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Introducing Maester: Your Microsoft 365 test automation framework

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🎉🎊 Folks, @fabian_bader, @Thomas_Live & I are excited to launch Maester today after working on this over many long nights & weekends!

Maester is an open source, test framework that you can set up in minutes to test & continuously monitor your Microsoft security config



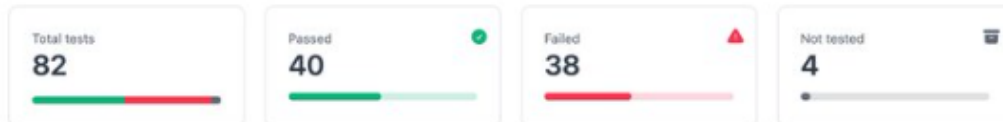
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Maester Test Results

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Test summary



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Quick 🚀 Maester update. Just published a new version to the gallery.

New CISA tests (17+)
GovCloud support for Connect-Maester
Updated docs and links

Loving the community that is building around Maester with some really good contributions.

We have 13 contributors right now.

If you like Maester, please give the repository a star on GitHub. Tx!

github.com/maester365/mae...

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Release notes

- Added new CISA tests (17+ Entra tests available now). Total tests = 122
- Added Gov cloud support to Connect-Maester with -Environment parameter
- Test results hyper link is now dynamic
- Updated date for deprecation to new date

What's Changed

- Support spaces in "\${workspaceFolder}" and point towards "Maester.psd1" by @tdcthosc in #138
- Bump to correct version in manifest by @tdcthosc in #139
- Added custom page for updating tests by @merill in #145
- Update Invoke-Maester.ps1 by @dnsinit in #147
- feat: use the domain name of the help link in the report by @Arcath in #153
- National Cloud Support by @tbisque in #149
- Add CISA SCuBA Section 5 by @Snozzberries in #156
- Update EIDSCA.AG01.md by @dnsinit in #157
- Update maester.dev powershell docs by @github-actions in #148
- Fixed formatting of CISA test results by @merill in #158
- Update maester.dev powershell docs by @github-actions in #159

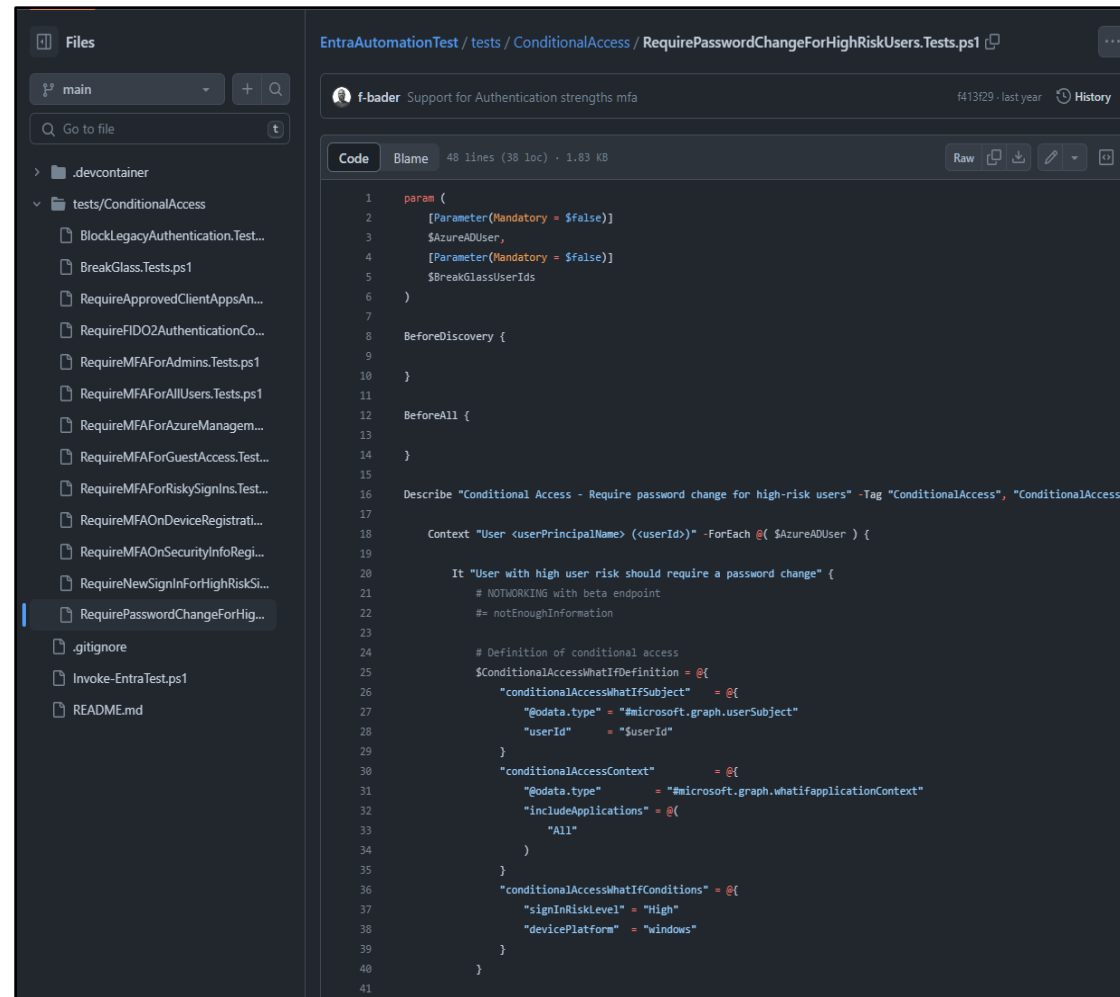
New Contributors

- @dnsinit made their first contribution in #147
- @Arcath made their first contribution in #153
- @tbisque made their first contribution in #149

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
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The screenshot shows a code editor with a file explorer on the left and a code editor on the right. The file explorer shows a directory structure with a file named 'RequirePasswordChangeForHighRiskUsers.Tests.ps1' selected. The code editor shows the content of this file, which is a PowerShell script for testing Conditional Access policies. The script includes a 'param' block, a 'BeforeDiscovery' block, a 'BeforeAll' block, and a 'Describe' block for testing the 'Conditional Access - Require password change for high-risk users' policy. The script uses the 'Invoke-EntraTest' cmdlet to test the policy.

```
1 param (  
2     [Parameter(Mandatory = $false)]  
3     $AzureADUser,  
4     [Parameter(Mandatory = $false)]  
5     $BreakGlassUserIds  
6 )  
7  
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9  
10 }  
11  
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19  
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22             #= notEnoughInformation  
23  
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25             $ConditionalAccessWhatIfDefinition = @{  
26                 "conditionalAccessWhatIfSubject" = @{  
27                     "@odata.type" = "#microsoft.graph.userSubject"  
28                     "userId" = "$userId"  
29                 }  
30                 "conditionalAccessContext" = @{  
31                     "@odata.type" = "#microsoft.graph.whatifapplicationContext"  
32                     "includeApplications" = @{  
33                         "All"  
34                     }  
35                 }  
36                 "conditionalAccessWhatIfConditions" = @{  
37                     "signInRiskLevel" = "High"  
38                     "devicePlatform" = "windows"  
39                 }  
40             }  
41
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HOW IT STARTED

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Fundamentals

Resource management

Delegating administration in a single tenant

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Deployment guide

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Microsoft Entra Permissions Management Operations reference

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Best practices for all isolation architectures

Article • 10/23/2023 • 6 contributors

Feedback

In this article

- Isolation security principles
- Human identity provisioning
- Nonhuman identity provisioning
- Resource assignment

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The following are design considerations for all isolation configurations. Throughout this content, there are many links. We link to content, rather than duplicate it here, so you'll always have access to the most up-to-date information.

For general guidance on how to configure Microsoft Entra tenants (isolated or not), refer to the [Microsoft Entra feature deployment guide](#).

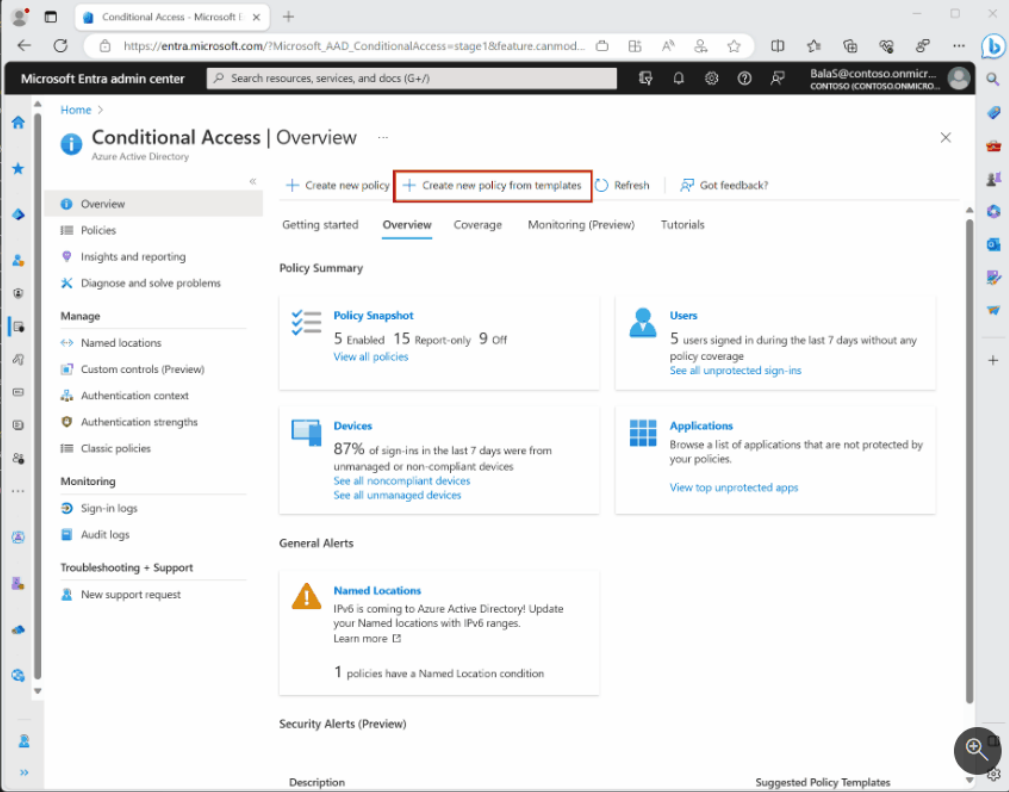
Note

For all isolated tenants we suggest you use clear and differentiated branding to help avoid human error of working in the wrong tenant.

Isolation security principles

When designing isolated environments, it's important to consider the following principles:

- Use only modern authentication** - Applications deployed in isolated environments must use claims-based modern authentication (for example, SAML, * Auth, OAuth2, and OpenID Connect) to use capabilities such as federation, Microsoft Entra B2B collaboration, delegation, and the consent framework. This way, legacy applications that have dependency on legacy authentication methods such as NT LAN Manager (NTLM) won't carry forward in isolated environments.
- Enforce strong authentication** - Strong authentication must always be used when accessing the isolated environment services and infrastructure. Whenever possible, passwordless authentication such as Windows for Business Hello or a FIDO2 security keys should be used.
- Deploy secure workstations** - [Secure workstations](#) provide the mechanism to ensure that the platform and the identity that platform represents is properly attested and secured against exploitation. Two other approaches to consider are:
 - Use Windows 365 Cloud PCs (Cloud PC) with the Microsoft Graph API.
 - Use [Conditional Access](#) and filter for devices as a condition.



Template categories

Conditional Access policy templates are organized into the following categories:

Secure foundation

Zero Trust

Remote work

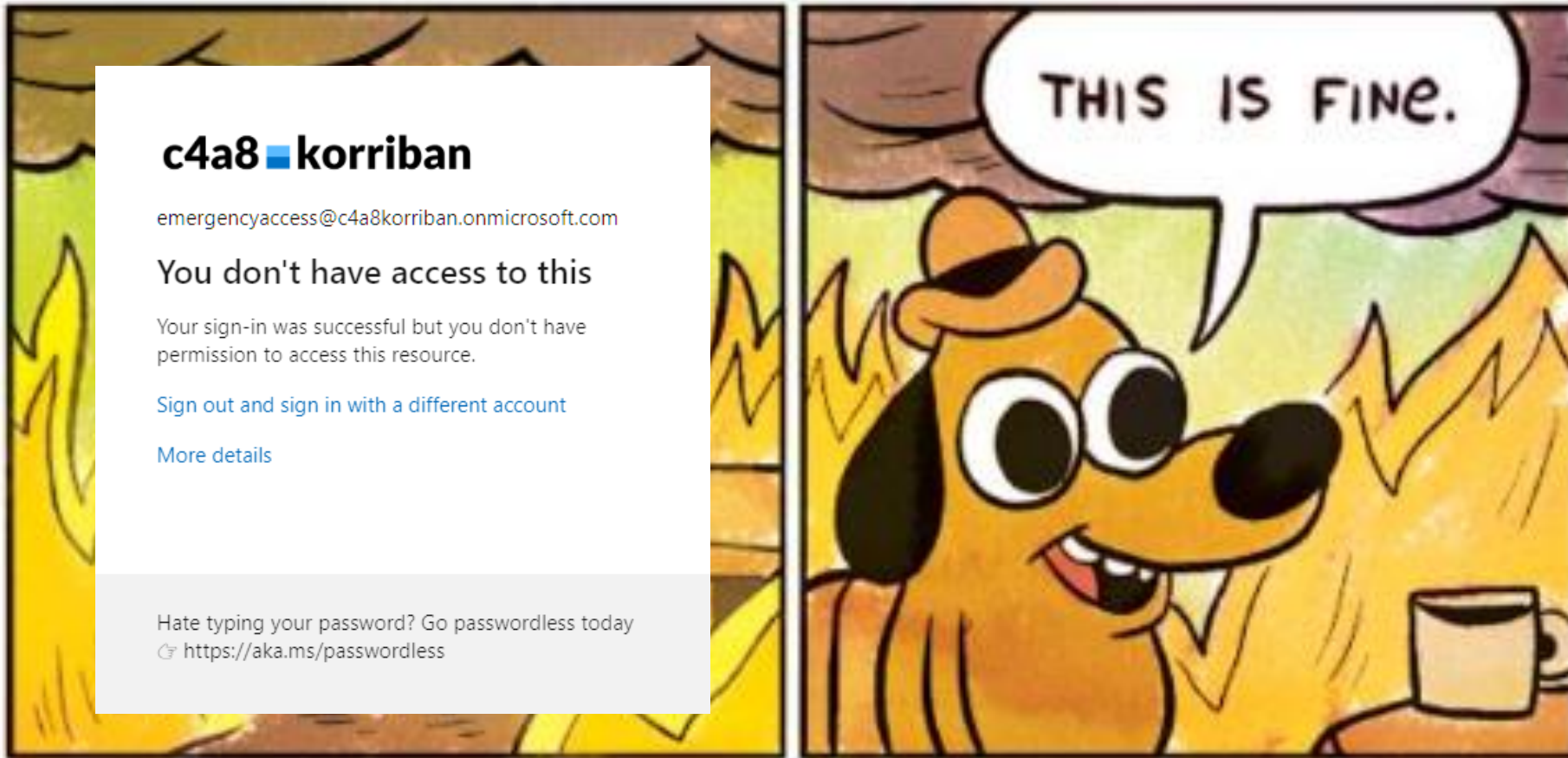
Protect administrator

Emerging threats

Microsoft recommends these policies as the base for all organizations. We recommend these policies be deployed as a group.

- Require multifactor authentication for admins
- Securing security info registration
- Block legacy authentication
- Require multifactor authentication for admins accessing Microsoft admin portals
- Require multifactor authentication for all users
- Require multifactor authentication for Azure management
- Require compliant or Microsoft Entra hybrid joined device or multifactor authentication for all users

Find these templates in the [Microsoft Entra admin center](#) > **Protection** > **Conditional Access** > **Create new policy from templates**. Select **Show more** to see all policy templates in each category.



Insecure configuration of identity platform

Misconfigurations and exposure of identity platforms and their components are common vectors for attackers to gain unauthorized high-privilege access.

Basic security hygiene still protects against 99% of attacks.

*Microsoft Digital Defense Report 2023
aka.ms/mddr*

Use cases

- One off assessment
 - Admins
 - Consultants
 - Custom added tests
- Continuous evaluation using CI/CD
 - IT departments
 - IAM/SecOps/Exchange change monitoring

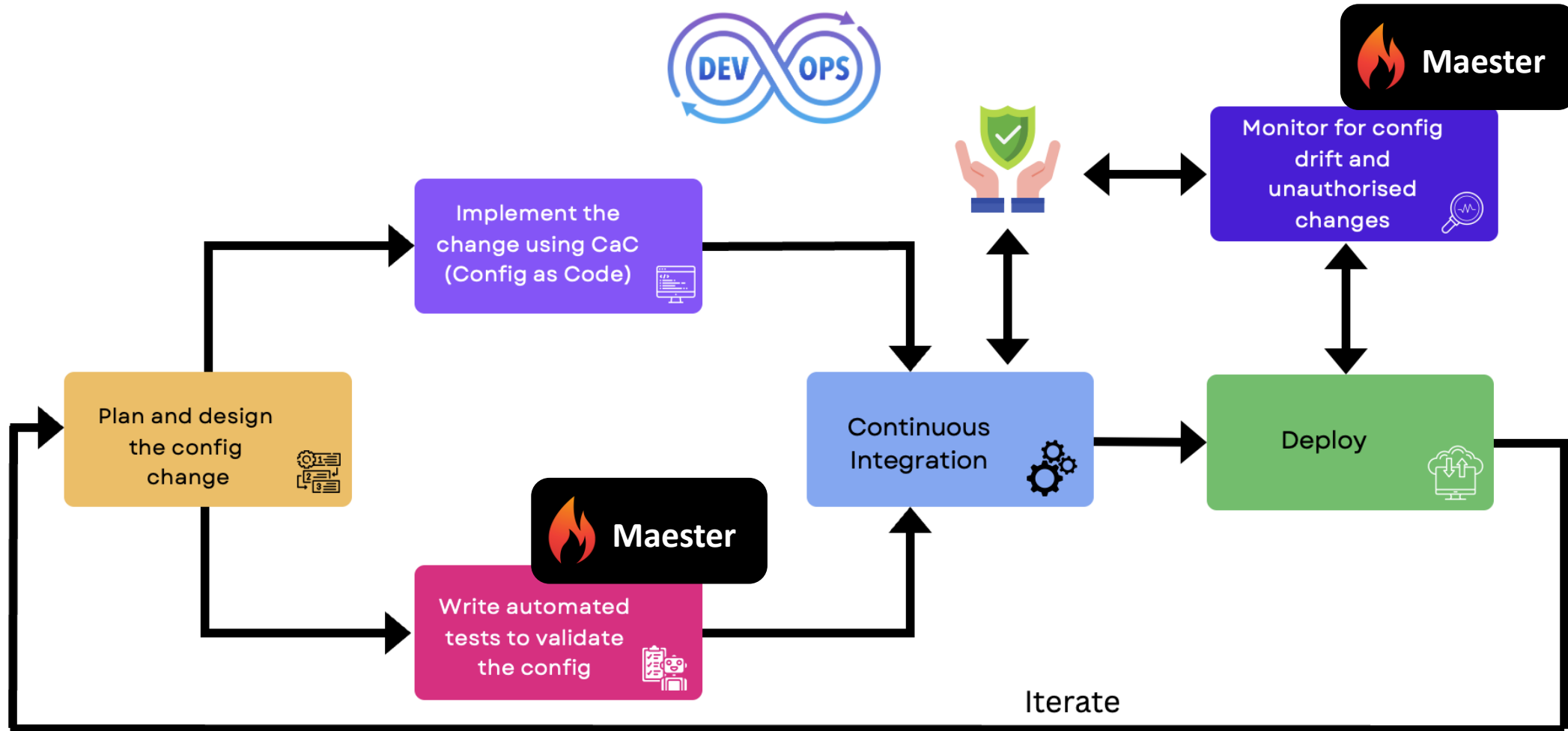


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I've been using it recently, really impressed with how fast and easy it is to use. It really stacks up in the juice vs squeeze equation. Thank you all.

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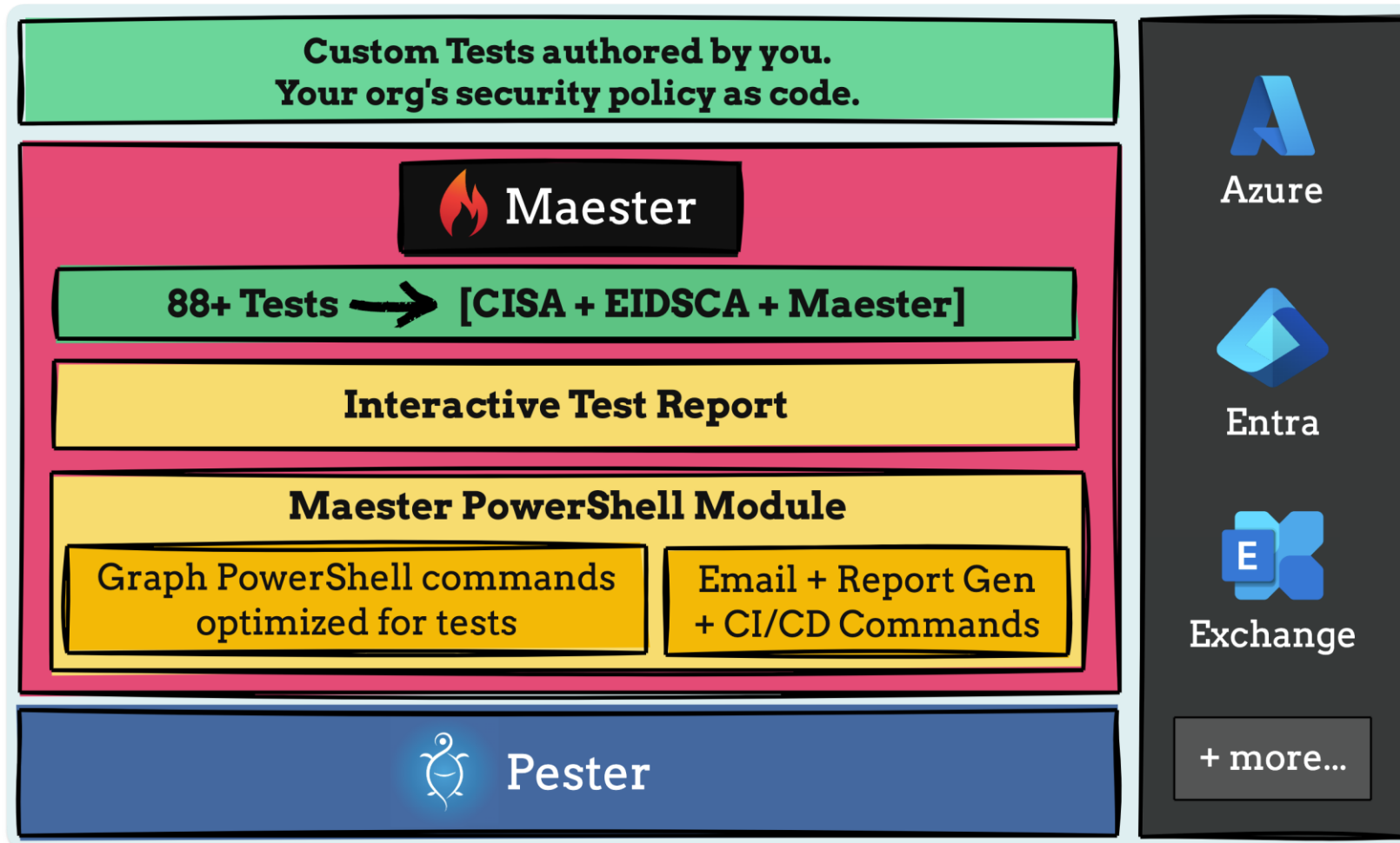


Demo

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Maester framework



HOW DID I FIX IT?

**WELL, I UHHH.. READ
THE BOOKS, AND FOLLOWED
THE INSTRUCTIONS..**

But why a “new” testing framework?



- Pester is the core for maester
- All tests are written in Pester

Explain it like a Maester

- Maester tests include
 - Detailed descriptions of the tests
 - Help to guide you how to fix it
- Maester tests can be consumed
 - As HTML report
 - As CI/CD pipeline output
 - As email

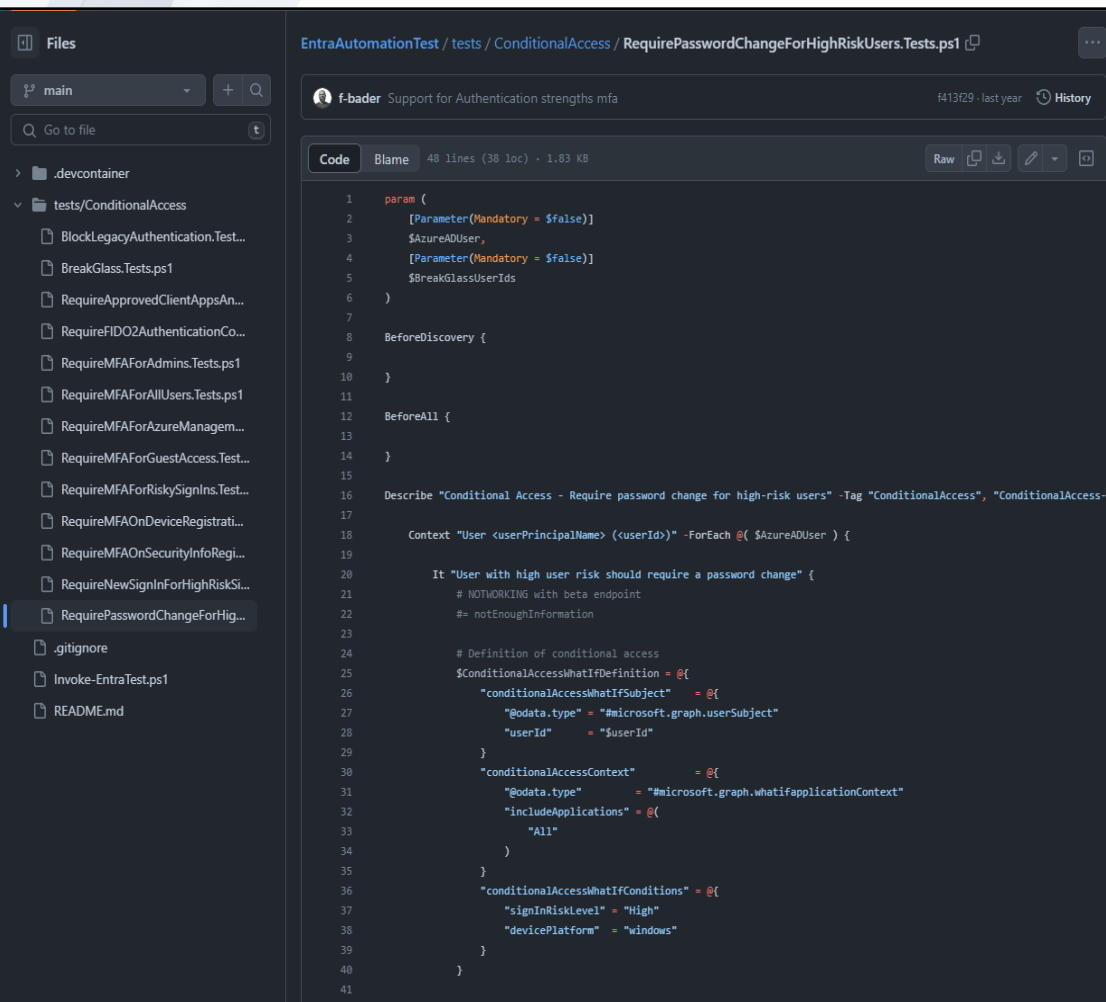
How we did it?

```
35 Function Add-MtTestResultDetail {
36     [CmdletBinding()]
37     param(
38         # Brief description of what this test is checking.
39         # Markdown is supported.
40         [Parameter(Mandatory = $false)]
41         [string] $Description,
42
43         # Detailed information of the test result to provide additional context to the user.
44         # This can be a summary of the items that caused the test to fail (e.g. list of user names, conditional access policies, etc.).
45         # Markdown is supported.
46         # If the test result contains a placeholder %TestResult%, it will be replaced with the values from the $GraphResult
47         [Parameter(Mandatory = $false)]
48         [string] $Result,
49
50         # Collection of Graph objects to display in the test results report.
51         # This will be inserted into the contents of Result parameter if the result contains a placeholder %TestResult%.
52         [Object[]] $GraphObjects,
53
54         # The type of graph object, this will be used to show the right deeplink to the test results report.
55         [ValidateSet('ConditionalAccess', 'Users',
56                     'Groups', 'IdentityProtection', 'AuthenticationMethod',
57                     'AuthorizationPolicy', 'ConsentPolicy', 'Domains')]
58         [string] $GraphObjectType,
59
60         # Pester test name
61         # Use the test name from the Pester context by default
62         [Parameter(Mandatory = $false)]
63         [string] $TestName = $____Pester.CurrentTest.ExpandedName
64     )
65 }
```

Demo

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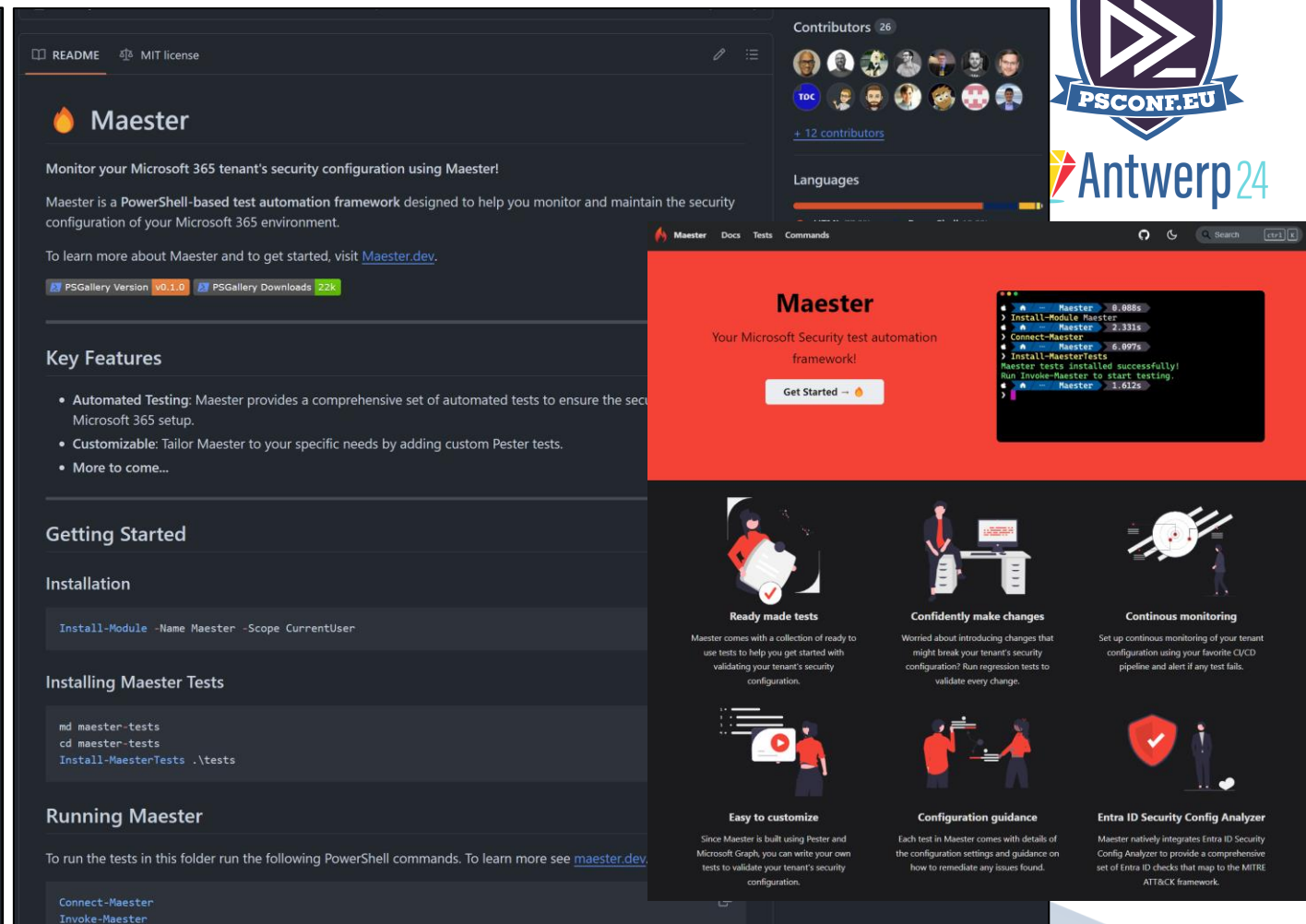




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34                 )
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39             }
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HOW IT STARTED



Maester

Monitor your Microsoft 365 tenant's security configuration using Maester!

Maester is a PowerShell-based test automation framework designed to help you monitor and maintain the security configuration of your Microsoft 365 environment.

To learn more about Maester and to get started, visit [Maester.dev](https://maester.dev).

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Key Features

- Automated Testing: Maester provides a comprehensive set of automated tests to ensure the security configuration of your Microsoft 365 setup.
- Customizable: Tailor Maester to your specific needs by adding custom Pester tests.
- More to come...

Getting Started

Installation

```
Install-Module -Name Maester -Scope CurrentUser
```

Installing Maester Tests

```
md maester-tests
cd maester-tests
Install-MaesterTests .\tests
```

Running Maester

To run the tests in this folder run the following PowerShell commands. To learn more see maester.dev.

```
Connect-Maester
Invoke-Maester
```

Contributors 26

+ 12 contributors

Languages

Ready made tests

Maester comes with a collection of ready to use tests to help you get started with validating your tenant's security configuration.

Confidently make changes

Worried about introducing changes that might break your tenant's security configuration? Run regression tests to validate every change.

Continuous monitoring

Set up continuous monitoring of your tenant configuration using your favorite CI/CD pipeline and alert if any test fails.

Easy to customize

Since Maester is built using Pester and Microsoft Graph, you can write your own tests to validate your tenant's security configuration.

Configuration guidance

Each test in Maester comes with details of the configuration settings and guidance on how to remediate any issues found.

Entra ID Security Config Analyzer

Maester natively integrates Entra ID Security Config Analyzer to provide a comprehensive set of Entra ID checks that map to the MITRE ATT&CK framework.

HOW ITS GOING

The Maester Core Team



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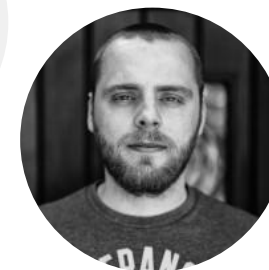
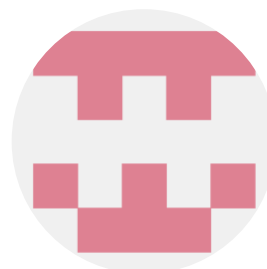


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We need your help!

- Updating docs/markdown including adding links to admin portals to resolve issues
- Writing new tests (CISA, Exchange, Intune...)
- Writing automated scripts that can help fix issues
- any other ideas you have to contribute...

Q&A

15 minutes

