoc-workspace
Region * ⓘ	UK South

Fig 16

Create this in the same resource group and region as the VM

 Delete  Cancel  Redeploy  Download  Refresh

 Your deployment is complete

 Deployment name : Microsoft.LogAnalyticsOMS
Subscription : Azure subscription 1
Resource group : DemoSOC-RG

 Deployment details

 Next steps

[Go to resource](#)

Fig 17

With the workspace created in the search space type Sentinel, click create

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Sentinel Home page. At the top, there's a breadcrumb navigation: Home >. Below it is the title "Microsoft Sentinel" with a gear icon and three dots. To the right are buttons for "List resources by subscription" and "Generate a CLI sc". A sub-header "Default Directory (msokey69@yahoo.com.onmicrosoft.com)" is displayed. A horizontal toolbar includes "Create", "Manage view", "Refresh", "Export to CSV", "Open query", and a download icon. A message box says "You are viewing a new version of Browse experience. Click here to access the old experience." Below the toolbar are filter options: "Filter for any field...", "Subscription equals all", and "Resource Group equals all".

Fig 18

The screenshot shows the "Add Microsoft Sentinel to a workspace" page. At the top, there's a breadcrumb navigation: Home > Microsoft Sentinel >. Below it is the title "Add Microsoft Sentinel to a workspace" with three dots. A horizontal toolbar includes "Create a new workspace" and "Refresh". A message box says "Microsoft Sentinel offers a 31-day free trial. See [Microsoft Sentinel pricing](#) for more details." Another message box says "New Microsoft Sentinel workspaces created by authorized users are automatically onboarded and". Below the toolbar is a "Filter by name..." input field. A table lists workspaces: "DemoSoc-workspace" (with a blue icon) and "uksouth" (with a grey icon). The table has columns for "Workspace" and "Location".

Fig 19

Select the workspace created shown above

The screenshot shows a confirmation dialog titled "Microsoft Sentinel free trial activated". It states: "The free trial is active on this workspace from 6/9/2025 to 7/10/2025 at 23:59:59 UTC. During the trial, up to 10 GB/day are free for **both Microsoft Sentinel and Log Analytics**. Data beyond the 10 GB/day included quantity will be billed." There is an "OK" button at the bottom left. Below the dialog, a note says: "Collect and analyze data from any source, cloud or on-premises, in any format, at cloud scale. With AI on your side, find, investigate, and respond to real threat experience."

Fig 20

Navigate to the Content hub in Sentinel and search for security events

Home > Microsoft Sentinel > Add Microsoft Sentinel to a workspace > Microsoft Sentinel

Microsoft Sentinel | Content hub ...
Selected workspace: 'demosoc-workspace'

Search Refresh Install/Update Delete SIEM Migration Guides & Feedback

General
Overview
Logs
Guides
Search
Threat management
Content management
Content hub
Repositories
Community
Configuration

Solutions 419
Standalone contents 320
Installed 0
Updates 0

Didn't find what you were looking for? We're showing a limited set of results. Try refining your search.

Security events Status : All Content type : All

<input type="checkbox"/>	Content title	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	SlashNext Security Events	<input type="radio"/> Not installed
	SlashNextSecurityEventsforMicrosoftSentinel	<input type="radio"/> Not installed
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Windows Security Events	<input type="radio"/> Not installed

Fig 21

Select Windows Security Events. At the bottom of the page, on the right-hand click on the install button.

 Windows Security Events

Microsoft Provider	Microsoft Support	3.0.9 Version
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in ingesting Security Events logs into your Log Analytics Workspace using the new Azure Monitor Agent. Learn more about ingesting using the new Azure Monitor Agent [here](#). **Microsoft recommends using this Data Connector.**

2. Security Events via Legacy Agent - This data connector helps in ingesting Security Events logs into your Log Analytics Workspace using the legacy Log Analytics agent.

NOTE: Microsoft recommends installation of Windows Security Events via AMA Connector. Legacy connector uses the Log Analytics agent which is about to be deprecated by **Aug 31, 2024**, and thus should only be installed where AMA is not supported.

Data Connectors: 2, Workbooks: 2, Analytic Rules: 20, Hunting Queries: 50

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Content type ⓘ

 20 Analytics rule	 2 Data connector	 50 Hunting query
 2 Workbook		

Category ⓘ

Security - Threat Protection

Pricing ⓘ

 Free

[Install](#) [View details](#)

Fig 22

<input type="checkbox"/>	Windows Security Events	✓ Installed	Solution	Microsoft	Microsoft	Security - Threat Protection
	Security Events via Legacy Agent	✓ Installed	Solution	Microsoft	Microsoft	Security - Threat Protection
	Windows Security Events via AMA	✓ Installed	Solution	Microsoft	Microsoft	Security - Threat Protection
	New EXE deployed via Default Domain or ...	✓ Installed	Solution	Microsoft	Microsoft	Security - Threat Protection
	Gain Code Execution on ADFS Server via S...	✓ Installed	Solution	Microsoft	Microsoft	Security - Threat Protection
	Excessive Windows Logon Failures	✓ Installed	Solution	Microsoft	Microsoft	Security - Threat Protection
	Starting or Stopping HealthService to Avoi...	✓ Installed	Solution	Microsoft	Microsoft	Security - Threat Protection
	Process Execution Frequency Anomaly	✓ Installed	Solution	Microsoft	Microsoft	Security - Threat Protection
	AD FS Remote Auth Sync Connection	✓ Installed	Solution	Microsoft	Microsoft	Security - Threat Protection
	NRT Security Event log cleared	✓ Installed	Solution	Microsoft	Microsoft	Security - Threat Protection

Fig 23

Click on Manage

Windows Security Events

 Microsoft Provider
 Microsoft Support
 3.0.9 Version

Description

Note: Please refer to the following before installing the solution:

- Review the solution [Release Notes](#)

The Windows Security Events solution for Microsoft Sentinel allows you to ingest Security events from your Windows machines using the Windows Agent into Microsoft Sentinel. This solution includes two (2) data connectors to help ingest the logs.

- Windows Security Events via AMA** - This data connector helps in ingesting Security Events logs into your Log Analytics Workspace using the new Azure Monitor Agent. Learn more about ingesting using the new Azure Monitor Agent [here](#). **Microsoft recommends using this Data Connector.**
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Data Connectors: 2, Workbooks: 2, Analytic Rules: 20, Hunting Queries: 50

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Content type 
[Manage](#)
[Actions !\[\]\(6cfcc147299ae2dd86fed188fc7c4de3_img.jpg\)](#)
[View details](#)

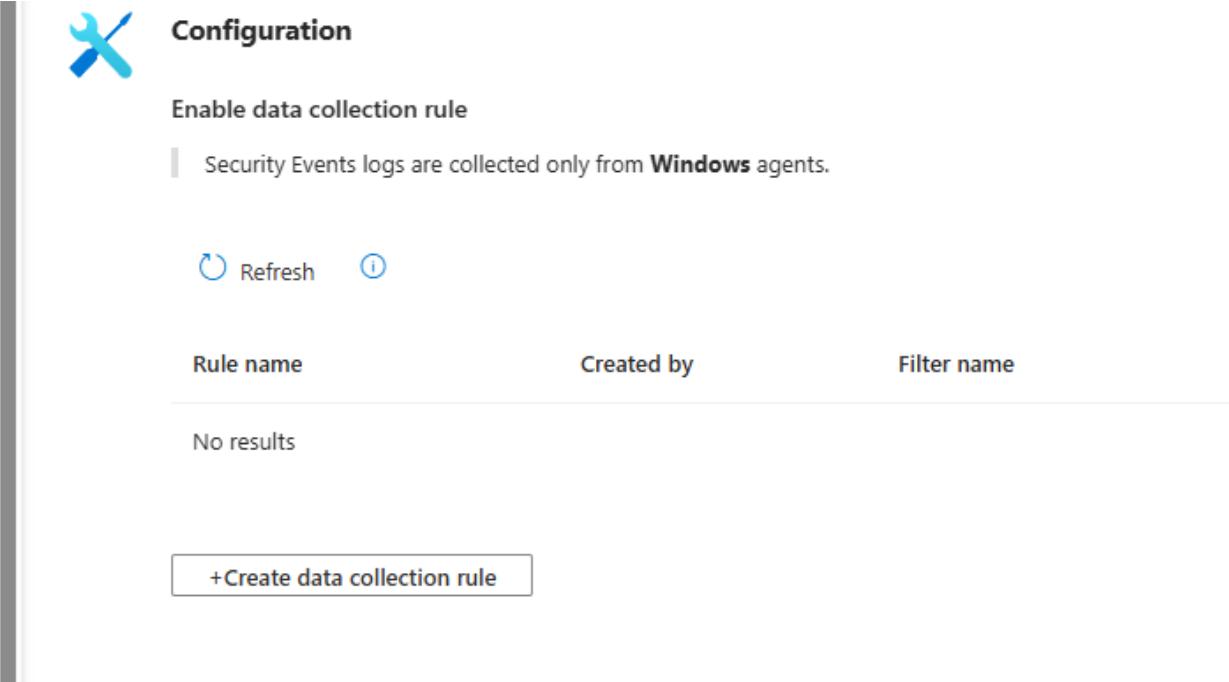
Fig 24

<input type="checkbox"/>	Content name	Created content	Content...	Version	Status
<input type="checkbox"/>	Security Events via Legacy Agent	⚠ 1 items	Data co...	1.0.0	 Install
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Windows Security Events via AMA	⚠ 1 items	Data co...	1.0.0	 Install
<input type="checkbox"/>	AD FS Remote Auth Sync Connection	⚠ --	Analyti...	1.0.4	 Install
<input type="checkbox"/>	AD FS Remote HTTP Network Connection	⚠ --	Analyti...	1.0.2	 Install
<input type="checkbox"/>	AD user enabled and password not set within 48 hours	⚠ --	Analyti...	1.0.4	 Install

Fig 25

Configure the collection rule.

Click on Create data collection rule. This rule instructs the VM to forward the Event logs to the log analytics workspace



Configuration

Enable data collection rule

Security Events logs are collected only from **Windows** agents.

Refresh

Rule name	Created by	Filter name
No results		

+Create data collection rule

Fig 26

Give the collection rule a name. select the resource group

Create Data Collection Rule

Data collection rule management

Basic Resources Collect Review + create

Select the subscription to manage deployed resources and costs. Use resource groups like folders to organize and manage all of your resources.

Rule details

Rule name *

Data-Collection

Subscription * ⓘ

Azure subscription 1

Resource group * ⓘ

DemoSOC-RG

Fig 27

Select the device whose event log will be ingested

Create Data Collection Rule

Data collection rule management

Basic Resources Collect Review + create

Choose a set of machines to collect data from. This set of machines will replace any previous selection, make sure to re-select any you'd like to keep. The Azure Monitor Agent will automatically be installed.

- This will also enable System Assigned Managed Identity on these machines, in addition to existing User Assigned Identities (if any). Note: Unless specified in the request, the machine will default to using System Assigned Identity for all other applications.
[Learn more](#)

Subscriptions	Resource Groups	Resource Types	Locations
Selected: All	Selected: All	Selected: All	Selected: All
<input type="text"/> Search to filter items...			<input type="button"/> Show Selected
Scope	Resource Type	Location	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Azure subscription 1			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DemoSOC-RG			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HyperV-vm	microsoft.compute/virtualmachines	UK South	

Fig 28

Ensure All security radio is checked.

Create Data Collection Rule

Data collection rule management

Basic Resources **Collect** Review + create

Select which events to stream. ⓘ

All Security Events Common Minimal Custom

Fig 29

Review and create the rule.

Create Data Collection Rule

Data collection rule management

✓ Validation passed

Basic Resources Collect Review + create

Basic

Data rule name	Data-Collection
Subscription	Azure subscription 1
Resource Group	DemoSOC-RG

Selected resources

Name	Type
hyper-v-vm	microsoft.compute/virtualmachines

Selected events

AllEvents

Fig 30

Give the provisioning of the agent time to complete.

The screenshot shows the 'Extensions' section of the Azure portal. It lists one item: 'AzureMonitorWindowsAgent'. The details are as follows:

Name	Type	Version	Latest Version	Status
AzureMonitorWindowsAgent	Microsoft.Azure.Monitor...	1.37.0.0	1.37.0.0	Provisioning succeeded

Fig 31

On the Log Analytics workspace page, click on Logs. In the right-hand corner of the drop-down menu, select KQL query

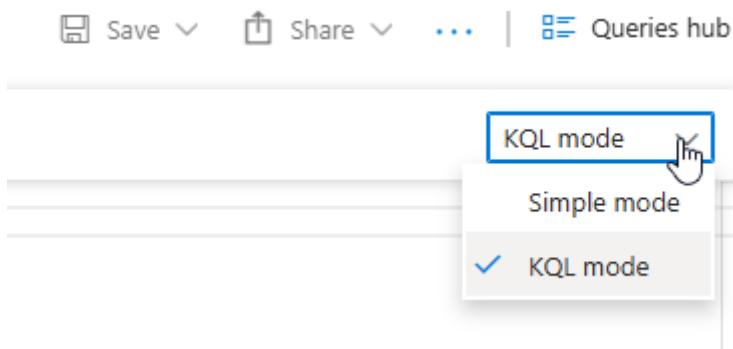


Fig 32

Write a query to display failed logins on the VM:
SecurityEvent

```
| where EventID == 4625
```

The screenshot shows the results of the KQL query. The query is:

```
1 SecurityEvent
2 | where EventID == 4625
```

The results table shows four rows of data:

TimeGenerated [UTC]	Account	AccountType	Computer	EventSourceName	Channel	Task	Level
9/6/2025, 10:46:50.690 AM	DESKTOP-ON6AJE5\demoUser1	User	HyperV-vm	Microsoft-Windows-Security-A...	Security	12544	0
9/6/2025, 10:46:21.882 AM	DESKTOP-ON6AJE5\Administra...	User	HyperV-vm	Microsoft-Windows-Security-A...	Security	12544	0
9/6/2025, 10:45:43.507 AM	DESKTOP-ON6AJE5\admin	User	HyperV-vm	Microsoft-Windows-Security-A...	Security	12544	0
9/6/2025, 10:45:33.396 AM	DESKTOP-ON6AJE5\admin	User	HyperV-vm	Microsoft-Windows-Security-A...	Security	12544	0

Fig 33

Run a few more queries to make sure the data is being ingested.

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Sentinel Log Analytics workspace. At the top, there are three buttons: a blue 'Run' button, a 'Time range : Last 24 hours' button, and a 'Show : 5000 results' button. Below these, a code editor displays the following PowerShell-like query:

```

1 SecurityEvent
2 | where EventID == 4625
3 | where Account == "\KANTIN"
4 | project TimeGenerated, IpAddress
5
6
7
8
9
10

```

Below the code editor, there are two tabs: 'Results' (which is selected) and 'Chart'. Under the 'Results' tab, there is a table with two columns: 'TimeGenerated [UTC]' and 'IpAddress'. The table contains one row with the value '9/6/2025, 12:21:59.150 PM' under 'TimeGenerated' and '185.156.73.62' under 'IpAddress'.

Fig 34

Plotting the IP address on a Map

To plot the IP address of the general area these IPs are originating from, we need to create a Watchlist.

Click on the Sentinel instance, under configure, click on Watchlist

The screenshot shows the 'Watchlist wizard' interface. On the left, there is a navigation tree with three items: 'General' (selected), 'Source', and 'Review + create'. The 'General' item has a blue dot next to it. On the right, there are three input fields:

- Name ***: geoip
- Description**: Map IP Address
- Alias ***: geoip

Fig 35

Navigate to this GitHub, download the CSV file to your local device

<https://raw.githubusercontent.com/joshmadakor1/lognpacific-public/refs/heads/main/misc/geoip-summarized.csv>

The CSV file helps map the IP location of the

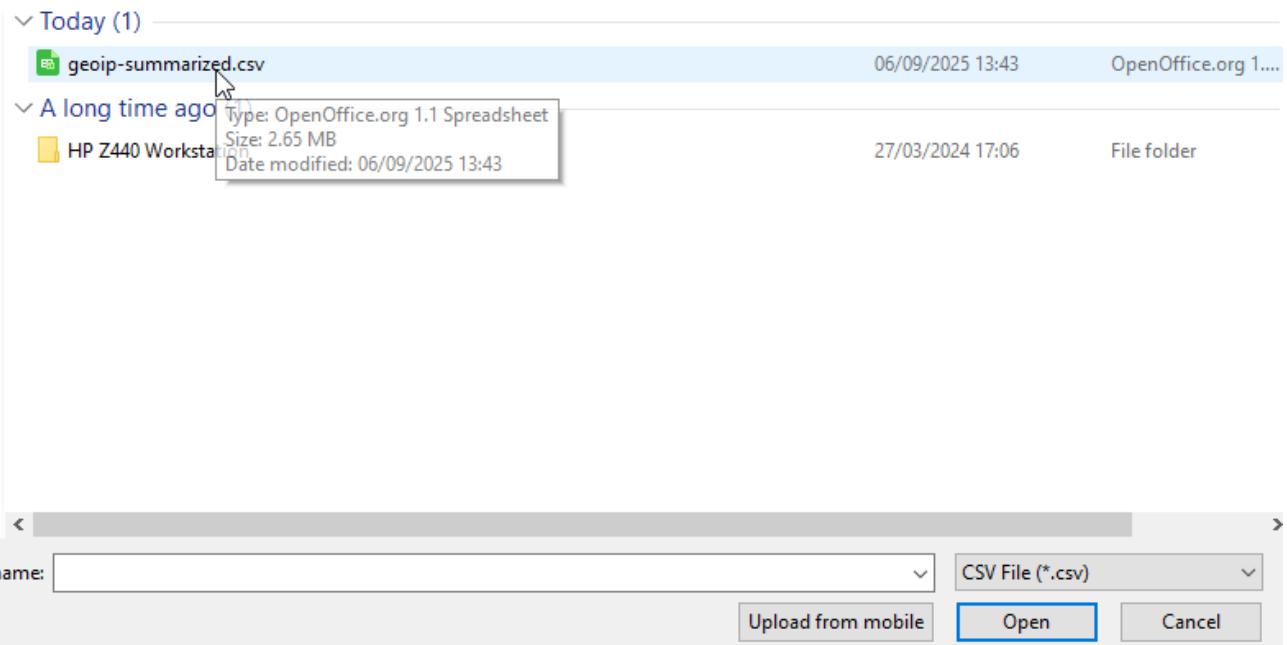


Fig 36

Source type *	Local file
File type *	CSV file with a header (.csv)
Number of lines before row with headings *	0
Upload file *	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> geoip-summarized.csv Drag and drop the files or Browse for files
SearchKey *	network
Reset	

File preview | First 50 rows and first 5 columns

network	latitude	longitude	cityname	countryname
1.0.0.0/16	-33.494	143.2104		Australia
1.1.0.0/16	17.8148	103.3386	Ban Chan	Thailand
1.2.0.0/16	13.8667	100.1917	Nakhon Pathom	Thailand
1.3.0.0/16	13.8679	100.1891	Nakhon Pathom	Thailand
1.4.0.0/16	13.6687	100.579	Bangkok	Thailand
1.5.0.0/16	13.6659	100.5882	Bangkok	Thailand
1.6.0.0/16	12.9634	77.5855	Bengaluru	India
1.7.0.0/16	12.9691	77.5902	Bengaluru	India
1.8.0.0/16	12.9557	77.5843	Bengaluru	India
1.9.0.0/16	3.1539	101.7448	Ampang	Malaysia
1.10.0.0/16	17.8842	102.7394	Nong Khai	Thailand

Fig 37

In the watchlist, click on the geoip. Wait for the CSV to be ingested into azure

Refresh All workspaces Guides

> geoip

Microsoft Provider	0 Rows	9/6/2025, 1:54:0... Created time
--------------------	--------	----------------------------------

Description
Map IP Address

Source
geoip-summarized.csv

Created by
msokey69@yahoo.com

Last updated
9/6/2025, 1:54:08 PM

SearchKey
network

Status (Preview)
Uploading (29.2%)

Fig 38

> geoip

Microsoft Provider	55K Rows	9/6/2025, 1:54:0... Created time
--------------------	----------	----------------------------------

Description
Map IP Address

Source
geoip-summarized.csv

Created by
msokey69@yahoo.com

Last updated
9/6/2025, 1:54:08 PM

SearchKey
network

Status (Preview)
Succeeded

Fig 39

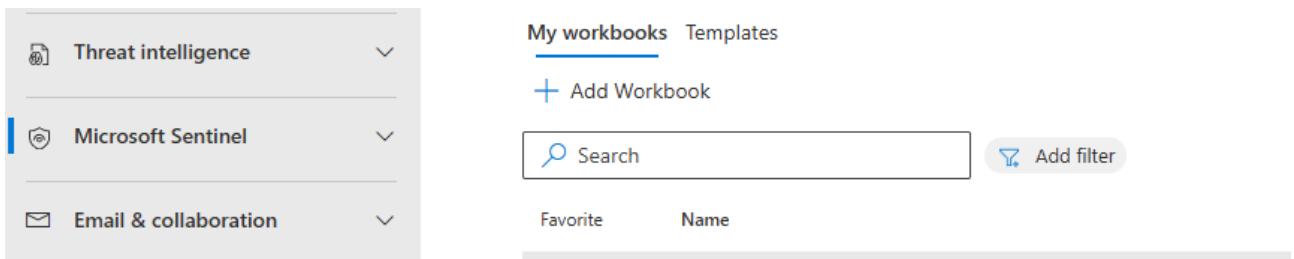


Fig 40

On the right hand side click on edit remove all the contents in the workbook.

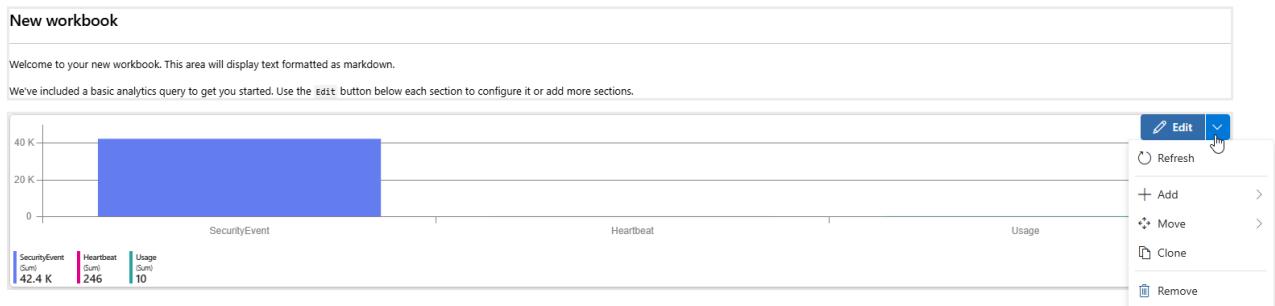


Fig 41

Click on Edit again Give the workbook a title and location. Click on save

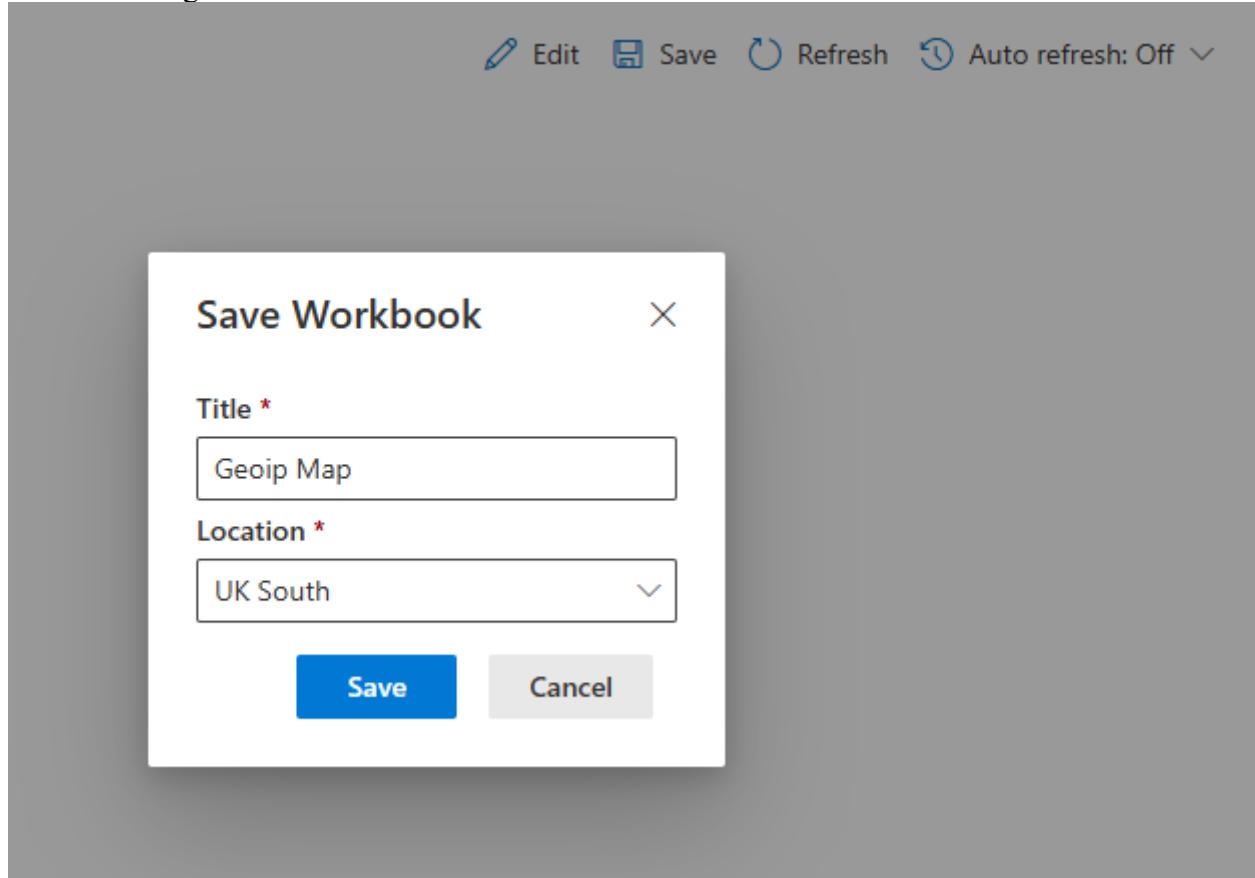


Fig 42

Click on Open in Azure. Click on edit. Select advanced query. Copy and paste the map.json contents.

Navigate to this website

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ErlVEK5cQjpGyOcu4T02xYy7F31dWuir/view?usp=drive_link and copy the map.json content to the advanced query and click done editing

```
{  
    "type": 3,  
    "content": {  
        "version": "KqlItem/1.0",  
        "query": "let GeoIPDB_FULL = _GetWatchlist(\"geoip\");\nlet  
WindowsEvents = SecurityEvent;\nWindowsEvents | where EventID == 4625\n|  
order by TimeGenerated desc\n| evaluate ipv4_lookup(GeoIPDB_FULL, IPAddress, network)\n|  
summarize FailureCount = count() by IPAddress, latitude, longitude, cityname, countryname\n|  
project FailureCount, AttackerIp = IPAddress, latitude, longitude, city = cityname, country =  
countryname,\nfriendly_location = strcat(cityname, \" (\", countryname,  
\")\") ;",  
        "size": 3,  
        "timeContext": {  
            "durationMs": 2592000000  
        },  
        "queryType": 0,  
        "resourceType": "microsoft.operationalinsights/workspaces",  
        "visualization": "map",  
        "mapSettings": {  
            "locInfo": "LatLong",  
            "locInfoColumn": "countryname",  
            "latitude": "latitude",  
            "longitude": "longitude",  
            "sizeSettings": "FailureCount",  
            "sizeAggregation": "Sum",  
            "opacity": 0.8,  
            "labelSettings": "friendly_location",  
            "legendMetric": "FailureCount",  
            "legendAggregation": "Sum",  
            "itemColorSettings": {  
                "nodeColorField": "FailureCount",  
                "colorAggregation": "Sum",  
                "type": "heatmap",  
                "heatmapPalette": "greenRed"  
            }  
        }  
    },  
    "name": "query - 0"  
}
```

A map showing the general area from which the attacking Ips are originating will be displayed.

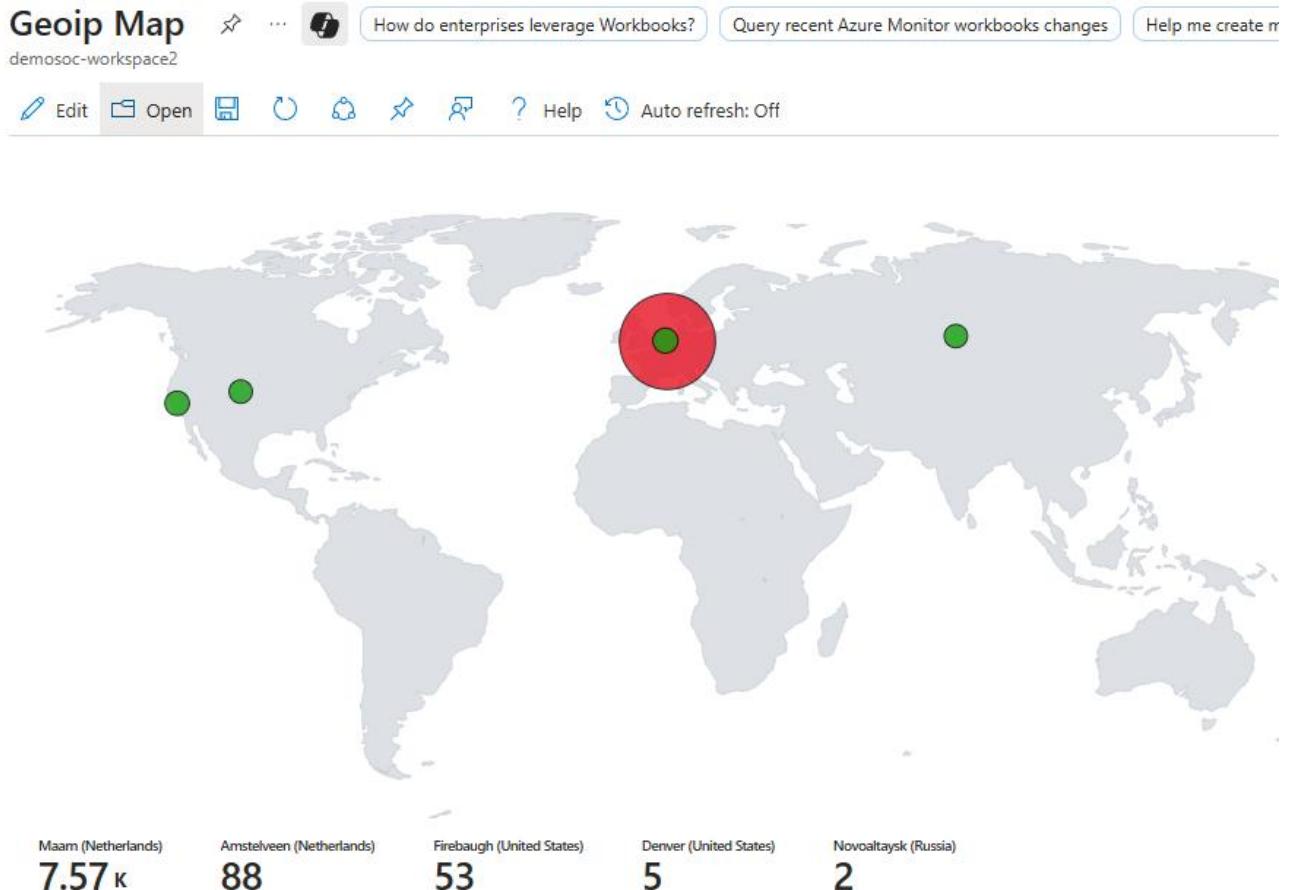


Fig 43

To get a variety of results, the VM needs to run for a period of time of more than 24 hrs at least.

With the results obtained, we can create an incident rule that will generate an alert. For the SOC to investigate and resolve.

To achieve this, we need to create a scheduled rule that will run, interrogate the logs, compare them to the rule, and if anything fails, an alert is generated.

On the Sentinel page, click on configuration. The new Sentinel page will direct you to the Microsoft Defender page. Under configuration, click on Analytics

Create a Scheduled Query.

Navigate to the analytics tab

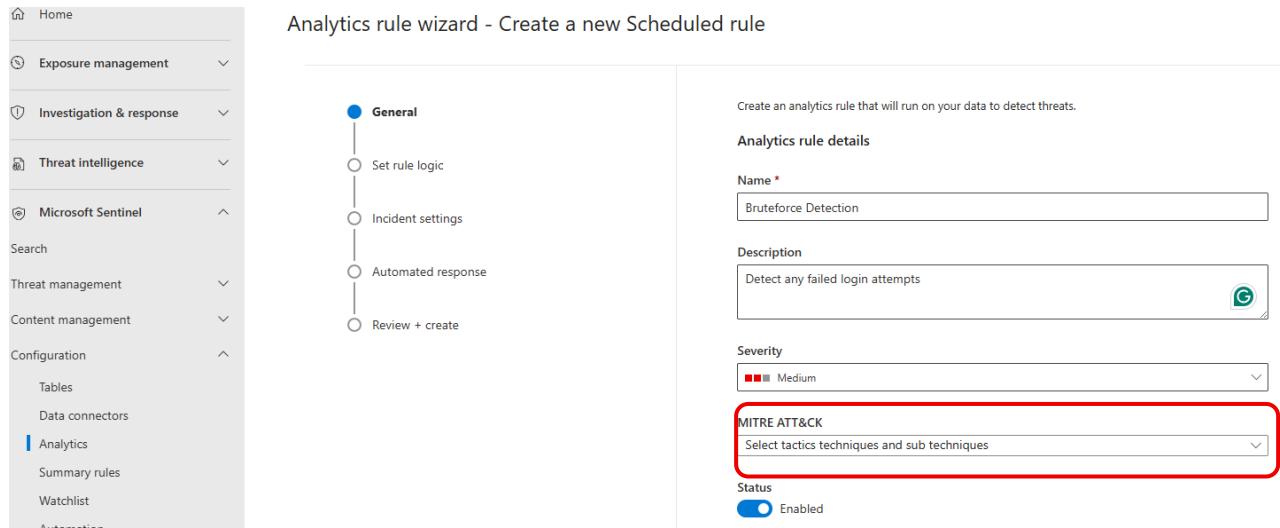


Fig 44

Write the query that will determine if the rule has been violated by the event in the logs.

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.

```
SecurityEvent
| where EventID == 4625
| project TimeGenerated, EventID, Computer, IPAddress, Account, LogonType
| extend AccountEntity = Account
| extend IPentity = IPAddress
```

Fig 45

Query Explained

SecurityEvent

- This specifies the table you're querying.
- In Azure Log Analytics, SecurityEvent contains Windows security event logs.
- These include things like logon attempts, privilege use, account management, etc.

| where EventID == 4625

- Filters the data to only include rows (events) where EventID is 4625.
- 4625 is the Windows Event ID for a failed logon attempt (due to a bad password, unknown user, etc.).

| project TimeGenerated, EventID, Computer, IPAddress, Account, LogonType

- This selects (projects) only the specific columns you want to see in the results:
 - TimeGenerated: When the event was logged.

- EventID: Should be 4625 in every row.
- Computer: Name of the machine where the event was logged.
- IPAddress: IP address from where the login was attempted.
- Account: The user account name used in the attempt.
- LogonType: Indicates the type of logon (e.g., interactive, remote, network).

| **extend AccountEntity = Account**

- Creates a new column called AccountEntity and copies the value from the Account column into it.
- This is often done for entity mapping in Microsoft Sentinel, where AccountEntity can be linked to identity analytics.

| **extend IPEntity = IPAddress**

- Similar to the above: creates a new column IPEntity with the same values as IPAddress.

This is for linking with network entity analytics, IP investigations, etc.

In the set rule logic, under the MITRE attack section, see fig 44, select the tactics, techniques, and sub-techniques. See fig 44

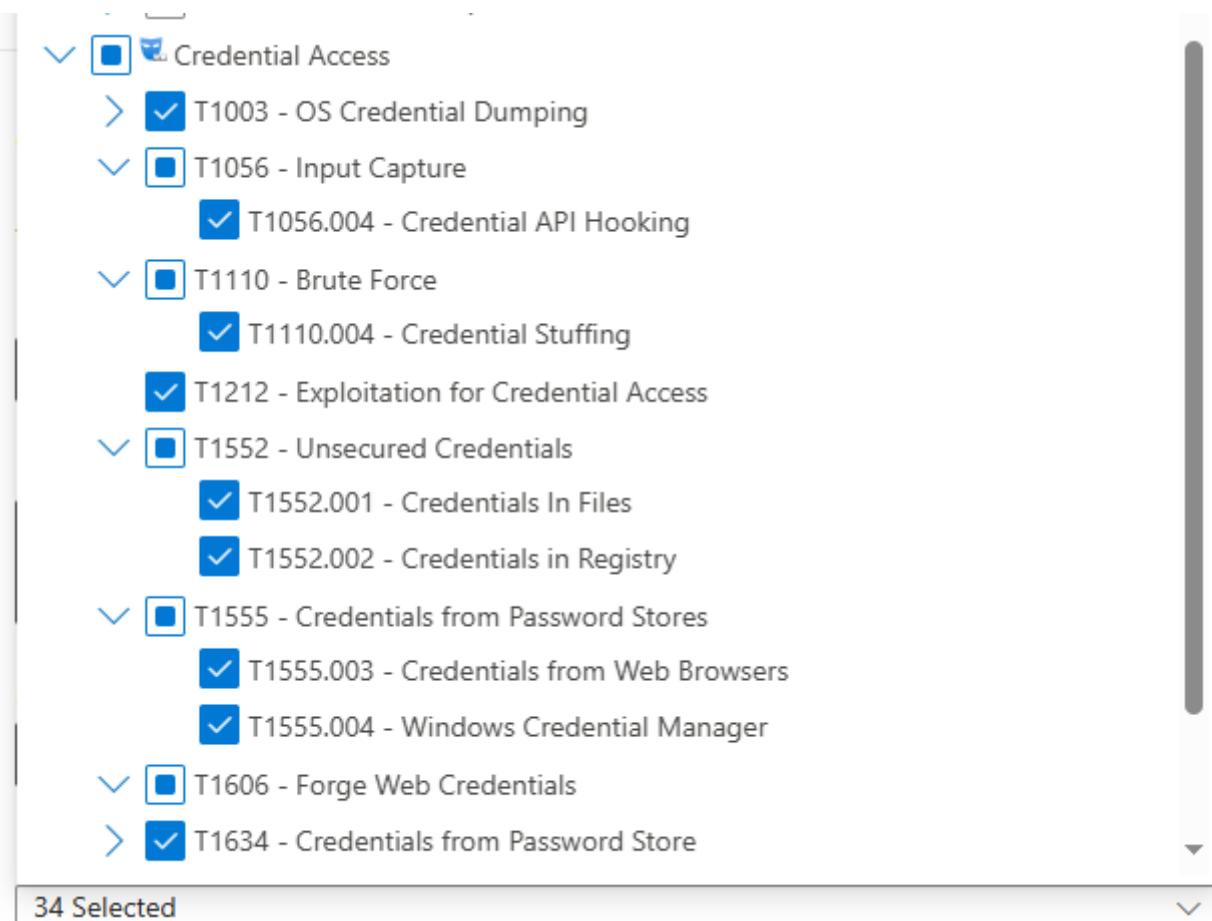


Fig 46

Set how often the rule will run.

Query scheduling

Run query every *

5

Minutes

▼

Lookup data from the last *

36

Hours

▼

Start running ⓘ

Automatically

At specific time (Preview)

Fig 47

Incident settings

alerts can be grouped together into an Incident that should be looked into.
You can set whether the alerts that are triggered by this analytics rule should generate incidents.

Create incidents from alerts triggered by this analytics rule

Enabled

Alert grouping

i Microsoft Defender correlation activities can link other alerts or merge existing incidents to the generated incident, regardless of the alert grouping settings defined in the analytics rule.

Set how the alerts that are triggered by this analytics rule, are grouped into incidents.
Grouping alerts into incidents provides the context you need to respond and reduces the noise from single alerts.

Group related alerts, triggered by this analytics rule, into incidents

Enabled

i Up to 150 alerts can be grouped into a single incident. If more than 150 alerts are generated, a new incident will be created with the same incident details as the original, and the excess alerts will be grouped into the new incident.

Limit the group to alerts created within the selected time frame *

5

Hours

Group alerts triggered by this analytics rule into a single incident by

Grouping alerts into a single incident if all the entities match (recommended)

Grouping alerts into a single incident if any of the entities match

Fig 48

Enable Alert grouping

After a while, an Incident will be created

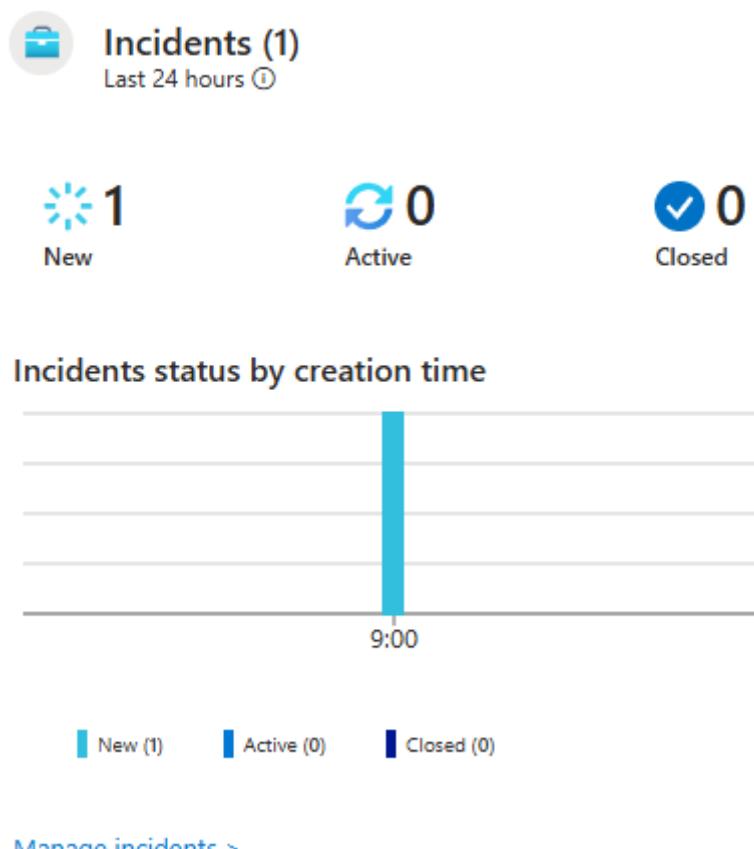


Fig 49

Incidents

Most recent incidents and alerts

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Sentinel Incidents page. At the top, there are buttons for Export, Copy list link, Refresh, and a search bar. Below that is a filter bar with 'Status: New, In progress' selected, and dropdowns for Alert severity (High, Medium, Low), Add filter, and Reset all. The main area displays a table of incidents:

Incident Id	Severity	Investigation state	Categories	Impacted assets	Active alerts	Service sources
1	■■■ Medium	Credential access	\MovieStore	3/3	Microsoft Sentinel	
	■■■ Medium	Credential access	\MovieStore		Microsoft Sentinel	
	■■■ Medium	Credential access	\MovieStore		Microsoft Sentinel	
	■■■ Medium	Credential access	\MovieStore		Microsoft Sentinel	

Fig 50



Bruteforce Detection involving one user

■■■ Medium | ● Active

[Open incident page](#) [Manage incident](#) [Run playbook](#) ...

Incident details

Assigned to	Incident ID
Unassigned	1
Classification	Categories
Not set	Credential access
First activity	Last activity
Sep 7, 2025 9:39:04 AM	Sep 7, 2025 10:42:10 AM

Workspaces

demosoc-workspace2

Incident description

Detect any failed login attempts

Impacted assets

Users (1)

\MovieStore

Active alerts in this incident (4/4)

[Open incident page](#)

Fig 51

Click on the Open Incident page, see fig 51 to manage the indent. Assign the incident to one of the Analysts.

Manage incident

Incident name

Bruteforce Detection involving one user

Severity

Medium

Incident tags

Type to find or create tags

Assign to

Unassigned

Suggested assignees

 Assign to me
msokey69@yahoo.com

 Michael Musoke
admin@msokey69@yahoo.com.onmicrosoft.com

Not set

Fig 52

Bruteforce Detection involving one user

■■■ Medium | ● Active | 🧐 Unassigned |

ⓘ Go Hunt queries launched from the entity menu now default to a time range starting from the incident's start time up to the execution day.

Attack story Alerts (5) Assets (1) Investigations (0) Evidence and Response (0) Summary

Alerts < Incident graph Layout Group similar

Play attack story Unpin all Show all

Time	Status	Type	Source	Action
Sep 7, 2025 9:39 AM	● New	Bruteforce Detection	\MovieStore	🔗 🔍
Sep 7, 2025 9:39 AM	● New	Bruteforce Detection	\MovieStore	🔗 🔍
Sep 7, 2025 9:39 AM	● New	Bruteforce Detection	\MovieStore	🔗 🔍
Sep 7, 2025 9:39 AM	● New	Bruteforce Detection	\MovieStore	🔗 🔍

Incident graph

The incident graph displays a single node for the entity '\MovieStore'. The node is represented by a circular icon containing a user profile symbol. Below the node, the text '\MovieStore' is visible.

Fig 54

Add task

Preview

Name *

Bruteforce Investigation

Status

In progress

Priority

Low

Assign to

M msokey69@yahoo.com X

Due date

9/9/2025

Due time



12:00 a.m.

Category

Investigate

Description



Normal

Arial



...

An alert generated about a brute force attempt on one of the devices on the 7th Sept 2025 at 10:53 AM.

The user will be contacted password will be changed.

Investigation still ongoing



Closing notes



Normal

Arial



...

Fig 55

The screenshot shows a software interface for managing cases. At the top, there are buttons for 'Link' and 'Create', and a search bar. Below that is a filter bar with dropdowns for 'Priority: Any', 'Status: Any', 'Assigned to: Any', 'Due on: Any', 'Created by: Any', and 'Created on: Any'. There is also a 'Customize columns' and 'Last updated' button. A 'Search' field is also present. The main area displays a table with columns: Case ID, Name, Priority, Status, Assigned to, Due on, Last updated on, Created by, and Created on. One row is selected, showing Case ID 1000, Name 'Brute Force', Priority 'Low' (indicated by a yellow square), Status 'Open' (indicated by a blue circle), Assigned to 'msokey69@...', Due on 'Sep 10, 2025 12:...', Last updated on 'Sep 7, 2025 11:5...', Created by 'msokey69@...', and Created on 'Sep 7, 2025 11:5...'.

Fig 56

The analyst will investigate the incident to completion and resolve the incident giving a brief report of what was done. If the incident needs to be escalated, then the analyst will include reasons why otherwise, the case can be closed.

Threat Intelligence

Threat Intelligence (TI) refers to the collection, analysis, and application of data about existing and emerging threats. This includes information on malicious IP addresses, domains, malware hashes, attack techniques, and threat actor behavior. The goal of threat intelligence is to provide actionable insights that help security teams anticipate, identify, and respond to cyber threats more effectively. In the context of a Security Operations Center (SOC), threat intelligence is a critical capability for the following reasons:

- 1. Enhanced Detection Accuracy**

By enriching alerts and logs with threat intelligence feeds, SOC analysts can determine whether suspicious activity is linked to known malicious actors or infrastructure. This reduces false positives and ensures alerts carry meaningful context.

- 2. Proactive Defense**

Threat intelligence allows SOCs to stay ahead of attackers by identifying emerging tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) based on frameworks such as MITRE ATT&CK. This enables proactive measures before an attack fully develops.

- 3. Faster Incident Response**

When an incident occurs, threat intelligence provides context about indicators of compromise (IoCs), helping analysts quickly prioritize and respond to critical threats. For example, knowing that an IP address is part of a botnet can speed up containment decisions.

- 4. Strategic Insights**

Beyond day-to-day detection, threat intelligence informs long-term security strategy by highlighting adversary groups targeting the industry, common attack vectors, and gaps in the organization's defenses.

- 5. Integration with SOC Tools**

Modern SIEM and SOAR platforms like Microsoft Sentinel and Microsoft Defender XDR integrate directly with threat intelligence sources (e.g., Pulsedive, MISP). This seamless integration ensures that real-time threat data strengthens automated detection, hunting, and response capabilities.

Ingesting Pulsedive Data

Under Data connectors, select Content hub and search for Threatintelligence

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Threat Intelligence search results in the Content hub. At the top, there are four summary metrics: 421 Solutions (blue), 313 Standalone contents (red), 1 Installed (blue), and 0 Updates (purple). Below these, a search bar contains the query "Threatintelligfence" with an "X" icon to clear it. To the right of the search bar are filters for Status : All, Content type : All, Support : All, and Provider : All. A message in a grey box says, "Didn't find what you were looking for? We're showing a limited set of results. Try refining your search for more specific results. Learn".

Fig 57

Select the first instance of Threat Intelligence

The screenshot shows the details of the selected Threat Intelligence content. At the top, there are "Install/Update" and "Delete" buttons. Below is a table with columns: Content title, Status, Content source, and Provider. The first row shows "Threat Intelligence (NEW)" with a "FEATURED" badge, "Not installed" status, "Solution" source, and "Microsoft" provider. The second row shows "Threat Intelligence" with "Not installed" status, "Solution" source, and "Microsoft" provider.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Content title	Status	Content source	Provider	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Threat Intelligence (NEW)	FEATURED	Not installed	Solution	Microsoft
	Threat Intelligence	Not installed	Solution	Microsoft	

Fig 58

On the right-hand side of the screen, click on Install for the connector to be installed

>  Threat Intelligence (NEW)

Microsoft Provider	Microsoft Support	3.0.5 Version
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Description

Note: Please refer to the following before installing the solution:

- Review the solution [Release Notes](#)
- There may be [known issues](#) pertaining to this Solution, please refer to them before installing.

Microsoft Sentinel has recently improved its threat intelligence hunting experience by incorporating support for STIX objects like Threat Actor, Attack Pattern, Identity, and Relationship. As a result, we have updated our TI Solutions to leverage the new ThreatIntelIndicator table. [Work with STIX objects and indicators to enhance threat intelligence and threat hunting in Microsoft Sentinel \(Preview\) - Microsoft Sentinel | Microsoft Learn](#).

The Threat Intelligence solution contains data connectors for import of supported STIX objects into Microsoft Sentinel, analytic rules for matching TI data with event data, workbook, and hunting queries. Threat indicators can be malicious IP's, URL's, filehashes, domains, email addresses etc.

Data Connectors: 5, Parsers: 1, Workbooks: 1, Analytic Rules: 51, Hunting Queries: 5

Content type ⓘ

 51 Analytics rule	 5 Data connector	 5 Hunting query
 1 Parser	 1 Workbook	

Category ⓘ

Security - Threat Intelligence

Pricing ⓘ

 Free

[Install](#) [View details](#)

Fig 59

Click on Manage after the installation is completed

 Threat Intelligence (NEW)

Microsoft Provider	Microsoft Support	3.0.5 Version
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Category ⓘ

Security - Threat Intelligence

Pricing ⓘ

 Free

[Manage](#) [Actions](#) [View details](#)

Fig 60

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Threat Intelligence (NEW) page in the Content hub. At the top, there are two counts: 62 Installed content items and 56 Configuration needed. Below this, the title "Threat Intelligence (NEW)" is displayed with a shield icon. On the left, there's a "Description" section with a note about referring to Release Notes and known issues. It also mentions that Microsoft Sentinel has improved its threat intelligence hunting experience by incorporating support for STIX objects like Threat Actor, Attack Pattern, Identity, and Relationship. A link to "Work with STIX objects and indicators to enhance threat intelligence and threat hunting in" is provided. To the right, there's a search bar and a list of content items with checkboxes for "Content name". The items listed are:

- Microsoft Defender Threat Intelligence
- Premium Microsoft Defender Threat Intelligence
- Threat intelligence - TAXII
- Threat Intelligence Platforms
- Threat Intelligence Upload API (Preview)

At the bottom right, there are "Delete" and "Reinstall" buttons.

Fig 61

On a new web page, open an account with Pulsedive. [Threat Intelligence - Pulsedive](#)

To receive data from Pulsedive an account is required.

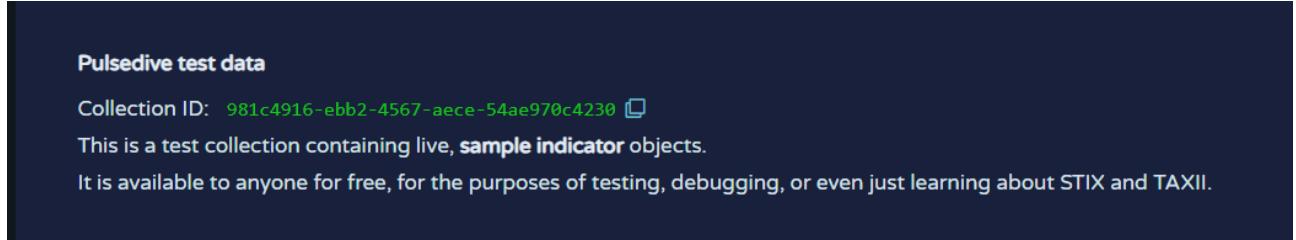


Fig 63

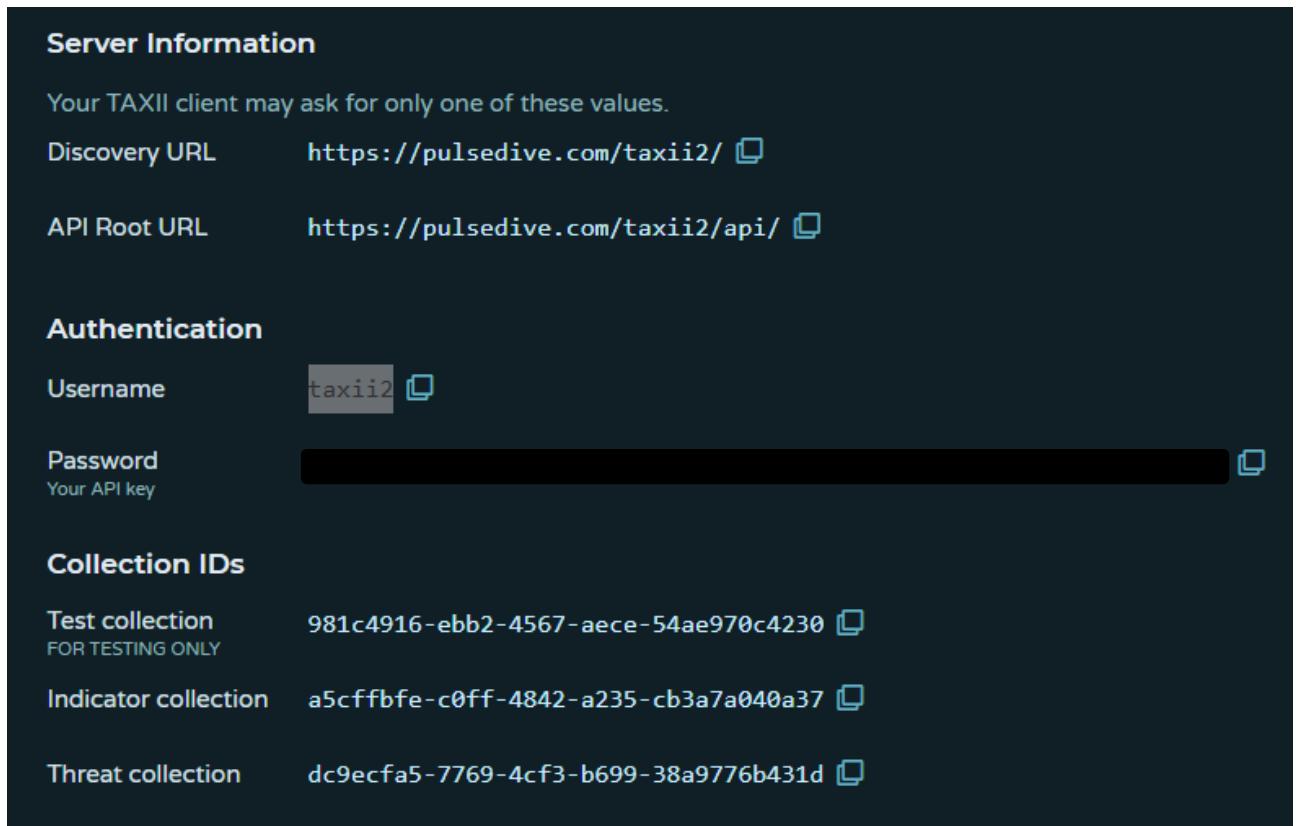


Fig 64

On the Threat Intelligence page, click on Open connector page

Threat intelligence - TAXII

Disconnected Status	Microsoft Provider	Last Log Received
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Description

Microsoft Sentinel integrates with TAXII 2.0 and 2.1 data sources to enable monitoring, alerting, and hunting using your threat intelligence. Use this connector to send the supported STIX object types from TAXII servers to Microsoft Sentinel. Threat indicators can include IP addresses, domains, URLs, and file hashes. For more information, see the [Microsoft Sentinel documentation >](#).

Last data received

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Content source	Version
Threat Intelligence (NEW)	1.0.0

Author	Supported by
Microsoft	Microsoft Corporation Email

Data received

Go to query

ThreatIntelObjects 0 ThreatIntellIndic... 0

[Open connector page](#)

Fig 62

Fill in the details required as shown in fig 64 and click Add

Configuration

Configure TAXII servers to stream STIX 2.0 or 2.1 STIX objects to Microsoft Sentinel

You can connect your TAXII servers to Microsoft Sentinel using the built-in TAXII connection.

Enter the following information and select Add to configure your TAXII server.

Friendly name (for server) *

PulseDive

API root URL *

<https://pulsedive.com/taxii2/api/>

Collection ID *

981c4916-ebb2-4567-aece-54ae970c4230

Username

taxii2

Password

.....

Import indicators:

At most one day old



Polling frequency

Once an hour



Add

Fig 65

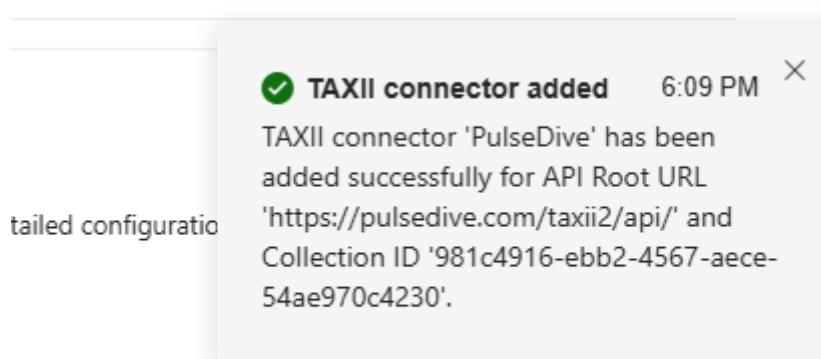


Fig 66

 Threat intelligence - TAXII

Connected Status	Microsoft Provider	Last Log Received --
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Last data received
--

Content source 	Version
Threat Intelligence (NEW)	1.0.0

Author	Supported by
Microsoft	Microsoft Corporation  Email

Related content

 0 Workbooks	 2 Queries	 47 Analytics rules templates
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Fig 67

After a while, data from Pulsedive will be ingested into Sentinel.

Indicators (88,948) Attack patterns (0) Identities (1) Threat actors (0) Relationships (0)							
+ New Add tags Delete Columns							
<input type="checkbox"/>	Values	Name	Types	Source	Confidence	Alerts	Tags
<input type="checkbox"/>	89.108.74.206	Detection Pattern	↔ IPv4 address	PulseDive	--	0	--
<input type="checkbox"/>	88.218.76.108	Detection Pattern	↔ IPv4 address	PulseDive	--	0	--
<input type="checkbox"/>	88.166.135.112	Detection Pattern	↔ IPv4 address	PulseDive	--	0	--
<input type="checkbox"/>	86.98.152.111	Detection Pattern	↔ IPv4 address	PulseDive	--	0	--
<input type="checkbox"/>	85.9.108.9	Detection Pattern	↔ IPv4 address	PulseDive	--	0	--
<input type="checkbox"/>	hls.tazieh.ir	Detection Pattern	⊕ Domain name	PulseDive	--	0	--
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	dl.tazieh.ir	Detection Pattern	⊕ Domain name	PulseDive	--	0	--
<input type="checkbox"/>	back.tazieh.ir	Detection Pattern	⊕ Domain name	PulseDive	--	0	--
<input type="checkbox"/>	87.237.226.247	Detection Pattern	↔ IPv4 address	PulseDive	--	0	--
<input type="checkbox"/>	87.225.40.249	Detection Pattern	↔ IPv4 address	PulseDive	--	0	--
<input type="checkbox"/>	87.205.11.107	Detection Pattern	↔ IPv4 address	PulseDive	--	0	--

Fig 68

Data connectors

(i) Data Connector with "content source = gallery content" have been removed. All the removed content and more... [Learn more >](#)

(i) Device specific AMA connectors have been deprecated. [Learn more >](#)

(i) Starting June 2, 2025, the Codeless Connector Platform (CCP) will be renamed to the Codeless...

8 Connectors **5** Connected

More content at Content Hub

Search by name or provider

Providers : **All** Data Types :

Status	Connector name ↑
	Microsoft 365 Insider Risk Management (Preview) Microsoft
	Microsoft Defender Threat Intelligence Microsoft
	MISP2Sentinel MISP project & cudeso.be
	Premium Microsoft Defender Threat Intelligence Microsoft
	Security Events via Legacy Agent Microsoft
	Threat intelligence - TAXII Microsoft
	Threat Intelligence Platforms - BEING DEPRECATED (Preview) Microsoft
	Windows Security Events via AMA Microsoft

Fig 69

The screenshot shows the Microsoft Sentinel interface. On the left, there's a list of indicators (88,998) with columns for Values, Name, Types, Source, Confidence, Alerts, and Tags. One row is selected, showing '104.152.52.60' as a Microsoft Identified IOC of type Network traffic from Microsoft Defender Threat... with 100 confidence and 0 alerts, tagged as 'honeypot'. On the right, a detailed view of this indicator is shown with fields for STIX ID, Name (Microsoft Identified IOC), Types (Network traffic), Pattern ([network-traffic:src_ref.value = '104.152.52.60']), Alerts (0), Tags (honeypot, p:default, ic:100, vic:100, +3), and Description (MSTIC HoneyPot: An attacker used a brute force attack to gain access to a service or device).

Indicators (88,998)						
Values		Name	Types	Source	Confidence	Alerts
<input type="checkbox"/>	185.243.96.105	Microsoft Identified IOC	Network traffic	Microsoft Defender Threat...	100	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	103.250.189.28	Microsoft Identified IOC	Network traffic	Microsoft Defender Threat...	100	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	100.42.180.31	Microsoft Identified IOC	Network traffic	Microsoft Defender Threat...	100	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	104.152.52.60	Microsoft Identified IOC	Network traffic	Microsoft Defender Threat...	100	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	51.83.96.232	Microsoft Identified IOC	Network traffic	Microsoft Defender Threat...	100	0
<input type="checkbox"/>	85.24.232.251	Microsoft Identified IOC	Network traffic	Microsoft Defender Threat...	100	0

Fig 70

Conclusion:

The SOC simulation successfully demonstrated the process of detecting and responding to a brute force attack within a cloud-hosted environment. By deploying a Honeynet in Azure and integrating security telemetry into Microsoft Sentinel, the exercise highlighted the effectiveness of centralized log collection, monitoring, and incident management. The manual creation and assignment of an incident ticket reinforced the critical role of SOC analysts in the investigation workflow.

Additionally, configuring Pulsedive as a threat intelligence data connector provided valuable enrichment capabilities. This integration enhanced the detection process by correlating observed indicators with external threat intelligence, thereby improving the accuracy and context of incident analysis.

Overall, the simulation illustrated how cloud-native SOC tools and threat intelligence can be combined to strengthen proactive defense and incident response capabilities.

Key Learnings & Recommendations

Key Learnings

- Value of Centralized Monitoring:** Forwarding logs from the Honeynet to Microsoft Sentinel provided a unified view of system activity, demonstrating the importance of centralized monitoring for rapid threat detection.
- Detection of Real-World Threats:** The successful identification of a brute force attack emphasized Sentinel's capability to detect common adversarial techniques when properly configured.
- Role of Threat Intelligence:** Integrating Pulsedive enriched the investigation process by mapping observed indicators of compromise (IOCs) against external threat feeds, adding context and confidence to detections.
- Incident Handling Workflow:** The manual creation and assignment of incidents reinforced the structured workflow SOC analysts follow, from detection to investigation and resolution.
- Cloud-Native Security Advantage:** Leveraging Azure services showcased the flexibility and scalability of cloud-based SOC operations compared to traditional on-premises setups.

Recommendations

- Automate Incident Response:** Implement automation playbooks in Sentinel (via Logic Apps) to reduce manual effort in ticket creation and response.
- Expand Threat Intelligence Sources:** In addition to Pulsedive, connect other threat intelligence feeds (such as MISP or ThreatConnect) to further strengthen IOC enrichment.
- Enable Continuous Hunting:** Establish scheduled queries to automatically detect repeated attack patterns rather than relying solely on manual hunting.
- Broaden Honeynet Scope:** Consider deploying additional VM types or operating systems to simulate a more diverse attack surface and capture a wider range of threats.

- **Refine Alert Tuning:** Adjust analytics rules to reduce false positives while ensuring that genuine threats are escalated effectively.